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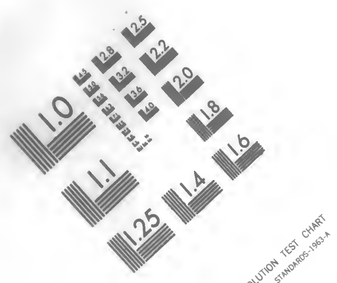
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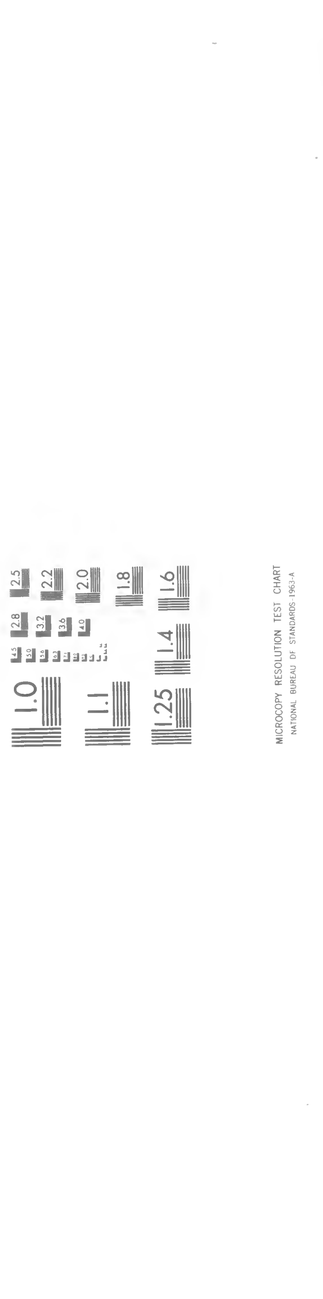
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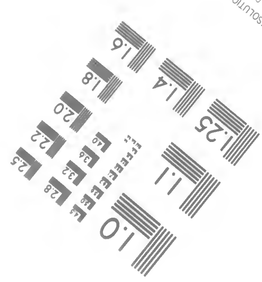
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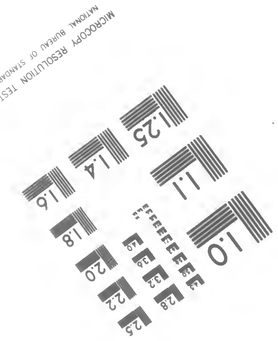
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Ne foret totus ROMANI nominis Hostis.
Effigiem duxo Sculptor in ære dedit.
Sed melius monumentum, omnique perennius ære
Clare tibi struxit propria, FULCO, manus.

Wilt: Marshall. sculpsit

Memoriæ clarissimi pariter ac
Doctissimi Viri Dedicavit A.G.

severall writers, if they were heaped together, would make a book [illegible] beloved: in this so cleere a case, to cite any examples, I see not to what purpose it is: the lesse if, lesse it were to make little children that learne τύπτω in the Grammar Schoole, while likenesses of your intollerable arrogancie, and incredible ignorance. One [illegible] were inough so bring you out of S. *Marke*, not unlike this of S. *Luke*, but the verbe [illegible] like- ὁ ὁέρασιν αὐτὸν ὅτι μελλοδὲ πιεῖν ὁ δὲ μεδρυμιδώδεον, χαρὶν γένοι. and they bring him [illegible] place *Golgotha*, which is beeing interpreted the place of Sculls. This exa[illegible]nced [illegible] then sufficient for so plaine a matter. For although it bee an elegancie for the [illegible] that was agree in case with the Antecedent sometimes, yet to make a perpetuall [illegible] bee proceedeth of too much rashnesse, want of knowledge and consideration. [illegible] that *bee able to bring one example like to this of S. Luke, where the Relative not a[illegible] with the Antecedent, the Participle may bee resolved by the verbe Substantive that [illegible] pressed: and I wilfully abuse whatsoever knowledge I have of the Greeke tongue, to deceive the ignorant, or else I have no skill at all, to speake so barbarously, and rustically of Greeke elegancies, and I know in my conscience, it is as greate a* Solœcisme *in Greeke, and no more elegancie then to say in Latine,* In meo sanguine fusus pro vobis, *which in the Schoole deserveth whipping:* and I know not what beside. But touching the similitude of the *Solœcisme*, if you had made your example alike, that is put in the Relative in the Latine, as it is in the Greeke *In meo sanguine qui fusus pro vobis*, there is no more *Solœcisme* in the one, then in the other. But all this while I bring no example, and you urge an example, yea so extreamely, that you say confidently, I shall never bee able to bring one: but what if I bring two or three? who then abuseth his knowledge in the Greeke? who hath no skill at all? who deserveth whipping? Have you so read all Authours, and beare them, and all their phrases so well in mind, that you dare before all the world avouche, that I shall never bee able to bring one example? But to let all the world see your vanitie, I will beginne with *Theognis*, who in the 863. of his *Elegiacke* sentences writeth thus:

Πολλοῖς ἀχρηοῖσι θεὸς δίδοι ἀνδράσιν ὄλβον
Ἐσθλὸν ὃς ἐὼν αὐτῷ βέλτερος ἐδὲν ἐών,
Οὔτε σιλοῖς—

See you here the relative ὃς beeing the nominative case not agreeing with his antecedent ὄλβον of the accusative case, but comming before the verbe ὢν that is included in the participle ἐὼν; What can you here say? will you cavill at the subjunctive Article? then reade a few verses after, and see whether this *Poet* useth not as indifferently the prepositive article as the subjunctive, for the relative.

Πὶν' οἶνον τὸν ἐμῶς κορυφῆς ἀπὸ ταῦ γέτοιο,
Ἀμπελοι ἤνεγκαν τὰς ἐρύτευσ' ὁ γέρων. 118.

And within two verses, mb. 138.

Τὲ πίναν ἀπὸ μὲ χαλεπὰς σκεδάσεις μελεδῶνας

speaking of the same wine.

Also *Theocritus* in 25. *Eidyll.*

Οὐλομέν᾽οις ὀφέεσσι, τὰ χ᾽ θεοὶ ἐκδιάροπτ.

And in the 24. Eidyll. ib. 11. cap. Eccl. cap.

Καὶ ποτὶ τὸν δεὸν ἤνδε τὸν ὕδεισε.

From *Theocritus* let us passe to *Hesiodus*, out of whom it were over tedious to cite how often hee useth the article prepositive for the Relative, and not agreeing in case with the Antecedent: but an example or two shall serve, where the verbe substantive is understood, and not expressed, nor any other verbe to governe the relative, yet not agreeing in case with the Antecedent.

Κρίνης τ᾽ ἀσυνέτε χ᾽ ἀπορρύτε, ἢ τ᾽ ἀδήλωτες.

Againe in ὃς ἤμεσε.

Οἷσιν κρίνας οἱ ἐπ᾽ ἔγμασι τύτῳ ἄεισοι.

Here mee thinkes, I heare you grudge against Poetrie, and poeticall licence, as doubtlesse you would quarrell against prophane authorities, if I should bring you any like examples out of Prosaicall writers.

We must see therefore, whether wee are not able to bring examples of the like phrase, out of the holy Scriptures. First that *Solœcophanes* is found in Saint *Luke*, I [illegible] referre you to the first *Chapter* of his Gospell, *verse* 74. and *chap.* 6. *vers.* 4. Likewise [illegible] 27. *vers.* 3. and *Act.* 13 *vers.* 6. But for the like *Solœcophanes* to this in question, *Luke* [illegible] will send you first to Saint *Paul*, *Coloss.* [illegible] *vers.* 26. κεκρυμμένε τὸν λόγον τὸ θεὸ, τὸ ἀποκεκρυμμένον ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γενεᾶς, νυνὶ δὲ ἐφανερώθη τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτ[illegible] τὸ μυστήριον, must needes bee the accusative case, as τὸν λόγον is, by [illegible] τὸ ἀποκεκρυμμένον, for all the word, as τὸ εὐαγγέλιον, the nominative case, [illegible] condition

[illegible] that vaine imagination which [illegible] which blood is shedd for you [illegible] Is that blood in the cuppe diverse from that [illegible] not is confirmed? If it bee the same, how often was it shed? If [illegible] in the cuppe, how holdeth your unbloudy sacrifice? Or how can you say that it was [illegible] in the cuppe, where, by your rule of concomitants, it is not separated from the [illegible] as it was in his passion? If it were not separated, as certainely his bloud was not [illegible] from his body, in the supper, how can that which was in the cuppe, bee his bloud [illegible] shed for us? for the word of shedding signifyeth separation. Wherefore it [illegible] referred to that in the cuppe, but to his bloud which was shedd on the crosse for [illegible] there is a manifest *Enallage* or change of the Tenses. The present beeing put for [illegible] ture as it is manifest by the other Evangelists, where the word of shedding, can bee [illegible] red to nothing else, but to his bloud shedd upon the crosse: wherefore the Greek [illegible] can here resolve you of no ambiguity, as in the place you cite, *Act.* 14. Neither was [illegible] ever any auncient writer that stumbled upon this ambiguity, but all with one consent referre the word of shedding to his bloud, and not to the cuppe, or the content thereof, so many as speake of it.

MART. 40. *And this is one commoditie among others, that we reape of the Greeke text, to resolve the ambiguity that is sometime in the Latine: whereas you neither admit the one nor the other, but as you list, neither doeth the Greeke satisfie you, be it never so plaine and infallible, but you will devise that it is corrupted, that there is a solœcisme, that the same solœcisme is an elegancie, and thereupon you translate your owne device, and not the word of God. Which whence can it proceed but of most wilfull corruption? See* chap 17. num. 10.11.12.

FVLK. 40. This is nothing but generall rayling, and impudent slaundering, as in the particular sections before is proved. For wee neither devise that the text is corrupted, to alter anything thing of the text, no not where it is undoubtedly corrupted, as in the name of *Jeremie*, *Mat.* 27. Neither devise wee a *Solœcisme*, when wee admonish that there is a *Solœcophanes*, which of no Papist that ever I heard was before observed. Neither make wee a *Solœcisme* to bee an elegancie, when wee say against them that confound a *Solœcisme* with *Solœcophanes*, that *Solœcophanes* is a figure used sometimes of most eloquent writers, neither is it straiteway a vertue of elegancie of speech whatsoever eloquent writers sometimes have used: wherefore wee translate nothing of our owne devise, but wee translate the word of God without any wilfull corruption.

MART. 41. *If in ambiguous Hebrew words of doubtfull signification, where the Greeke giveth one certaine sense, you refuse the Greeke, and take your advantage of the other sense: what is this but wilfull partialitie? So you doe in,* Redime Eleemosynis peccata tua, Dan. 4. *and* Inclinavi cor meum ad faciendas justificationes tuas propter retributionem. *And* Nimis honorati sunt amici tui Deus, &c. *And yet at another time you follow the determination of the Greeke for another advantage: as* Psal. 19. *Adore his footestoole,* because hee is holy. *Whereas in the Hebrew it may bee as in our Latine,* because it is holy. *See* chap. 13. num. 18. chap. 9. num. 23. chap. 18. num. 1. 2. *So you flee from the Hebrew to the Greeke, and from this to that agayne from both to the vulgar Latine, as is shewed in other places. And as S.* Augustine *saith to* Faustus *the Manichee, You are the rule of trueth, whatsoever is for you, is true: whatsoever is against you, is not true.*

FVLK. 41. If Hebrew wordes bee ambiguous, wee take that sense which agreeth with other places that are plaine, and without all ambiguitie, and this is no partialitie, but wisedome and love of the trueth: not to ground any new doctrine upon such places onely, where the Hebrew word is ambiguous, and may have diverse significations. As you doe the redemption of sinnes by almes, upon that place of *Daniel* 4. Where you confesse that the Hebrew word is ambiguous, and are not able to bring one plaine text for it, where the wordes are not ambiguous. But wee ground our refusall upon an hundred plaine texts, that ascribe the whole glory of our ransome and redemption from sinnes, to the onely mercy of God. But as well this text, as the other two, that you cite in the Chapters by you quoted, shall bee throughly discussed, to see if you have any advantage as our Translatours of the same. But on the contrary side (you say) that at another time wee follow the determination of the Greeke for another advantage, as in that text, *Psalm.* 89. Adore his foote-stoole, because hee is holy, whereas in the Hebrew it may bee as in your Latine, because it is holy. I answer, that wee follow not the determination of the Greeke, as moved by the onely authority thereof, for any advantage, but because wee learne our interpretation out of the very Psalme it selfe. For whereas the Prophet [illegible] 5. *verse* hath sayd, Exalt yee the Lord our God, and worship at the [illegible] feete, for hee is holy: in the last verse of the same, hee repeateth againe the [illegible]

the Lord our God, and worship him in his holy hil, for the Lord our
. In this verse for his foote stoole hee preceth the holy hill, which expresseth
foote-stoole was, namely the holy Arke, and for *Cadosh hu*, holy is hee, now
Cadosh Iehovah, holy is the Lord our God, which putteth the other verse out of
lity. Wherefore if wee take testimonie of the Greeke, wee fly not to the Greeke
the Hebrew, but shew that the Hebrew may so bee understood, having other more
ne arguments then the testimonie of the Greeke. Againe, it is utterly false that
ou say, wee fly from both Hebrew and Greeke to the Latine, for wee never fly from the
Hebrew, but acknowledge it as the fountaine and spring, from whence wee must receive
ible trueth of Gods word, of the olde Testament, following the Latine or
so farre, as they follow the trueth of the Hebrew text, and no farther. As for the
of S. *Augustine* to *Faustus* the *Manichee*; (You are the rule of truth) doeth most
agree to you Papists and to your Pope: for you will not afoord unto the Scriptures
selves, any authority or certainety of trueth, but upon your approbation and interpretation. Wherefore not onely that which hee sayth to *Faustus* the *Manichee*, agreeth aptly to you: whatsoever is for you is true, whatsoever is against you, is not true: but that also which hee reporteth, *Tyconius* the Donatist sayd of his sect (*Quod volumus sanctum est*, whatsoever we will is holy) you your selves take upon you. For no doctrine is good nor holy, though it be proved never so plainly out of the holy Scripture, except it be allowed by you for Catholike and holy.

קדוש חוא ד קדוש יקוח

What shall I speake of the Hebrew particle vau? *which* (Gen. 14. vers. 18.) *must in no case bee translated*, because, *lest it should proove that Melchisedeck offered sacrifice of bread and wine, as all the Fathers expound it: but* (Luk. 1. vers 42.) *where they translate the equivalent Greeke particle* καὶ, *there* Beza *prooveth the sayd particle to signifie*, because, *and translateth accordingly, and the English Bezits likewise. I will not urge them why, we like the sense well, and* Theophilact *so expoundeth it. But if the Greeke copulative may be so translated, why not the Hebrew copulative much more, which often in the Scripture is used in that sense? See* chap. 17. num. 13. 14.

וחוא בתן

Quia benedictus, for & *beredictus fructus ventris tui.*

That the Hebrew particle *Vau*, is sometimes to bee taken for a casuall conjunction, and signifyeth, *because*: no man denyeth: but that it must bee taken so. *Gen.* 14, because καὶ is taken so, *Luk.* 1. 42. what reason is this? But all the Fathers (say you) expounde *Melchisedechs* bringing foorth of bread and wine, to bee a sacrifice. I graunt that many doe, but not all: yet doe not they ground upon the conjunction casuall, for *Cyprian lib.* 2. *Epist.* 3. *ad Cacilium* readeth thus, *Fuit autem sacerdos*, and hee was a Priest. So doeth *Hierome Epist. ad Euagrium*, expounding the very Hebrew text, say, *Et Melchisedech rex Salem protulit panem et vinum, erat autem sacerdos Dei excelsi*, The word *protulit* also hath *Ambrose, de mysteriis initiand. Augustine* upon the title of the 33. *Psalme. Cyprian* in the Epistle before named, and the vulgar Latine hath *proferens*. *Hierome Epist. ad Evagrium*, sheweth that the best learned of the Hebrews judgement was, that *Melchisedech victori Abraham obviam processerit, et in refectionem, tam ipsius, quam pugnatorum ipsius, panes vinumque protulerit.* Melchisedech came foorth to meete *Abraham* the Conquerour, and for refection, as well of him, as of his warriours, brought foorth bread and wine. And after many interpretations of the Greeke writers which hee rehearseth, in the end hee will determine nothing of his owne judgement. The Author of *Scholastica historia. Cap.* 64. agreeth with the interpretation of the Hebrewes. *At verò Scholastica historia. Cap.* 64. agreeth with the interpretation of the Hebrewes. *At verò Melchisedech rex Salem obtulit ei panem et vinum: quod (quasi exponens) Iosephus ait: ministravit exercitui xenia, et multam abundantiam rerum opportunarum simul exhibuit, et super epulas benedixit Deum, qui Abrahe subdiderat inimicos. Erat enim sacerdos Dei altissimi.* But Melchisedech king of Salem, offered unto him bread and wine, which *Iosephus* (as it were expounding of it) sayth: hee ministred to his army the duties of hospitality, « and gave him great plenty of the things necessary, and beside the feast, or at the feast, hee « blessed God, which had subdued unto Abraham his enemies: for hee was a Priest of the « highest God. Therefore not all the Fathers so judged of *Melchisedechs* bread and wine. But against all them that referred the same to his Priesthood, wee oppose the Apostle to the Hebrews, *cap.* 7. who searching of purpose whatsoever was in *Melchisedech*, wherein hee resembled Christ, so that hee omitted not the interpretation of his name, nor of his city, maketh no mention of his sacrifice of bread and wine, whereas nothing seemeth to have greater resemblance, then that; which deceived many of the auncient Fathers, but yet was not observed of the holy Ghost.

MART. 43. *But I would aske rather, why* παρακεκλημένη *may not in any case bee translated*, full of grace: Luc. 1. v. 28. *whereas* ἰσχυρὸς *is translated*, full of force. *Both wordes being of like force and force. See* Luc. 16. v. 20. chap. 18. numb. 4. 5.

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FVLK. 43. The [illegible] being a participle is best translated by a participle [illegible] for the o[illegible], if wee had a participle in English, to say fored or botched, wee [illegible] but for lacke of a participle, wee are constrained to use the noune, full of fores. [illegible] you, whether you would translate κεχρυσωμένον, full of gold, or gilded? [illegible] or other verbes of that forme, where there is in English a participle: why ought not [illegible] wise κεχαριτωμένον be translated by the participle?

MART. 44. *Againe, why say they* (Heb. 13.) Let your conversation bee without covetousn[illegible] *say not*, Let marriage bee honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; *both being [illegible] alike by the Apostle, and by way of exhortation, as the rest that goeth before and fol[illegible]* chap. 15. numb. 5.

FVLK. 44. Although the sense were not greatly different, yet the particle ἢ following in the [illegible] part of the verse, πόρνους ἢ, &c. but fornicators and adulterers God will judge, shew [illegible] the former part of the verse is an affirmation, rather then an exhortation. Againe the [illegible] pose of the Apostle is plaine, to diswade them from whoredome and adulterie, and not [illegible] to exhort married men to use marryage temperately, but for avoyding of whoredome and adultery, which God will punish, to shew the remedie that God hath provided for mans infirmity, to be honourable and voyd of filthinesse.

MART. 45. *Are we too suspicious, think you? How can* feare *be translated, that which he feared*; * repentance, *them that repent or amend their life*; tradition, *the doctrine delivered*; temples, *shrines*; idols, *devotions*; every humane creature, *all ordinances of man*; foreknowledge, *providence*; soule, *carcase*; hell, *grave*; altar, *temple*; table, *altar*; *and such like?* * Heb. 5. 7. * Beza 2 Tim. 2. v. 20.

FVLK. 45. Wee thinke you not more suspicious, then malicious. From his feare, may well (for explications sake) bee translated, from that which hee feared, *Heb.* 5. *vers.* 7. even as hope is sometimes taken for that which we hope for, as *Colos.* 1. *vers.* 5. *Tit.* 2 *vers.* 13. So may repentance in *Beza Act.* 26. *vers.* 20. signify them that repent, as circumcision often signifyeth them that are circumcised: neither is there any change of the sense, to say the fruits worthy of repentance, or the fruits worthy of them that repent, or amend their life. And I pray you, what doeth tradition, 2 *Thessal.* 2. & 3. signify, but the doctrine delivered? Doeth not the Apostle declare what his tradition was, when hee delivereth this doctrine, that if any man will not worke, let him not eate? 2 *Thess.* 3. *vers.* 10. The word ναὸς, as it is used *Act.* 19. *vers.* 24. signifyeth neither temples nor shrines, but certaine idolatrous coynes, on which was stamped the figure of *Dianaes* temple, more like to your Popish shrines, then to the Temple of God. Where Idols are translated devotions, I know not, except you meane *Act.* 17. *vers.* 23. where the word is σεβάσματα, which your vulgar Latine Translatour 2 *Thessal.* 2. calleth *quod colitur*, that which is devoutly worshipped, and so the word signifyeth whatsoever is religiously worshipped and adored, and not Idols, as you say, nor *Simulachra*, Images, as your Translatour calleth them *Act.* 17. For it is derived of σέβω, or σεβάζομαι, which signifyeth to adore, to worship, to honour devoutly, or religiously. Every humane creature signifyeth in that place, 1 *Pet.* 2. every magistrate, of what creation or ordination soever he bee, and so is meant by that translation (all ordinances of men) not all lawes of men, which yet were not impious, if you adde the restraint, for the Lord, for whom nothing can bee, that is against his Law. The rest of your quarrels bee all answered before.

MART. 46. *What caused these strange speeches in their English Bibles?* Thou shalt not leave my soule Psal. in the grave. Thou hast delivered my soule from the lowest grave. A covetous man is Bib. a worshipper of Images. By laying on of the handes of the Eldership, Haile freely beloved. SINNE lyeth at the doore, and thou shalt rule over HIM. Breake off thy sinnes with righteousnesse, *for* Redeeme with almes. Iealousie is cruell as the grave, *for* as hell, *Cant. Cant.* 8. *Bib. ann.* 1579. The griefes of the grave caught mee, *Psalme* 116. *And* Psalm. 48. God will redeeme my soule from the power of the grave. O grave I will bee thy destruction, *Os.* 13. *and such like. What made* Calvin *so translate into Latine, that if you turne it into English, the sense is, that God powred water upon us abundantly, meaning the holy Ghost?* Tit. 3. *What else, but because he would take away the necessity of materiall water in Baptisme, as in his Commentaries and* Beza *is in evidence?*

FVLK. 46. These speeches are not strange in Gods Church, howsoever they sound in your eares. So many of them as translate for *Sheol*, the grave, have their answers, *sect.* 32. and *chap.* 7. which is appoynted for that question. The covetous man a worshipper of Images, *sect.* 5. of this chapter, and *chap.* 3. *numb.* 17. The laying on of handes of the Eldership, is warranted by the signification of the Greeke word πρεσβυτέριον, which signifyeth a company of Elders, as it is translated by your owne vulgar Latine Interpreter, *Luke* 22. *verse* 66. *Seniores plebis*, The Elders of the people: and *Act.* 22. v. 5. hee calleth πᾶν τὸ πρεσβυτέριον, *Omnes majores natu*. And for a consistory of Elders, is the word *Presbyterium* used in

Latine by *Cyprian, lib. 3. epist. 11.* and *lib. 2. epist. 8. 10.* Of late freely beloved the like *sect. 43.* Of the text *Gen. 4. 7.* Sinne lyeth at the doore, &c. *sect. 28.* and *chap. 10. sect. 9.* of *Dan. 4. breake, for redeeme thy sinnes sect. 43.*

If *Calvin Tit. 3.* did wrongly interprete that which is spoken of water, to bee meant of the holy Ghost, what is that to our translation? But certaine it is, that *Calvin* never meant to take away the necessity of materiall water from the Sacrament of Baptisme, although hee taught that the want of the externall Sacrament, where it cannot bee had, doth not deprive Gods elect from eternall salvation: neither hath *Beza* any other meaning in his annotation.

47. *I have meant to have but briefely skimmed over these things, but multitude of matter maketh me over long, as it chanceth to a man that wadeth through myry and fonde places, and yet the greatest demonstration that they are wilfull corrupters is behind, which onely I will adde, and for the rest referre the Reader to the whole booke.*

47. It is a small signe that multitude of matter is cause of your length, when you re peate one matter in so many sections. Your similitude of a man wading in foule and myry places, doeth well agree unto you, for you have beene all this while wading in the puddle of your slanders, misprisions, and false accusations, In which you have so bewrayed your selfe, as you shall not easily purge your selfe from the myre of them. But because you say the greatest demonstration that wee are wilfull corrupters is behinde, though it be tedious for us to rake in such a gesmire of your forgeries and false accusations, yet we will take occasion, and consider what mayne demonstration you can make, to prove us in our English translations to bee wilfull corrupters.

48. *Doubt you whether they translate of purpose and partialitie, in favour of their opinions? You shall heare themselves say so, and confesse it. If I dealt with Lutherans, this one testimonie of Luther were sufficient, who being asked why he added* onely *into the text,* Rom. 3. *answered that he did it to explicate the Apostles sense more plainly, that is, to make the Apostle say more plainly that faith onely justifyeth. And his Disciple* Illyricus *disputeth the matter, that the Apostle saying,* by faith without workes, *saith indeed,* onely faith. *But because I deale rather with our English Calvinists, and Beza is their chiefe Translater, and a Captaine among them, whom they professe to follow in the title of the new Testament,* Anno 1580. *and by the very name of their Geneva Bibles, let us see what hee saith.*

Tom. 2. fol. 6. b. edit. Wittеb. Anno 1551. The expresse testimonies of Beza, (whom the English hereticall translations follow herein) that hee doeth wilfully and of purpose translate against such and such Catholike assertions.

48. I thinke there is no man doubteth, but they translated the Scripture with purpose to maintaine their opinions; but whether they have wittingly and wilfully translated falsely, to maintaine any errours, or hereticall opinions, that is the matter in question, and which hath needе of your greatest demonstration, to make it apparant. That *Luther* might rightly interpret the place *Rom. 3.* of onely faith justifying, by the excluding of workes, I have before acknowledged, and *Illyricus* doeth rightly defend it. But that hee did put in the word (onely) in his translation, which is not in the originall, I will not take upon mee to excuse, seeing the trueth of that doctrine is manifest, without that addition: and *Luther* himselfe in his latter editions hath reformed it. Againe, what soeuer other men have committed in their translation, wee are unjustly charged therewith, except wee follow the same in ours. That we professe to follow *Beza* by the very name of our Geneva Bibles, it is a very ridiculous argument. For our Bibles are so commonly called, because they were translated and first printed at Geneva, not by *Beza*, who at that time had scarce finished his translation of the new Testament, and never dealt with Translating of the old, so farre as wee know, but by certaine godly and learned Englishmen, which lived there in Queene *Maries* time, to enjoy the libery of a good conscience, which they could not have in their owne Country.

MART. 49. *First, concerning* μετανοειτε, *which the vulgar Latine and* Erasmus *translate,* Agite pœnitentiam, Repent, or Doe penance: This interpretation (*saith hee*) I refuse for many causes, but for this especially, that many ignorant persons have taken hereby an occasion of the false opinions of SATISFACTION, wherewith the Church is troubled at this day, *Loe of purpose against Satisfaction, he will not translate the Greeke word as ought to be, and as it is proved to signifie, both in this booke, and in the annotations upon the new Testament.* *A little after speaking of the same word, he saith:* Why I have changed the name *pœnitentia*, I have told a little before; *professing that he will never use those words, but* resipiscere, *and* resipiscentia, *that is, amendment of life: because of their double sense, that repentance is nothing else but a meere amendment of former life, without recompence or satisfaction, or paine for the sinnes before committed. See chap. 13.*

Matth. 3. v. 8. * Loco supra

LUK. 49. Of purpose against the heresie of Satisfaction, *Beza* will not translate the Greeke word as the vulgar Latine Translator doeth, but yet as the Greeke word ought to be translated. *Erasmus* finding the vulgar Latine insufficient, hath added with Luther what is expected of

of their former life. Neither doeth *Beza* finde fault with the English word repent, but with the Latine, *Agite pœnitentiam*, when you translate it, doe penance, meaning thereby, payne or satisfaction for sinnes passed, to bee a necessary part of true repentance, which is not contayned in the Greeke word μετανοειτε, which signifyeth changing of the minde, that is not onely a sorrow for the sinne passed, but also a purpose of amendment, which is best expressed by the Latine word *Resipiscere*, which is alwayes taken in the good part, as μετανοειν in the Scripture, whereas the Latine wordes *panire*, and *pœnitere* are used in Latine, of sorrow or repentance that is too late. *At panitere* and *pœnitentia* may bee sayd of *Judas* griefe of minde, which caused him to hang himselfe, but not μετανοειν or μετανοια, or *resipiscere* and *resipiscentia*: and therefore the holy Ghost speaking of his sorrow, useth another word, μεταμελειν, and μεταμελεια. And this is the cause why *Beza* refused the word *pœnitentia*, having a Latine word that more properly doeth expresse the Greeke word, as wee might lawfully doe in English, if wee had another English word proper to that repentance which is alwayes joyned with fayth, and purpose of amendment, for want whereof, wee are constrayned to use the wordes repent and repentance, which may bee taken in good part, or in evill. For wee say repentance too late, and *Judas* repented too late, but there is no μετανοια that can bee called too late. But where you say that *resipiscere* and *resipiscentia*, is nothing but amendment of life, and that repentance in our heresie, is nothing else but a meere amendment of former life, you speake untruely; for those wordes doe signifie not onely amendment of life, but also sorrow for the sinnes past, although without recompence or satisfaction, which you call penance, for the sinnes before committed: for wee know no recompence or satisfaction made to God for our sinnes, but the death of Christ, who is the propitiation for our sinnes, *1 Iohn* 1. Neither hath your blasphemous satisfaction any ground in the Greeke word μετανοειν, but onely a foolish colour by the Latine translation *Agite pœnitentiam*, which it is like your Latine Interpreter did never dreame of, and therefore hee useth the word *Resipiscere*, *2 Tim. 2.* of them to whom God should give μετανοιαν, repentance to the acknowledging of the trueth, *et resipiscant*, and so they may repent, or as you translate it, recover themselva from the snare of the Devill. Seeing therefore repentance is the gift of God, it is no recompence or satisfaction made by us to God, to answer his justice, but an earnest and true griefe of minde for our transgression of Gods Law, and offending against his majesty, with a certaine purpose and determination of amendment, so neere as God shall give us grace. Hitherto therefore wee have no demonstration of any wilfull corruption, but a declaration of the cause that moved *Beza* to use a more exact translation, and such as commeth neerer to the originall word, then that which the vulgar translation hath used, upon which, occasion of a great blasphemie hath beene taken, and is yet maintained.

MART. 50. *Againe, concerning the word* Iustifications, *which in the Scripture very often signifie the commandements, he sayth this:* The Greek Interpreters of the Bible (*meaning the Septuagints*) apply this word to signify the whole Law of God, and therefore commonly it is wont to be translated word for word, *Iustificationes*: which interpretation therefore onely I rejected, that I might take away this occasion also of cavilling against justification by fayth, *and so for* Iustificationes *hee putteth* constituta, Tullies *word forsooth, as hee sayth. Can you have a more plaine testimonie of his hereticall purpose?*

FULK. 50. Concerning the Greeke word δικαιωματα, which *Beza* translateth *Constitutionibus*, constitutions, and you confesse that in Scripture it doeth very often signifie the commandements, hee fayth first, that as the whole Law of God is divided into three parts, Morall, Ceremoniall, and Judiciall, so the Hebrewes have three severall wordes, to expresse the severall precepts of those Lawes. For the Hebrew word which signifyeth the Ceremoniall precepts, the Greekes use to translate δικαιωματα. So the sense is, that *Zacharie* and *Elizabeth* were just, walking in all the Morall commandements, and observing the holy rites and ceremonies, as much as concerned them. But the third word, which signifyeth Iudgements, S. *Luke* doeth not adde, because the exercise of Judiciall cases did not belong unto them, being private persons. After this hee sayth, that the Greeke interpreters of the Bible transferred this word unto the whole Law of God, and especially to the holy ceremonies: so verily, exceedingly commending the Law, that it is a certaine rule of all Justice, and therefore they are wont commonly in respect of the word, to mingle Iustifications. And this word in this place, *Beza* indeed confesseth that hee refused to use, for avoyding of cavillations against justification by fayth, being hee hath none other word, neither would hee for offence seeke any new word, to expresse justification by fayth, whereas the word δικαιωματα in this text, *Luke 1. verse 6.* signifyeth not that by which they were made just, but the commandements or precepts of God, by walking in which

which, they were declared to bee just. For by the workes of the Law (such as S. *Luke* here speaketh of) no flesh shall bee justifyed before God. Therefore *Iustificationes* in this place, must have another sense, then justifications, namely, commandements, as you say it is often taken, or constitutions, as *Beza* calleth them, which before God and the world, are not of such difference, that you should charge him with wilfull corruption, for translating that word constitutions, which you confesse signifyeth very often, commandements, wherefore here appeareth no heeticall purpose, except you will say, that justification by faith, which S. *Paul* so often, so diligently, and so purposedly doeth teach, is an heresie.

51. *Againe, when hee had rejected this translation* (Act. 2. vers. 27.) Non derelinques animam meam in Inferno, Thou shalt not leave my soule in Hell: *because (as hee saith) hereupon meant to prove the victours of Christs descending into Hell, of Limbus, and of Purgatory: as length hee groweth to conclude thus*: Whereas the doubtfull interpretation of one or two wordes hath brought forth so many Monsters, I chose rather * simply, for soule, to say, carcasse, for hell, grave: then to foster these foule errours. * See how simply *Anima*, carcasse. *Infernus*, grave.

Beza sheweth, that because the doubtfull interpretation of the Hebrew word *Sheol* into ᾅδης, which doeth not properly signify Hell, but a darke place, such as the pitt is, where-in the dead are put, and of the Poets is taken for hell, had bred such monsters, as *Limbus patrum*, Purgatory, and Christs descending into them: therefore hee did plainely translate that verse, as it is meant, of the raysing up of Christs body out of the grave, which if hee had translated out of Hebrew, as hee did out of Greeke, had not beene offensive, nor untrue, as I have shewed in answer to your Preface, *Sect.* 46. And of this Chapter, *Sect.* 32. But seeing *Beza* himselfe, hath altered that translation, and it was never followed of our English Translatours, what demonstration is this, that wee are wilfull corrupters of the holy Scriptures?

52. *Againe, when hee had translated for*, Whom heaven must receive, *thus*, who must be contained in heaven: *hee sayth*, whereas we have used the passive kind of speech, rather then the Active (*which is in the Greeke*:) we did it to avoyd all ambiguity. For it is very expedient, that there shouldbe in the Church of God, this perspicuous testimony against them, that for ascending by fayth into heaven, so to be joyned to our head, obstinately maintaine that Christ must be called againe out of heaven unto us. *Meaning his presence in the B. Sacrament, and inveighing no lesse against the Lutherans, then the Catholikes, as the * Lutherans doe here against him, for this wilfull interpretation, and that by* Calvins *owne judgement, who thinketh it a forced translation.* ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ δεῖ δέξασθαι Acts 3. v. 21. * Flac. Illyr.

53. True it is, that hee meant concerning the manner of Christs presence in the blessed Sacrament, and that so hee translated, to exclude the carnall manner of presence, which the Papists have invented: but all this while the translation is true, and warranted by *Gregorie Nazianzene*, as I have shewed before, *Sect.* 36. of this chapter. For hee that sayth, Heaven must receive Christ, (as you doe) cannot deny, except he bee madd, but that Christ must bee received of Heaven. So that *Beza* doeth none otherwise translate, then you doe, *Qui dæmonia habebant*, which is actively thus to bee translated, those who had Devills, and you say, which were possest of Devills, that is, were had of Deuills. That the Lutherans finde fault with *Bezaes* translation, it proveth it not to bee false, hee hath justifyed it sufficiently in his answer to *Selneccerus*, and the Divines of Iena. Neither doeth *Calvine* (as you say untruely) thinke it a forced translation, but not weighing the sentence sufficiently, supposeth that the wordes are placed ambiguously, for that it seemeth to bee doubtfull, whether wee should say, that Heaven must receive Christ, or that Christ must receive Heaven. But if it be once granted (as it is of you) that Heaven must receive Christ, there is neither *Calvine*, nor *Illyricus*, nor any man that beareth the face, but of a young Grammarian, yea of a reasonable man, which can deny, that conversion by the passive: Christ must bee received of Heaven. Therefore if you had any respect of your credite, with men of understanding, you would not for shame, rehearse this quarrell so often, which hath not so much as any colour or shew of reason to maintaine it, but that you abuse the names of *Illyricus* and *Calvine*, as misliking it, whose arguments by no meanes will serve your turne, because that which is denyed by them, or doubtfull to them, is plaine and confessed by you.

54. *But* Beza *goeth forward still in this kinde*, Rom. 5. vers. 18. *whereas* Erasmus *had put* propagatum est, *indifferently both of* Adams *sinne which made us truely sinners, and of Christs justice, which maketh us truely just: hee rejecting it, among other causes why it displeased him, saith*: That old errour of the Sophists (*meaning the Catholikes*) which for imputative justice put an inherent qualitie in the place, is so great and so execrable to all good men, that I thinke nothing is so much to bee avoyded as it.

FULK. 53. A minisse ecclipsis, or want of wordes, beeing in that verse, for which *Erasmus* hath put *propagatum est*, which word is ambiguous, and may give occasion of errour, for men to thinke, that the righteousnesse of Christ commeth by propagations as the guiltinesse of *Adam* doeth: *Beza* thought good to supply the lacke, rather by such wordes as are warranted by the text, *vers.* 12. 15. and 16. and can give no occasion of errour. And therefore thus hee rendreth that verse, *Nempe igitur, sicut per unam offensam reatus venit in omnes homines ad condemnationem: ita per unam justificationem, beneficium redundavit in omnes homines ad justificationem vitæ.* Now therefore, as by one offence guiltinesse came upon all men unto condemnation: so by one justification, the benefit abounded toward all men unto justification of life. In this verse, these wordes, guiltinesse came, and, the benefit abounded, are added for explication sake, and are taken out of the verses going before, in which the Apostle speaketh of the same matter. Therefore *Beza* to avoyd occasion of the heresie of the Papists, of justice inherent, among other causes whi h hee rehearseth, refuseth that word, by which *Erasmus* supplyed the text, and useth such wordes for that purpose, as the Apostle himselfe in the verses precedent doeth often, for this necessary supply: which seeing it must bee made, that there may bee a sense and understanding: who can mislike that it should bee made by the Apostles owne wordes? or who can suppose that the Apostle would leave any other wordes to bee understood, then such as hee himselfe had before expressed? And as for the heresie of inherent justice, it can have no hold in this verse, except some such word bee added for supply, as the Apostle never used in this case. That Christs justice doeth make us as truely just, as *Adams* sinne made us truely sinners, there is no question, but by what meanes wee are made just, wee say as the Scripture teacheth us to speake, that justice is imputed to us through fayth, *Rom.* 4. The Papists say it is a qualitie inherent within us, for which wordes and matter, they have no warrant in the holy Scripture.

MART. 54. *These few examples prove unto us that the Scriptures translated verbatim, exactly, and according to the propper use and signification of the words, doe by the Heretikes confession make for the Catholikes, and therefore* Beza *saith hee altereth the wordes into other: and (I thinke) it may suffice any indifferent Reader to judge of his purpose and meaning in other places of his translation, and consequently of theirs, that either allow him, or follow him, which are our English Calvinists, and Bezites. Many other ways there are to make most certaine proofe of their Wilfulnesse, as when * the Translation is framed according to their false and heresticall commentaries: and when they will avouch their translations out of prophane writers,* Homer, Plutarch, Pliny, Tully, Virgil, and Terence, *and reject the Ecclesiasticall use of words in the Scriptures and Fathers: which* Beza *doeth for the most part always. But it were infinite to note all the markes, and by these, the wise Reader may conceive the rest.* * Col. & Tr. Beza 2. 15.

FULK. 54. These examples proove nothing lesse. For to runne over them all briefely, the first two, wee translate *verbatim*, A man is justifyed by fayth, without the workes of the Law, and repent, and repentance, wee say for μετανοέω and μετανοία. What make these for Poperie? If *Luk.* 1. *v.* 6. wee should call δικαιώματα justifications, what should Poperie gaine, but a vaine cauill? when you your selves confesse, that those justifications are often used for commandements? *Act.* 3. *vers.* 27. all our English translations are as you would have them. Thou shalt not leave my soule in hell, nor suffer thine holy one to see corruption, by which verse no descent into *Limbus*, but the resurrection from death can bee proved. If wee translate as you doe *Act.* 3. *v.* 21. whom heaven must receive, we will easily convince that Christ must bee received of heaven. In the last example the question is not, how the word is to be translated, but by what word the want of the text is to be supplyed, which we supply not with words of our owne, but with the Apostles owne words.

Have you not gained greatly by translating *verbatim*, exactly, and according to the propper use and signification of the wordes? I like well that every indifferent Reader may judge by these examples, of *Bezaes* purpose in other places of his translation. But you have two other ways, to make certaine proofe of their wilfulnesse: The first is, when the translation is framed according to their heresticall commentarie. A reasonable man would thinke rather, that the commentarie were framed according to the text, then the text to the commentarie. But to justifie the trueth of those translations, for the first text you quote, it is handled *Sect.* 29. of this Chapter, and so consequently *cap.* 7. The second is answered *Sect.* 46. the other two concerning Tradition *Sect.* 23. of the preface, and in the chapter following. The second way of proofe is, when they will avouch their translations out of prophane writers. I thinke there is no better way, to know the proper, or diverse signification of wordes, then out of auncient writers, though they bee never so prophane who used the wordes most indifferently, in respect of our controversies, of which they were altogether ignorant. As for the Ecclesiasticall use of wordes in the

the Scripture, and the Fathers, which *Beza* (you say) doeth for the most part reiect, it is untrue: except there bee good and sufficient cause, why hee should so doe, warranted by the Scripture it selfe, or necessary circumstances of the places, which hee doeth translate. For if the Scripture have used a word in one signification sometimes, it is not necessary that it should always use it in the same signification, when it is proved by ancient writers that the word hath other significations, more proper to the place, and agreeable to the rule of fayth, which perhaps the usuall signification is not. As for example, the Scripture useth very often this word παις for a boy, or servant. but when the same word is applied to our Saviour Christ, in the prayer of the Apostle, *Act.* 4. 27. Who would not rather translate it childe, or sonne as the word doeth sometimes, but more seldome signifie? How the Fathers of the Church have used wordes, it is no rule for Translatours of the Scripture to follow, who oftentimes used wordes, as the people did then take them, and not as they signified in the Apostles time. As ἐξομολογησις for a publike testification of repentance, which wee call penance: χειροτονια for imposition of handes, and such like, in which sense these wordes were never used before the Apostles times, and therefore it is not like, that they would beginne a new use of them, without some manifest explication of their meaning, without the which no man could have understood them: as they have done in the vse of these wordes ἁγιος, βαπτισμα, ἐκκλησια, and such like. It is not a fault therefore, prudently to seeke even out of prophane writers, what is the propper signification of wordes, and how many significations a word may have, and reverently to judge, which is most apt for the place to bee translated, and most agreeable with the holy Ghosts meaning in that text: and not always to bee tyed to the usuall signification of wordes, as they are sometimes taken in the Scripture, and much lesse as they are used of the auncient Fathers.

5. *But would you thinke that these men could notwithstanding speake very gravely and honestly against voluntary and wilfull translations of Scripture, that so notoriously therein offend themselves? Hearken what* Beza *saith against* Castalco *and the like*: The matter (*sayth hee*) is now come to this poynt that the Translatours of Scripture out of the Greeke into Latine, or into any other tongue, thinke that they may lawfully doe any thing in translating. Whom if a man reprehend, hee shall bee answered by and by, that they doe the office of a Translatour, not that translateth word for word, but that expresseth the sense. So it commeth to passe, that whiles every man will rather freely follow his owne judgement, then bee a religious Interpreter of the holy Ghost, hee doeth rather pervert many things then translate them. *Is not this well sayd, if he had done accordingly? but doing the cleane contrary, as hath beene proved, hee is a dissembling hypocrite in so saying, and a wilfull Heretike in so doing, and condemned by his owne judgement.* *Annot. act. 10. vers. 46.*

VER. 55. No wise man doubteth, but they could both speake very gravely and avoyde most religiously all voluntarie, and wilfull translations of Scripture, that might tend to maintaine any errour. And the rather they will bee perswaded, that *Beza* hath avoyded that lewde kinde of translation, for which hee reproveth *Castalco*, when they will see, that you so malicious an enemie unto him, having spent all your invention to seeke holes in his translation, can finde nothing but such childish cavills, as when they bee discovered, men will marveile that you were not ashamed to move them.

PART. 56. *But after this generall view of their wilfull purpose and heretical intention, let us examine their false translations more particularly, and argue the case with them more at large, and presse them to answer, whether in their conscience it bee so or no, as hitherto is sayd: and that by severall Chapters of such* Controversies *as their corruptions concerne: and first of all (without further curiosity whence to beginne, in cases so indifferent) of* Traditions.

VULG. 56. The more particularly you examine our translations, the freer, I hope, they shall bee found from falsehood, and wilfull corruption. And the more at large you argue the case, and presse us to answer, the more you shall make the case to appeare worse on your side, and the trueth cleerer on our part. And as God is witnesse of our conscience and sinceritie in setting foorth his word, without adulteration, or corruption, so I appeale to the consciences of all indifferent Readers whether hitherto you have gotten any advantage against us in this whole Chapter, which yet you professe to bee the abridgement, and summe of your whole Treatise.

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CHAP. II.

Heretical translation of holy Scripture, against Apostolicall TRADITIONS.

THis is a matter of such importance, that if they should graunt any Traditions of the Apostles, and not pretend the written word onely, they know that by such Traditions mentioned in all antiquity, their Religion were wholly confounded and overthrowne. For remedie whereof, and for the defacing of such Traditions, they bend their translations against them in this wonderfull manner: Wheresoever the holy Scripture speaketh against certaine Traditions of the Elders, plainely, fit and apt, plainely repugnant to the Law of God, there all the English translations follow the Greeke exactly, never omitting this word Tradition. Contrariwise, wheresoever the holy Scripture speaketh in the commendation of Traditions, newis, such Traditions as the Apostle delivered to the Church, there all their said translations agree not to follow the Greeke, which is still the selfe same word, but for Traditions, they translate ordinances or instructions. Why so, and to what purpose? Wee appeale to the learned of their conscience, which continually accuseth them of an heretical meaning, whether by using the word Traditions wheresoever they are discommended, and by suppressing the word wheresoever they are commended, their purpose and intent bee not to signifie to the Reader, that all Traditions are naughts, and none good; all reprovable, none allowable.

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Traditions indeed in a matter of such importance, as if you may bee allowed whatsoever you will thrust upon us under the name of unwritten Traditions, the written word of God shall serve to no purpose at all. For first, as you plainely professe, the holy Scripture shall not bee accounted sufficient to teach all trueth necessary to salvation, that the man of God may bee perfect, prepared to all good workes. Secondly, with the Valentinian Heretikes, you accuse the Scriptures of uncertaine understanding without your Traditions, under pretence of which, you will bring in what you list, though it bee never so contrary to the holy Scriptures plaine wordes, by colour of interpretation, as you doe the worshipping of Images, and many other like heresies. As for the motion that is made of Apostolicall Traditions in diverse of the ancient Fathers, some of them are such as you your selves observe not, and not for the tenth part of those that you observe, can you bring any testimonie out of the auncient Fathers, as is proved sufficiently by so many propositions as were set downe by the Bishop of Sarisburie M. *Iewell*, whereof you can bring no proofe for any one to have beene taught within five hundred yeares after Christ. Now concerning the Traditions of the Apostles, what they were, who can bee a better witnesse unto us then *Ignatius* the disciple of the Apostles, of whom *Eusebius* writeth, that when hee was led towards Rome, where hee suffered Martyrdome, hee earnestly exhorted the Churches by which hee passed, to continue in the faith, and against all heresies which even then beganne to budde up, hee charged them to retaine fast the Tradition of the Apostles, which by that time hee protested to bee committed to writing: for by that time were all the bookes of the new Testament written. The wordes of *Eusebius* concerning this matter are, *lib. 3. c. 35.* ἐπεστομιζεν ἀπιστοις διδασκαλοις, ἐν τοις τοτε χρονοις ἐγγραφως ἡμιν παραδοθεισαν, παραδοσεις ἐκτιθεμενος. And hee exhorted them straightly to keepe the Tradition of the Apostles, which testifying that it was now for assurance committed to writing, hee thought necessary to bee plainely taught. Against this Tradition of the Apostles, which for certainety and assurance is contained in their holy and undoubted writings, wee say nothing, but strive altogether for it. But because the word Traditions is by you Papists taken to signifie doctrine secretly delivered by word of mouth, without authoritie of the holy Scriptures, wee doe willingly avoyde the word in our translations, where the simple might bee deceived, as thinke that the holy Ghost did ever command any such to the Church, which hee would not have so committed to writing in the holy Scriptures: and in stede of that word so commonly taken, although it doth not necessarily

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signifie any such matters, wee doe use such wordes, as doe truely expresse the Apostles meaning, and the Greeke word doeth also signifie. Therefore wee use the wordes of ordinances, or instructions, or institutions, or the doctrine delivered, all which beeing of one sense, the Greeke word παράδοσις doeth signifie, and the same doeth tradition signifie, if it bee rightly understood: but seeing it hath beene commonly taken, and is urged of the Papists to signifie openly doctrine delivered beside the word of God written, in such places where the holy Ghost useth the Greeke word παράδοσις in that sense, wee translate by that word (tradition) where hee useth it for such doctrine as is grounded upon the holy Scriptures, our Translatours have avoyded it, not of any heereticall meaning, (that all traditions (traditions) are naught, but that all such as have not the holy Scripture to testifie of them, and to warrant them, are evill, and to bee avoyded of all true Christians) which they could not without blasphemie acknowledge any imperfection in the holy writings of God, which are able to make a man wise unto salvation; if they should think any doctrine necessary to salvation not to bee contained therein.

ART. 2. *For example*, Matt. 15. *thus they translate*; Why doe thy Disciples transgresse the TRADITION of the Elders? *And Again*; Why doe you also transgresse the commandement of God by your TRADITION? *And againe*; Thus have you made the commandement of God of none effect by your TRADITION. *Here (I meane you) all the bells sound Tradition, and the word is never omitted, and it is very well and honestly translated, for so the Greeke word doeth properly signifie. But now on the other side, concerning good Traditions, let us see their dealing. The Apostle by the selfe same word both in Greeke and Latine, saith thus*: Therefore, brethren, stand and holde fast the TRADITIONS which you have learned either by word, or by our Epistle. *And againe*; Withdraw your selves from every brother walking inordinately, and not according to the TRADITION which they have received of us. *And againe, according to the Greeke which they professe to follow*; I prayse you brethren, that in all things you are mindefull of mee, and as I have delivered unto you, you keepe my TRADITIONS.

παράδοσιν.

2 Thes 2.v.15. παραδόσεις, traditiones. 2 Thes.3.6.

1 Cor.15.2 κατέχετε τίνι λόγῳ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμᾶς, εἰ κατέχετε· ἐκτὸς εἰ μὴ εἰκῆ ἐπιστεύσατε.

FVLKE 2. No marveile though you cannot abide the bells sounding against mans Traditions, which sounding must needes trouble your consience more then it offendeth your eares, seeing you know that many of those things which you defend under the name of Traditions against holy Scriptures, have not God for their Authour, which forbiddeth to bee worshipped in such sort, but man, or rather Satan, which hath inspired such things unto men, thereby to dishonour God, and to discredite his holy and most certaine written word. Yet you say it is well and honestly translated: God knoweth how faine you would there were not such text extant in the Gospell against your superstition and will-worshipping. But now let us see our craftie dealing (as you count it) against good Traditions. In the first text, 2 *Thessal. 2 vers.* 15. you may see your understanding of Traditions quite overthrowne; for the Apostle speaketh of such Traditions as were delivered to them partly by preaching, and partly by his Epistles. Therefore Tradition doeth not signifie a doctrine delivered by word of mouth onely. But yet you will say it signifyeth here a doctrine delivered by word of mouth also, which is not written. How prove you that? Because all that the Apostle preached was not contained in his Epistles to the Thessalonians, therefore was it no where written in the Scriptures? What tho Tradition was in the second text, 2 *Thessal.* 3. *v.* 6. is expressed by and by after, That hee which will not labour, must not eate. Was this doctrine never written before? When God commandeth every man to labour in his vocation. As for the third place, 1 *Cor.* 11. 2. your owne vulgar Latine Translatour both teacheth us how to translate it, and also dischargeth our translation of heresie and corruption, for hee calleth τὰς παραδόσεις in that place *præcepta*, precepts, or instructions, or commandements, or ordinances; I see no great difference in these words: by which his translation hee sheweth, that in the other places, 2 *Thess.* 2. 6. 3. hee meaneth the same thing by *Traditiones*, Traditions, that wee doe by ordinances or instructions, and might as well have used the word *præcepta* in those two places, as hee did in this one, if it had pleased him.

MART. 3. *Here wee see plaine mention of S. Pauls Traditions, and consequently of Apostolicall Traditions, yea and Traditions by word of mouth, delivered to the sayd Churches without writing or Scripture. In all which places looke (gentle reader) and seeke all their English translations, and thou shalt not once finde the word* Tradition, *but in stead thereof*, ordinances, instructions, preachings, institutions, *and any word else rather then* Tradition: *insomuch that Beza their master, translateth it* traditam doctrinam, *the doctrine delivered, turning the singuler number for the plurall, and adding* (doctrine) *of his owne; so framing the text of holy Scripture according to his false commentaries, or rather putting his corruptions as it were into the text, and making it the text of Scripture. Who would thinke their malice and partialitie against Traditions were so great,*

* Yet M. Fulke sayth, it is found there, p.153. against D. Saunders Rocke. If hee give not us an instance, let him give himselfe the lie. 2 Thess. & 3. παραδόσεις.

that when they should all agree with one consent so duely and exactly in these and other places to translate the word, which in other places doe so gladly use it, the Greeke word being all one in all the said places?

FVLKE. There is no question but the Apostles by word of mouth, that is, by preaching and conferring, delivered the doctrine of the Gospell to the Churches; but that they preached, taught, or delivered any doctrine, as necessary to salvation, which they prooved not out of the holy Scriptures, and which is not contained in the new Testament or the old, this is not yet proved, neither ever can it bee proved. Such matters of ceremonies, order, and discipline, which we confesse, no man denies, but they might and did deliver, but yet in these nothing but agreeable to the generall rules set downe in the Scripture. But in all these places the word Tradition cannot once bee found. Yet M. *Fulke* saith it is found. You doeth? Where saith hee so? You answer, *pag.* 153. against D. *Saunders* Rocke: therefore if hee give not an instance, let him give himselfe the lie. But hee that chargeth *Fulke* so lay it is found, lieth the more: for so he saith not; reade the place who will. Hee speaketh against *Saunder*, who affirmed that the very name of Tradition used in the better part, cannot bee suffered to bee in the English Bible; as though there were some decree of the Synod, or Act of Parliament against it, and saith, it may bee and is suffered in that sense which the holy Ghost useth it, but not to bring prayer for the dead, or any thing contrary to the Scripture under the name of Traditions Apostolike. By which words I meane, that there is no prohibition or edict to the contrary, but if any man will use the word Tradition in translation of the Bible, hee is permitted so to doe, I doe not affirme it is so found. But as if I should say, The Papists in England are suffered to live as becommeth good subjects, I affirme not that they are, or shall bee found so to live. But to omit this foolish quarrell, *Beza* our Master is said to have translated παραδόσεις, the doctrine delivered, putting the singular number for the plurall, and adding (doctrine) of his owne. What an hainous matter here is. The word doctrine is a collective, comprehending many precepts or traditions, and in the next chapter the Apostle useth the same word in the singular number. Againe, 1 *Thess.* 4. *v.* 1. he calleth the same παραγγελίας, precepts or documents, which word signifieth the same that παραδόσεις, witnesse your vulgar Latine Translator, which giues one word for both, *præcepta*, 1 *Cor.* 11. & 1 *Thess.* 4. And that the word doctrine is added to the text, it is a fond cavill: for the word doctrine is contained in παράδοσις, which signifieth a deliverie, but whereof, if not of doctrine? Our Saviour Christ also, *Matth.* 15. *v.* 9. by the testimonie of *Esay*, reproveth the Tradition of the Pharisees, teaching the doctrines, precepts of men, which testimonie of *Esay* could take no hold of them, if Traditions were not doctrines and precepts. So that in this translation of *Beza* (cry out as loud as you can) there is neither fraud nor corruption, malice nor partialitie, but a prudent declining of that tearme, which might give occasion of error, and the Apostles meaning truely and faithfully delivered. To shew that one word may bee diversly translated, especially when it signifieth divers things, to wise men is needlesse. I have said before, you your selves translate, or else you should bee taken for mad men, the Latine word *Tradere* (of which Tradition is derived) sometimes to deliver, sometimes to betray, and yet the Greeke and Latine word being all one in all the said places.

MART. 4. *You they doe elsewhere so gladly use this word Tradition, when it may tend to the discredit thereof, that they put the said word in all their English Bibles, with the likefull consent as before, when it is not in the Greeke at all: As when they translate them*, If yee bee dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, ARE YE LEAD WITH TRADITIONS? *And in another* * *English translation of their it readeth more heretically*, Why are yee burdened with Traditions? *Tell us sincerely, you that professe to have skill in the Greeke, and to translate according to the Greeke, tell us, wee beseech you, whether this Greeke word* δογματίζεσθε *doe signifie Traditions, and* δογματίζεται, *to bee lead or burdened with Traditions. You cannot bee ignorant that it doth not so signifie, but as a little before in the same chapter, and in other places, your selves translate,* δόγματα, ordinances, decrees; *so* τί δογματίζεσθε, *must bee (as in the vulgar Latine it is)* Quid decernitis? *Why doe you* ordaine *or decree? or, why are you lead with* decrees?

Col. 2. 20 τί δογματίζεσθε. Of the yeere 1579. Col. 2. 14. Ephes. 2. 15. δόγματων. τὸ δόγμασιν.

FVLK. 4. It grieveth you that Tradition should bee mentioned so often in the ill part as it is. And it seemeth you would defend the Colossians against S. *Paul*, who reproveth them because they were led with ordinances, according to the precepts and doctrines of men. But you seeme to make light of such Traditions, and therefore you count that the more heretical translation, which saith, why are you burdened with Traditions? Wherefore (I pray you) is that more heretical? Doe you not thinke that such Traditions, as are the commandements and doctrines of men, are burdenous to mens consciences?

ences? But they that haue skill in the Greeke tongue must tell you sincerely, whether this word δόγμα doe signifie tradition, and δογματίζειν to bee lead or burdened with traditions. I answere you, if δόγμα (as you confesse) signifie ordinances and decrees, or doctrines, and the word tradition signifieth the same, why should not δογματίζειν signifie to bee lead or burdened with traditions, as well as with ordinances, customes, or decrees? These words differ much in sound, but not greatly in signification. *Dogmata Pythagoræ*, that might never bee put in writing, what were they but the traditions of *Pythagoras*? Such were the Philosophicall decrees called δόγματα, whereof *Tully* speaketh in his booke *de finibus*, which were *dictata*, taught by word of mouth, which to set foorth, among them was counted an haynous offence: might not those rightly bee called Traditions?

δογματίζειν doth signifie to translate ordinances, & δόγμα tradition, a cleane contrary.

MART. 5. *Iustifie your translation if you can, either out of Scriptures, Fathers, or Lexicon: and make us a good reason why you put the word* traditions *here, where it is not in the Greeke: and would not put it in the places before, where you know it is most evidently in the Greeke. Tea you must tell us, why you translate for tradition,* ordinance; *and contrary for ordinance,* tradition; *fa toruss, why you translate for tradition,* ordinance; *and contrary for ordinance,* tradition; *fa toruss, ping cat in pan (as they say) at your pleasure, and wresting both the one and the other to one end, that you may make the very name of Traditions odious among the people, be they never so authenticall, even from the Apostles; which your conscience knoweth, and you shall answer for it at the dreadfull day.*

FVLK. 5. First out of Scripture I justifie it thus: Those *dogmata* against which the Apostle writeth, were according to the precepts and doctrines of men: but such the Scripture calleth traditions, *Matth.*15. Therefore these were traditions. Secondly, out of the Fathers: *Chrysostome* upon this place saith, *Traditiones Græcorum tuxat*, hee reproveth the traditions of the Greekes, saying all is but a humane doctrine. Second, Saint *Ambrose* upon this text: Loue not the world, saith hee, nor those errours *quos humana adinvenit traditio*, which the tradition of men hath invented. And afterward: *Sagina enim carnalis sensus humana traditio est*: For the tradition of man is the pampering of carnall sense, by which hee saith men are so burdened, that they cannot bee joyned to the head which is aboue. Yet burdening with traditions is called of you the more heretical translation. Say as much to *Ambrose*, that hee maketh an hereticall commentarie. The Interpreter of *Theodoret*, printed at *Collen* 1573. hath translated in the very text, for δόγματα, *traditiones hominum*, traditions of men. You see now this matter is not so void of testimonie of the Fathers, as you supposed. The reason you require us to make, is made often before. Wee thought it not meet to expresse the Greeke word in both places by the same English word, because the English word as it is vsed by you, is not so indifferent to signifie the doctrine of God delivered out of the Scriptures, as to signifie doctrines of men diuised beside the Scriptures. If wee must answer why wee call tradition ordinance, and ordinance tradition; let your vulgar Latine Interpreter answer us, or you for him, why hee calleth tradition precept, and vsage or precept, tradition. The one hee doth, 1 *Cor.* 11. *v.*2. the other *Act.*6. *v.*14. where the Greeke is ἔθη, signifying there precepts or observations commanded, hee translateth *traditiones*, as in the other place the Greeke being ἐντολὰς, hee translateth *præcepta*. If this bee lawfull for him, why should it bee counted corruption or false translation in us? seeing wee are moved with as good reason as can bee yeelded for him. As for authenticall and Apostolicall Traditions, that are grounded upon the doctrine of the Apostles expressed in their writings, wee shall bee ready to receiue them whensoeuer they shall bee brought forth. If they cannot bee proued by the Scriptures, which are written that wee might beleeue, and beleeuing haue eternall life, and which are able to make us wise unto salvation, wee haue nothing to doe with them, wee may well spare them, nay wee dare not admit them, least wee should answer for blasphemie against the holy Scriptures, in that dreadfull day, if by admitting of such traditions, wee should professe, that the doctrine contained in the holy Scriptures is unperfect or insufficient to salvation.

MART. 6. *Somewhat more excusable it is, but yet proceeding of the same heretical humour, and on your part (that should exactly follow the Greeke) falsly translated, when you translate in Saint Peters Epistle thus:* You were not redeemed with corruptible things from your vaine conuersation receiued by the tradition of the Fathers: *where the Greeke is thus rather to bee translated,* from your vaine conversation delivered by the Fathers: *But your fingers itched to foist in the word* tradition, *and for* delivered, *to say* received, *because it is the phrase of the Catholike Church, that it hath* received *many things* by tradition, *which you would bere countenance by likenesse of words in this false translation.* 1 Pet.1.18. ἐκ τῆς ματαίας ὑμῶν ἀναστροφῆς πατροπαραδότου.

FVLK. 6. I marvell why you should count it an hereticall humour, to use the word traditions in the evill part, which the holy Ghost so useth, and your owne vulgar Translator also; but

but that you are more partiall in allowing the traditions of men, then wee in avoiding the name sometimes, onely for doubt that traditions of men should creepe into the place of Gods commandements. But how is it falsly translated on our part, that professe to follow the Greeke, which is truely translated in your vulgar Latine text, which professeth to translate the Greeke, as well as wee? belike because wee say, received by the tradition of the fathers, which according to the Greeke should bee, delivered by the fathers, but that our fingers itched to foyst in the word tradition. What I pray you? hath your vulgar translator foysted in that word? did his fingers itch against such Catholike phrases, that hee would controule them by a false translation? doe you not perceiue that while you raile upon us, you revile your owne vulgar Latine translation, which hath the same word tradition, for which you storme against us? But for, *delivered*, wee haue said, *received*. See whither frowardnesse driveth you, the Apostle saith, they were delivered from the vaine conversation of their fathers tradition. Doe you then understand, that it was delivered by the fathers, but not received by their sonnes? Certainely they were delivered from that vaine conversation which they had received. For receiving doth necessarily import delivering. And because you called for a Lexicon in the next Section before, *Scapula* will teach you, that παράδοσις doth signifie, as indifferently, *à patre, traditus*, as *a patre acceptus*, delivered by the father, and received by the father. What wrangling then is this, about the Moone shine in the water, to cry out false translation, foysting, itching fingers, and I know not what?

MART. 7. *But concerning the word* tradition, *you will say perhaps the sense thereof is included in the Greeke word*, delivered. *Wee grant. But would you bee content, if wee should alwayes expressly adde*, tradition, *where it is so included? then should wee say* 1 Cor.11.2. I pray you that as I haue delivered you (*by tradition*) you keepe my precepts *or* traditions. *And againe* v.23. *Tradidi.* For I received of our Lord, which also I delivered unto you (*by tradition*) *&c. And* Luc.1.v. 2. As they (*by tradition*) delivered unto us, which from the beginning saw &c. *And such like, by your example, wee should translate in this sort. But wee use not this licentious manner in translating holy Scriptures, neither is it a translators part, but an interpreters, and his that maketh a commentarie: neither doth a good cause needs other translation than the expresse text of the Scripture giveth.*

FVLK. 7. Wee will say it is contained in the Greeke word παράδοσις which signifieth received by tradition or deliverie from the Fathers, and not in the verbe παραδίδωμι which signifieth otherwise many times, than simply to deliver, and when it signifieth to deliver, it doth not alway signifie to deliver by word of mouth, without writing, as you understand tradition: but as well by writing, as by preaching. As when S. *Paul* saith, I received of the Lord, that which I delivered unto you, speaking of the institution of the Supper, hee meaneth that which the Evangelists had written, and hee himselfe doth write. So 2 *Thess.*2. when hee willeth them to hold the traditions; which they had learned of him, hee speaketh not onely of such as they learned by his preaching: but such also as they learned by his Epistles. Wherefore if you should expressly adde the word tradition in your partiall signification, whersoeuer you finde the word delivered, you should not onely translate ridiculously, but also heretically and falsly. Words in derivation and composition, doe not alwayes signifie according to their primitive.

MART. 8. *And if you will yet say, that our vulgar Latine translation hath here the word,* tradition: *wee grant it hath se, and therefore wee also translate accordingly. But you professe to translate the Greeke, and not the vulgar Latine, which you in England condemne as Papisticall, and* [2] *say as of the worst of all, though* [*] Beza *your Master pronounce it to bee the very best: and will you notwithstanding follow the said vulgar Latine, rather than the Greeke, to make traditions odious? Yea such is your partialitie one way, and inconstancie another way, that for your heretical purpose you are content to follow the old Latine translation, though it differ from the Greeke, and againe another time you will not follow it, though it bee all one with the Greeke most exactly, as in the place before alledged, where the vulgar Latine translation hath nothing of tradition, but* Quid decernitis, *as it is in the Greeke: you translate,* Why are yee burdened with traditions? Discovery of the Rocke. pag.147 [2] fol. in margine Test.1556. Col.2.20.

FVLK. 8. You may bee sure wee will say, that wee know to bee true, and sufficient to discharge our translation from your foolish and malicious quarrelling. But wee professe (you say) to translate the Greeke, and not the vulgar Latine. And I pray you, what doth your vulgar Latine Interpreter professe to translate, but the Greeke? If hee then translating out of Greeke, could finde tradition in the Greeke word, why should not wee finde the same, especially being admonished by him: who if hee translated truely, why are wee blamed for doing as hee did: if his translation bee false, why is it allowed as the onely authenticall text. Wee follow not therefore the Latine translation, but joyne with it whersoeuer it

followeth the Greeke, as wee doe in ten thousand places more than this, and willingly depart not from it, but where it departeth from the Greeke, or else useth such words as would bee offensiue, if they were translated into English, or occasion of errour, as you doe likewise, when you depart from the proper and usuall signification of words, which your Latine translator useth: as when you call *fenerator*, a creditor, which signifieth an Vsurer, *Luk.* 7. *Stabulum*, an Inne, and *stabularius*, an host, *Luc.* 10. *Vna Sabathi*, the first of the Sabbaoth, *Iohn* 2. *Ecclesia*, the assembly, *Act.* 7. *Baptismata*, washings, *Marc.* 7. and such like. But wee in *England* (you say) condemne the Latine translation, as papisticall. Wee accuse it as not true, in many places, and wee say it is the worst of all, though *Beza*, our Master, pronounce it to bee the very best. This toucheth mee somewhat, for in the margent is noted Discoverie of the Rocke, *pag.* 147. where in deede speaking of the Hebrew text, of the old Testament, and the Greeke of the new, the Greeke translation of the Septuaginta, and the common Latine translation, I say the Tridentine Councell alloweth none for authenticall but the common Latine translation, that is, the worst of all. Now what saith *Beza* contrary to this? speaking of the divers Latine translations of the new Testament onely, hee saith of the vulgar Latine, that hee followeth it for the most part, and preferreth it before all the rest, *maxima ex parte amplector & cæteris omnibus antepono*. So that I speake of the whole Bible, *Beza* of the new Testament onely. I speake of the vulgar Latine text, in comparison of the originall Hebrew and Greeke, and the Septuagintaes translation: *Beza* of the Latine translation of the new Testament, in comparison of all other Latine translations, that were before him, as *Erasmus*, *Castallion*, and such like. According to your olde manner therefore, you rehearse out of my writings, either falsifying the words, or perverting the meaning. These things considered, you haue no cause to accuse us of partialitie and inconstancie, for following, or leaving your Latine text, which wee never did but upon good ground, and reason sufficient.

Mart. 9. *So that a blinde man may see, you frame your translations to bolster your errours and heresies, without all respect of following sincerely either the Greeke or the Latine. But for the Latine no marvell, the Greeke at the least, why doe you not follow? Is it the Greeke that inclineth you to say ordinances for traditions, traditions for decrees, ordinances for iustifications, Elder for Priest, grane for hell, image for idoll? tell us before God, and in your conscience, whether it be, because you will exactly follow the Greeke: say tell us truely, and shame the Devill, whether the Greeke words doe not sound, and signifie most properly that, which you of purpose will not translate, for disadvantaging your heresies? And first let us see concerning the question of Images.*

Fvlk. 9. A blinde man may see, that you cavill, and slaunder, quarrell and raile, without respect either of conscience towards God, or honesty toward the world: in so much, that most commonly, you forget the credit of your owne vulgar Latine translation, so you may haue a colour to finde fault with ours. And yet againe you aske, whether it be the Greeke, which inclineth us to say, for ἀγγελους ordinances, and for δογματα, traditions, &c. I tell you, the Greeke alloweth us so to say, which is sufficient, when other godly causes moue us beside, so to translate. Is it the Latine that inclineth you to say, for an Vsurer, a Creditor: for a stable, an Inne? for, what was done, what was chaunced: for, fastening to, crucifying: for, bee you saued, saue your selues: for creature, creation: for, confessed, promised: for a boate, a shippe: for a shippe, a boate: for singing, piping: for hay, grasse: for refection, refectorie: for foolishnesse, madnesse: for an image, an Idoll, &c. I blame not all these as false translations, yet every man may see, they are neither usuall, nor proper: yet as for some of these (though not for all) I know you may giue good reason, so may wee, for any shew of alteration, or departing from the usuall signification of the Greeke word, that you are able to alledge against us.

ἀγγελους. δογματα. διαταγματα. ἐπισβύτερος. ἐ. διος. ἐ. δολον.

Fenerator. Stabulum. Quod factum. Act. 5. Affligeates, act. 2. Saluamini, act. 7. Confessu, act. 7 Naviculo, luc. 5. Navis marc. 4. Cethinum, mat. 11. Fanum, mat. 14. Refectio, mar 14. Inspicitia, luc. 6. Simulachrum.

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Chap. III.

Hereticall translation against sacred IMAGES.

Beseech you, what is the next and readiest, and most proper English of Idolum, idololatra, idololatria? *is it not* idoll, Idolater, Idolatrie? *are not these plaine English words, and well knowen in our language? Why sought you further for obscurenesse and words, if you had meant faithfully? What needed that circumstance of three words for one, Worshipper of Images, and worshipping of Images? whether (I pray) is the more naturall and conuenient speech, either in our English tongue, or for the truth of the thing, to say as the holy Scripture doth,* Couetousnesse is Idolatrie, *and consequently,* The couetous man is an Idolater: *or as you translate,* Couetousnesse is worshipping of Images, *and,* The couetous man is a worshipper of images.

Ephes. 5. Col. 3.

FVLKE.

IF you aske for the readiest and most proper English of these words, I must needes answere you, an image, a worshipper of images, and worshipping of images, as we haue sometimes translated. The other, that you would haue, Idoll, Idolater, and idolatrie, bee rather Greekish than English words: which though they bee vsed of many English men, yet are they not understood of all, as the other bee. And therefore I say, the more naturall, and conuenient speech for our English tongue, and as conuenient for the truth of the thing it is to say, couetousnesse is the worshipping of images, and the couetous man is a worshipper of images: as to say couetousnesse is idolatrie, and the couetous man is an Idolater, as I haue proued before. Seeing *Idolum* by your owne interpreter is called *Simulachrum*, and *Simulachrum* signifieth as much as *Imago* an Image, *Cap.* 1. *numb.* 5.

Mart. 2. *Wee say commonly in English, Such a rich man maketh his money his God: and the Apostle saith in like manner of some,* Whose belly is their God, Phil. 3. *and generally every creature is our idoll, when wee esteeme it so exceedingly that wee make it our God. But who euer heard in English, that our money, or belly, were our images, and that by esteeming of them too much, we become worshippers of Images? Among your selues are there not some euen of your Superintendents, of whom the Apostle speaketh, that make an idoll of their money and belly, by couetousnes and belly cheere? Yet can wee not call you therefore in any true sense,* worshippers of images, *neither would you abide it. You see then that there is a great difference betwixt Idoll & image, idolatrie and worshipping of images: and euen so great difference is there betwixt Saint Pauls words and your translation.*

The absurdity of this translation, A couetous man is a worshipper of images.

Fvlk. 2. Before you can shew that absurditie of this translation, a couetous man is a worshipper of images, you must defend your owne vulgar Latine translation, which calleth *idololatria, simulachrorum seruitus*, which I haue proued to signifie the serving or worshipping of images, *cap.* 1. *numb.* 5. Now to our English phrase, a rich man maketh his money his God, a Glutton his belly, and so of other Creatures honoured aboue measure. I say the worshipping of Images may bee after two sorts, either when they are worshipped as gods, (as among the grosser sort of the Gentiles and Papists) and then it is against the first commaundement, *Thou shalt haue none other gods but mee*: or else when men pretend to worshippe God by them, as the Israelites did in the Calfe, *Exod.* 32. and in *Ieroboams* calues, and in the brazen Serpent, as the wiser sort of the Gentiles and Papists pretend to doe in worshipping their images: and then it is a sinne against the second commaundement. *Thou shalt make to thy selfe no graven images, Thou shalt not fall downe to them nor worship them.* By similitude therefore of them that trusted in images as their gods, and so honoured them, which were not able to helpe them, the Apostle calleth the couetous man a worshipper of images, and couetousnesse worshipping of images: and not properly: but because their money is the same occasion of departing from God, that the images was to the worshipper of them. So if we will speake unproperly

unproperly, as the Apoſtle ſaith, their bellie is their God, wee may ſay, it is their Idoll, or their image, which they worſhippe as God: not that the bellie, or any ſuch thing is God, or an idoll, or an image properly, but that it is ſo tearmed, for that to ſuch vile creatures, is given that divine honour, which is due to God: but by worſhippers of idols, and images, is given to idols or images. I confeſſe the uſe of the Engliſh tongue, in theſe ſpeeches, is rather to call them idols, than images, and to extend the name idoll (which is alwayes taken in the evill part) to that which the word image cannot ſo aptly ſignifie: yet in truth of the thing there is no difference betweene idoll and image: worſhipping of idols, and worſhipping of images, whether you ſpeake of ſuch as bee idols and images properly called, or of ſuch as bee onely by ſimilitude, figuratively ſo named. If any of our Superintendents bee ſuch as your ſpeake of, I wiſh them amended or elſe removed. For my part I know none to bee ſuch, although I wiſh to the beſt encreaſe of Gods grace, to deſpiſe the world, and to bee more earnest in ſetting foorth Gods glory. As for the great difference you ſpeake of, betwixt Saint *Pauls* words, and our tranſlation, I ſee none as yet.

MART.3. *Will you ſee more yet to this purpoſe? In the Engliſh Bible printed in the yeere 1562. you reade thus:* How agreeth the Temple of God with images? *Can we be ignorant of Satans cogitations herein, that it was tranſlated of purpoſe to deſcide the ſimple people and to make them beleeve that the Apoſtle ſpeaketh againſt ſacred images in the Churches, which were then in plucking downe in* England, *when this your tranſlation was firſt publiſhed in print? Whereas in very truth you know, that the Apoſtle here partly interpreteth himſelfe to ſpeake of men, as of Gods Temples wherein he dwelleth, partly alludeth to* Salomons *Temple, which did very well agree with images (for it had the Cherubins, which were the repreſentations of Angels, and the figures of Oxen to beare up the lavatorie) but with idols it could not agree; and therefore the Apoſtles words are theſe,* How agreeth the Temple of God with idols? 2 Cor.6.

Salomons Temple did well agree with images, but not with idols.

FVLK. 3. Wee had need to ſee more, before wee bee convicted of corruption: for hitherto wee haue ſeene nothing, but a fooliſh cavill, grounded upon the common uſe of the word idoll in Engliſh, in which ſpeech it is taken onely for unlawfull images, although in the Greeke it ſignifieth as generally, as *Imago* in Latine, and by *Tully* himſelfe is uſed for the ſame. But in the Engliſh Bible printed 1562. we reade thus 2 *Cor.6.* How agreeth the Temple of God with images? Here you cannot bee ignorant of Satans cogitations, that it was tranſlated of purpoſe to make the ſimple people beleeve, that the Apoſtle ſpeaketh againſt ſacred images in Churches, which were then in plucking downe in *England* when this tranſlation was firſt publiſhed in print. You are ſo cunning in Satans cogitations, that hee hath inſpired into you a manifeſt vntruth: for this text was ſo tranſlated, and printed neere 30. yeeres before 1562. in King *Henry* the eights time, when images were not in plucking downe. And when it was printed againe 1562. which was the fifth yeere of her Maieſties reigne (God bee thanked) there was no neede to plucke downe images out of Churches, which were plucke downe in the firſt and ſecond yeeres of her reigne. Wherefore that purpoſe is vainely imagined of you, for the Tranſlatours purpoſe was the ſame that the Apoſtles, to ſhew that the religion of God, hath nothing to doe with images, made by mans deviſe, to honour them as Gods, or to honour God by them. And where you ſay that the Apoſtle alludeth to *Salomons* temple, which did well agree with images, but not with idols; I anſwere you, *Salomons* temple did not agree with images made by the deviſe of man, to honour God by them, or in them. For the Cherubins were not of mans deviſe: but of Gods commandement: the Oxen to hold up the lavatory, the pomegranats, and other ornaments, were not for any uſe of religion to worſhippe God in them, or by them, but for vſe and garniſhing of the houſe appointed by God in his law, and by direction of his ſpirit in *Salomon*. For the commandement, *Thou ſhalt not make to thy ſelfe*, is no reſtraint unto God, but unto men of their owne braine, or private intent, to make images to ſerue in religion. Therefore the Apoſtle ſpeaking of ſuch images as were forbidden by Gods law, is not otherwiſe to bee vnderſtood, and no more is our tranſlation.

MART.4. *When* Moſes *by Gods appointment erected a brazen Serpent, and commanded the people that were ſtung with the ſerpent, to behold it, and therby they were healed: this was an image only, and as an image was it erected and kept and uſed by Gods commandement. But when it grew to bee an idoll (ſaith S.* Auguſtine) *that is, when the people began to adore it as God, then king* Ezechias *brake it in peeces to the great commendation of his pietie and godly zeale. So when the children of* Iſrael *in the abſence of* Moſes *made a calfe, and ſaid,* Theſe are thy Gods ô Iſrael that brought thee out of Egypt, *was it but an Image which they made? was that ſo haynous a matter, that God would ſo haue puniſhed them as he did? No they made it an idoll alſo ſaying,* Theſe are ethy Gods ô Iſrael. *And therefore the Apoſtle ſaith to the Corinthians,* Bee not idolaters, as-

μὴ τὰ εἰδωλα. The braſen ſerpent, firſt an image, and lawfull: afterward an idoll, & vnlawfull. *Numb.21. Lib.10. de Ciuit.c.8.* 4.Reg.18. Exod 32. The molten calfe, an idoll. 1 Cor.10. εἰδωλολάτραι.

ſome of them: *which alſo you tranſlate moſt falſly,* Bee not worſhippers of Images, as ſome of them.

FVLK.4. The braſen ſerpent firſt and laſt was an image, holy when it was commanded by God to bee made as a ſacrament of our redemption by Chriſt, lawfull when it was reſerved onely for memory of that excellent miracle; unlawfull, curſed, and abominable, when it was worſhipped, and therefore juſtly broken in peeces by the godly King *Ezechias*. You cite *Auguſtine* as it pleaſeth you, to follow your owne text: *Quem ſanè ſerpentem propter ſalutis memoriam reſervatum, cum peſtes populum errans, tanquam idolum colerent, peſtes, Ezechias, &c.* Which ſerpent truely being reſerved for the memory of the fact, when afterward the people going aſtray, began to worſhip as an Idoll, *Ezechias* the King ſerving God with religious power, with great praiſe of his pietie, brake it in peeces. Here it is certaine, that *Auguſtine* (as moſt Eccleſiaſticall writers) uſeth the word *Idolum* for an image abuſed. But that the people began to adore it as God, hee ſaith not, for they onely worſhipped God by it, falſly indeed, and ſuperſtitiouſly, but yet not beleeving that image to bee God himſelfe, but a holy repreſentation of his power, which was ſhewed by it in the dayes of *Moſes*. That *Ezechias* by religious or Eccleſiaſticall power and authoritie, did put downe idolatrie, you paſſe it by, as though you ſaw it not in Saint *Auguſtine*. But you bring another example, to proue that images, except they bee worſhipped as gods, bee no Idols. In truth, ſeeing all religious worſhip is due onely to God, although the Idolaters intend not to worſhip their images as Gods, yet by worſhipping of them, they make unto themſelues Gods of them, and ſo offend both againſt the firſt and ſecond commandements. Yet how proue you, that the Iſraelites made a God of their Calfe? Becauſe they ſaid, Theſe are thy gods, O *Iſrael*, that brought thee out of the land of *Aegypt*. But even by that ſame ſpeech it is manifeſt, that they worſhipped not the Calfe, as beleeving it to bee God; but contrariwiſe proteſted thereby, that they meaned not to change their God, but to worſhip the ſame God which brought them out of the land of *Egypt*, by that image, which they could not bee ignorant that it was made but yeſterday, of their earings, and therefore could not thinke it was the ſame God that brought them out of the land of *Egypt*, but that they would worſhip God by that viſible ſhape which they ſaw before them. And *Aaron* by his proclamation confirmeth the ſame: To morrow (ſaith hee) ſhall bee holy day to *Iehoua*, that is, to the onely true God, whom they diſhonoured, pretending to worſhip him by that image. So hainous a thing it is, to make images to repreſent God, and worſhip them for his honour, although the worſhipper doe not beleeve them to be Gods. Therefore where wee haue in ſome tranſlations, 1 *Cor.* 10. called thoſe Idolaters worſhippers of Images, wee haue not erred: for an Image it was they worſhipped, thinking to worſhip God thereby. But if either Image, or Idoll, worſhippers of Images, or Idolaters, would pleaſe you, wee haue both in our tranſlations, the one expreſſing what wee meane by the other, that theſe cavillations were needleſſe, but that malice againſt the truth inceneth you to picke quarrels, and that tranſlation which uſeth the tearmes of Idols and Idolaters, was then in printing at *Geneua*, when Images were in pulling downe in *England*, namely the firſt and ſecond yeeres of the Queenes raigne, being finiſhed the 10. of *April* 1560. which notably confuteth the fond purpoſe that you ſlaunder our Tranſlators to haue had.

MART.5. *Wee ſee then that the Iewes had Images without ſinne, but not idols: Againe, for having idols, they were accounted like unto the Gentiles, as the Pſalme ſaith,* They learned their workes, and ſerved their graven idols. *But they were not accounted like unto the Gentiles for having images, which they had in* Salomons *Temple, and in the braſen ſerpent.* S. *Hieronme writeth of the Ammonites and Moabites (who were Gentiles and Idolaters) that comming into the Temple of* Hieruſalem, *and ſeeing the Angelicall images of the Cherubins covering the Propitiatorie, they ſayd, Lo, even as the Gentiles, ſo Iuda alſo hath idols of their Religion. Theſe men did put no difference betweene their owne idols, and the Iewes lawfull Images. And are you not aſhamed to bee like to theſe? They accuſed* Salomons *Temple of idols, becauſe they ſaw their lawfull images: you accuſe the Churches of God of idolatrie, becauſe you ſee there the ſacred images of Chriſt and his Saints.* Pſalm.105. In c.25. Eſech. The Proteſtants are like to the Ammonites and Moabites.

FVLK.5. Wee know that the Iewes had images without ſinne, and ſo haue wee: but to haue images in any uſe of religion, without Gods expreſſe commandement, neither is it lawfull for them nor us, becauſe wee haue a generall commandement to the contrary. They were accounted like the Gentiles therefore, for having images contrary to Gods commandement, of their owne appointment, and worſhipping them; not for having images appointed by God, which yet it was not lawfull for them to vworſhip. But the Proteſtants (you ſay) are like to the Ammonites and Moabites, of whom S. *Hieronme* writeth, that comming intothe Temple, and ſeeing the Cherubins covering the Propitia-

In Ezech.c.25.

torie,

torie, they said, Loe, even as the Gentiles, so *Iuda* also hath idols of their religion; as we accuse the Church of God of idolatrie, because we see there the sacred images of Christ and his Saints.

This that you say Saint *Hierome* writeth, hee onely reporteth it, as a ridiculous fable of the Iewes. *Ridiculam verò in hoc loco Hebræi narrant fabulam:* The Hebrewes in this place tell a ridiculous fable. But fables are good enough to bolster false accusations. Secondly, hee reporteth them to say, *Sicut cunctæ gentes colunt simulachra, ita & Iuda habet suæ religionis Idola:* As all nations worship images, so hath *Iuda* also idols of their religion. By which words you see, that hee calleth images and idols the same things. For *simulachrum* to bee taken as largely as *imago*, I haue proued before, insomuch that man is called *simulachrum Dei*, the image, not the idoll of God, as idoll is taken in the evill part. But neither are you like to *Iuda*, nor wee to *Ammon* and *Moab* in this case: for *Iuda* had Gods commandement to warrant their images, so haue not you, but his commandement against your images. Againe *Moab* and *Ammon* (if the tale were true) had idolatrous images of their owne, so haue not wee.

MART. 6. *But tell us yet (I pray you) doe the holy Scriptures of either Testament speake of all manner of images, or rather of the idols of the Gentiles? Your conscience knoweth that they speake directly against these idols, and the idolatrie that was among the Pagans and Infidels from the which as the Iewes in the old Testament, so the first Christians in the new Testament were to bee prohibited. But will you haue a demonstration that your owne conscience condemneth you herein, and that you apply all translation to your heresie? What caused you, being otherwise in all places so ready to translate* images, *yet* Esay 31. *and* Zachar. 13. *to translate* idols *in all your Bibles with full consent? Why in these places specially, and so aduisedly? No doubt because God saith there, speaking of this time in the new Testament,* In that day every man shall cast out his idols of siluer and idols of gold: *And,* I will destroy the names of the idols out of the earth, so that they shall no more bee had in remembrance. *In which places if you had translated* images, *you had made the prophecie false, because images haue not beene destroyed out of the world, but are and haue beene in Christian Countries with honour and reuerence, euen since Christs time. Marry in the idols of the Gentiles we see it verified, which are destroyed in all the world so farre as Gentilitie is conuerted to Christ.*

The holy Scripture speaketh against the idols of the Gentiles, not against all manner of images.

FVLK. 6. Verily the commandement of God, being a commandement of the first Table, unto which whatsoever is said in the Scriptures of images, or the worship of them forbidden, must bee referred, speaking generally of all manner images, made by the deuice of man, for any use of religion, whether they bee of Iewes, Pagans, or false Christians. But we are offered a demonstration, that our owne conscience condemneth us herein, and that wee apply all translation to our heresie; and that is this: in *Esay* 31. and Zachar. 13. with one consent all translate Idols, because God speaketh of the time of the new Testament, where if they had translated Images, they had made the prophecie false, because Images in Christian Countries are with honour, but Idols of the Gentiles are destroyed out of the world so farre as Gentilitie is converted to Christ. A goodly demonstration I promise you. That the Translators had no such respect, it is plaine, for that they doe not understand the 31. of *Esay* of the time of Christ, but of the reformation made by *Ezechias*. But in *Esay* 44. which is a manifest prophecie of the Church of Christ, they all use the word Image. Also *Mich.* 5. and in divers other places, where the destruction of Idolatrie is prophesied, by the religion of Christ, which is verified onely in true Christians: for otherwise both the Idolatrie of Pagans, and of false Christians, hath remained in many places, and yet remaineth to this day.

MART. 7. *And what were the Pagans idols, or their idolatrie? S.* Paul *telleth us, saying,* They changed the glory of the incorruptible God, into the similitude of the image of a corruptible man, and of birds and beasts, and creeping things, and they served (or worshipped) the creature more then the Creator. *Doth hee charge them for making the image of man or beast? Your selues haue hangings and clothes full of such paintings and embroderings of imagerie. Wherewith then are they charged? With giving the glory of God to such creatures, which was to make them Idols, and themselues Idolaters.*

Rom. 1. What were the Idols of the Pagans.

FVLK. 7. That the Pagans changed the glory of God into the similitude of the image of man, &c. it was the extremitie of their madnesse; but that they made images of man or beast, if you will not confesse, that *Iupiter, Mars, &c.* were men. *Isis* a cow or beast, yet remember that they made images of their Emperours, and committed idolatrie to them, otherwise to make images out of religion, was not the offence of idolatrie in them, nor us, that haue them in hangings and paintings, and other lawfull images.

MART. 8. *The case being thus, why doe you make it two distinct things in S.* Paul, *calling the Pagans, Idolaters; and the Christians doing the same, Worshippers of Images; and that in one sentence, whereas*

1 Cor 5. *Bib.* 1562.

whereas the Apostle vseth but one and the selfe same Greeke word in speaking both of Pagans and Christians: It is a maruellous and wilfull corruption, and well to bee marked, that there are i will you downe the words of the sentence, as it is in your English translation: I wrote to you, that you should not company with fornicators; and I meant not at all of the fornicators of this world, either of the couetous, or extortioners, either * *the idolaters, &c.* But that yee company not together, if any that is called a brother, bee a fornicator, or couetous, or + A WORSHIPPER OF IMAGES, or an extortioner. *In the first speaking of Pagans, your Translator nameth* idolater, *according to the text; but in the latter part speaking of Christians, you translate the very selfe same Greeke word,* worshipper of images. *Why so? Forsooth to make the Reader thinke that S.* Paul *speaketh here not only of Pagan Idolaters, but also of Catholike Christians, that reuerently kneele in prayer before the Crosse, the holy Rode, the images of our Sauiour Christ and his Saints; as though the Apostle had commanded such to bee auoyded.*

* εἰδωλολάτρης.
+ εἰδωλολάτρης.

FVLK. 8 The reason is, because wee count Idolators and worshippers of Images to bee all one. But it is a marvellous wilfull corruption, that in one sentence, 1 *Cor.* 5. wee call the Pagans idolaters, and the Christians worshippers of Images, and yet the same Greeke word in both. If this were a fault, it were but of one translation of the three, for the Geneua Bible hath Idolater in both, the other worshipper of Idols in the latter place. And wee thinke the latter to bee understood of idolatrous Papists, which worship Idols made with hands of men, as Crosses, Roodes, and other Images, to as great dishonour of God, and danger of their soules as Pagans did. So that if it had beene worshippers of Images in both, the translation had not beene amisse.

MART. 9. *Where if you haue yet the face to deny this your malitious and heretical intent, tell us why all these other words are translated and repeated alike in both places,* couetous, fornicators, extortioners, *both Pagans and Christians; and onely this word* (Idolatres) *not so, but Pagans, Idolaters, and Christians, worshippers of Images. At the least you cannot deny but it was of purpose done, to make both seeme all one, yea and to signifie that the Christians doing the foresaid reuerence before sacred Images (which you call worshipping of Images) are more to bee auoyded then the Pagan Idolaters: whereas the Apostle speaking of Pagans and Christians that committed one and the selfe same haynous sinne whatsoeuer, commaundeth the Christian in that case to be auoyded for his amendment, leauing the Pagan to himselfe and to God, as hauing not to doe to iudge of him.*

FVLK. 9. I thinke the cause was, that Christians might understand who was an Idolater, and what the word Idolater signifieth, which was used in the former part of the sentence. And if the Translators purpose was by this explication, to diswade the Readers from worshipping of Popish Images, I see not what cause hee hath to bee ashamed thereof, seeing the Greeke word signifieth as much as he saith; not as though Idols were proper only to the Gentiles and Images to Christians, for in other places hee useth the name of Images, speaking both of the Pagans, and the Christians, 1 *Cor.* 8. Although for my part I could wish he had used one word in both places, and either called them both Idolaters, or both worshippers of Images.

MART. 10. *But to this the answer belike will bee made, as one of them hath already answered in the like case, that in the English Bible appointed to bee read in their Churches, it is otherwise, and euen as wee would haue it corrected: and therefore (saith hee) it had beene good before we entred into such hainous accusations, to haue examined our grounds that they had beene true. As though we accuse them not truely of false translation, vnlesse it bee false in that one Bible which for the present is read in their Churches: or as though it pertained not to them how their other English Bibles be translated: or as though the people read not all indifferently without prohibition, and may bee abused by euery one of them: or as though the Bible which now is read (as wee thinke) in their Churches, haue not the like absurd translations, yea more absurd, euen in this matter of Images, as is before declared: or as though wee must first learne what English translation is read in their Church (which were hard to know, it changeth so oft) before wee may be bold to accuse them of false translation: or as though it were not the same Bible that was for many yeeres read in their Churches, and is yet in euery mans hands, which hath this absurd translation whereof wee haue last spoken.*

W. Fulke, Confut. of Iohn Howlet, f. 35.

Bib. 1577. Col. 3. 5.

FVLK. 10. Mine answer was framed to *Howlets* reason, who would proue that our seruice was naught, because the Scriptures were therein read in false and shamelesse translations: example of which hee bringeth, 1 *Iohn* 5. Children keepe your selues from Images: To whom mine answer was apt, when I said, In the Bible appointed to bee read in the seruice it is otherwise, and as hee himselfe saith it ought to bee; which answer as though it were made to the generall accusation of our translations, you with many suppositings, as though this, as though that, would make it seeme to bee vnsufficient, whereas to *Howlets* cauill

cavill, it was not onely sufficient, but also proper. And therefore this is a vaine suppositall, *As though wee accuse them not truely of false translation, unlesse it bee false in that one Bible which for the present is read in their Church*: for we grant you not the other to be false, because this is true, and so are all the rest. *As though it pertained nos to them how their other English Bibles be translated.* It pertaineth so farre, that if there were a fault in the former, wee have amended it in the later. But in the text, for which I answered, I acknowledge yet no fault, neither is that mine onely answer, for I proue that Image, and idoll with the Apostle signifieth the same thing. *Or as though the people reade not all without prohibition, and may bee abused by every one of them.* There is no such false translation in any of them, that the people can bee abused thereby, to run into heresie. Yet againe: *Or as though the Bible which now is read (as wee thinke) haue not the like absurd translation, yea more absurd, euen in this matter of Images, as is declared before.* As though you haue proved whatsoever you prate of. Once againe: *Or as though wee must first learne what English translation is read in their Church (which were hard to know, it changeth so often) before wee may bee bold to accuse them of false translation.* If you will accuse that translation which is read in our Church, as *Howlet* doth, reason would you should first learne which it is, and that is no hard matter, seeing there was never more appointed than two, as oft as you say wee change. *Or* (at last) *as though it were not the same Bible that was for many yeeres read in their Churches, and is yet in every mans hands, which hath this absurd translation, whereof wee last spake.* As though I could prophesie, when I answered *Howlet*, for the Bible appointed to bee read in the Church, in 1 *Iohn* 5. that you would finde fault with another text in that translation, that sometime was read in the Church, and yet is in many mens hands: which although it bee well altered in that point which you quarrell at, in the two latter translations, yet I see no absurditie in the first, which for one Greeke word giveth two English words, both of one signification, yea and the latter being plainer, explicating the former, which to English eares is more obscure, and lesse understood.

MART. 11. *Surely the Bible that wee must accuse, not onely in this point, but for sundry other most grosse faults and hereticall translations spoken of in other places, is that Bible which was authorized by* Cranmer *their Archbishop of* Canterburie, *and read all King* Edwards *time in their Churches, and (as it seemeth by the late printing thereof againe,* Anno 1562.) *a great part of this Queenes raigne. And certaine it is, that it was so long read in all their Churches, with this venomous and corrupt translation of images, alwayes in stead of idols; that it made the deceyued people of their sect to despise, contemne, and abandon the very signe and image of their saluation, the crosse of Christ, the holy Rode, or Crucifix, representing the manner of his bitter passion and death, the sacred images of the blessed Virgin* Mary, *the mother of God, and of Saint* Iohn *Euangelist, representing their standing by the Crosse, at the very time of his passion. Insomuch that now by experience wee see the foule inconuenience thereof, to wit, that all other images and pictures of infamous harlots, and heretikes, of heathen tyrants, and persecutors, are lawfull in* England *at this day, and their houses, parlours, and chambers, are garnished with them: onely sacred images, and representations of the holy mysterie of our redemption, are esteemed idolatrous, and haue beene openly defaced in most spightfull manner, and burned, to the great dishonour of our Saviour Christ and his Saints.*" Bib.1562. Ioh.19.v.26.

FVLK. 11. That Bible perhaps you mislike more than the other translations, because Archbishop *Cranmer* allowed it by his authoritie. But howsoever it bee, (as I thinke there bee more imperfections in it than in the other) it is not your accusation, without due and substantiall proofe, that can make it lesse esteemed with any indifferent or wise man. If it haue caused the people to contemne and abandon all Popish Idols, there is cause that wee should give God thankes for it. Albeit not the translation onely, but preaching of the Gospell, and Christ crucified especially, by which Christ hath beene truely and liuely painted forth unto them, and euen crucified among them, hath made them contemne, yea and abhorre all carnall and humane deuices of the image of our saluation, or representation of his passion, by vaine and dead images, to bee any helpes of faith, religion, or the worship of God. Where you say it is seene by experience, that all other images of infamous harlots, and heretickes, of heathen Tyrants, and persecutors, are lawfull in *England*, to garnish houses, when sacred images are esteemed idolatrous, defaced, and burned; I know not well your meaning: for if you haue any true images of the Patriarkes, Prophets, Apostles, or other holy persons, I thinke they bee as lawfull to garnish private houses, as the other you speake of. Yea the stories of the whole Bible painted, both of the old Testament, and the new, are not forbidden, but in many places used. Provided alwayes, that in the places appointed for the publike service of God, such things are not lawfull, for danger of idolatrie, not in private places to bee abused, as they are of Papists, but rather, though they were as ancient, and as goodly monuments as the brasen serpent was,

was, which no images at this day, can bee, it is to the great honour of God, that they should bee despised, defaced, burned, and stamped to powder, as that was, which sometime was erected by the commandement of God, by which not onely great miracles were wrought, but the wonderfull mysterie of our saluation through faith in Christ, was prefigured.

MART. 12. *And concerning the Bible, that at this day is read in their Churches, if it be that of the yeere 1587. it is worse sometime in this matter of images then the other. For where the other readeth,* Couetousnesse, *which is worshipping of Idols: there this later (whereunto they appeale) readeth thus,* Couetousnesse, *which is worshipping of images: And Ephes.* 5. *it readeth as absurdly as the other,* A couetous man, *which is a worshipper of images. Loe, this is the English Bible, which they referre us unto, as better translated, and as correcting the faults of the former. But because it is euident by these places, that this also is partly worse, and partly as ill as the other, therefore this great confuter of Master* Iohn Howlet, *fleeth once more to the Geneua English Bible, saying.* Thus wee reade, *and* so we translate: *to wit,* a couetous person, which is an Idolater. *Where shall wee haue these good fellowes, and how shall wee bee sure that they will stand to any of their translations? from the first read in their Churches, they flee to that that is now read, and from this againe, to the later Geneua English Bibles, neither read in their Churches (as wee suppose) nor of greatest authoritie among them: and wee doubt not but they will as fast flee from this, to the former again, when this shall be proued in some places more false and absurd, than the other.* Col. W. Fur. fol. 33. Fol. 36. Bib. 1579.

FVLK. 12. It pleaseth you worse perhaps, that lesse fauoureth your pelting distinction of images, and idols, but it is never the worse to bee liked of them, that are wise and learned, which know that εἰκὼν, and εἰδώλον, in Greeke, doe signifie the same thing, which you cannot deny. And where you say, in your scornefull mood, loe, this is the Bible, which they referre us unto, as better translated and as correcting the faults of the former, you follow your accustomed vaine of lying. For I acknowledge no fault of the former, in this point of images, but confute the frowardnesse of that foolish reason, which accuseth our service, of reading the Bible in shamelesse translations, in that text 1 *Iohn* 5. whereas in the Bible appointed for the service, it is not as hee saith, but euen as hee would haue us to say. I flie not therefore (as it pleaseth your wisedome to say) from that translation also, to the Geneua Bible, neither doe I alledge the Geneua translation for that cause you pretend, but to shew that albeit wee translate in such words, as you cannot mislike, yet your venomous slaundering pennes, and tongues, can never giue over your peeuish quarrelling. In the place by you quoted, I defend both as true, and answerable to the Greeke, and of one sense and meaning, where the sound of words onely, is divers, the signification of matter, one, and the same. And yet you must haue your foolish florish in roperipe tearmes. *Where shall wee haue these good fellowes, &c.?* You shall haue us, by the grace of God, ready to justifie all our translation, from shamelesse falsification, and hereticall corruptions, which is your impudent charge against us. And if in matter of lesser moment, you can descrie the least errour, in any, or in all of our translations, wee shall bee willing to confesse the same, and ready to reforme it. For truth is dearer to us, than credit: although wee thinke it better credit, to reforme a fault, than being admonished, wilfully to continue it, or defend it.

MART. 13. *But what matter is it how they reade in their Churches, or how they correct their former translations by the later: when the old corruption remaineth still, being set of purpose in the top of every doore within their Churches, in these words:* Babes keepe your selues from images? *why remaineth that written so often and so conspicuously in the wals of their Churches, which in their Bibles they correct as a fault? their later Bibles say,* Keepe your selues from idols: *their Church wals say,* Keepe your selues from images. *S. Iohn speaking to the lately converted Gentiles, biddeth them beware of the idols from whence they were converted: they speaking to the old instructed Christians, bid them beware of the sacred image of Christ our Sauiour, of the holy Crucifixe of the crosse, of euery such representation and monument of Christs passion, and our redemption. And therefore in the very same place where these holy monuments were wont to stand in Catholike times, to wit, in the roode loft, and partition of the Church and chancell: there now stand these words as confronting and condemning the foresaid holy monuments,* Babes keepe your selues from images. *Which words whosoeuer obserueth as the words of Scripture, and the words of Saint* Iohn *spoken against Christs image, is made a very babe indeed, and sottishly abused by their scribled doores, and false translations, to count that idolatrie, which is indeede to no other purpose, than to the great honour of him whose image and picture it is.* 1 Ioh. 5.

FVLK. 13. Still you harpe upon the old unmeeable string, that the former is a corruption, which saith, Babes keepe your selues from images, which sentence sore grieveth you, to bee written in the toppe of Church doores, or in place where the roode loft stood. And

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you aske why it remaineth on the wals, which wee correct as a fault in the Bibles? Who told you that they correct it as a fault in the Bibles? Is every alteration with you a correction? The one explicateth the other, that Idols of which S. *Iohn* speaketh, bee images abused in religion. Not that all images bee idols (as the word Idoll in the English speech is taken) nor that all idols bee images, but as images that are worshipped. But S. *Iohn* (you say) speaking to the converted Gentiles, biddeth them beware of the idols from whence they were converted. That is true, but not onely from them, but from all other idols. Except perhaps you thinke, that Christians by that text should not abhorre the images of *Simon Magus* and *Selene*, and the images of the Valentinians, and Gnostikes, and other Heretikes, which worshipped the image of Christ, and of S. *Paul* as *Irenæus* and *Epiphanius* doe testifie. And it seemeth you so thinke indeed. For you say soone after, whosoever esteeme those words, as the words of Scripture (if images bee put for idols spoken against (hrists image) is made a very babe. Such babes were *Irenæus* and *Epiphanius*, that they condemned this worshipping of images for heresie. Such a babe was *Epiphanius*, that finding the image of Christ painted in a vaile hanging in a Church at *Anablatha*, hee judged it to bee contrary to the Scriptures, and rent it in peeces. Such a babe was *Tertullian* that speaking of that very text of Saint *Iohn*, little children keepe your selues from idols, hee writeth, *Non iam ab idolatria quasi ab officio, sed ab idolis, id est ab ipsa effigie eorum. Indignum enim ut imago Dei vivi, Imago Idoli & mortui fiat*: Hee biddeth them take heede, not now from idolatrie, as from the service, but from the idols themselues, that is to say, from the very images, or shapes of them. For it is unworthy that the image of the living God, should bee made the image of an idoll, and that being dead. Finally, such a babe was your vulgar Translatour, that hee saith. *Filioli custodite vos a simulachris*, which is all one, as if hee should have said *ab imaginibus* (as I haue plentifully proved) children keepe your selues from images. As for the purpose you pretend to haue in honouring Christ by images contrary to his commaundement, is indeede nothing but dishonouring of him and destruction of your selues.

Irenæus lib. 1. cap. 20. 23. 24. Epiphan. lib. 1. Tom. 2. H. 27.

MART. 14. *But the gay confuter with whom I beganne, saith for further answere*: Admit that in some of our translations it bee, Children keepe your selues from images (*for so hee would have said if it were truely printed*) What great crime of corruption is here committed? *And when it is said again, this is the crime and fault thereof, that they meane by so translating to make the simple beleeue that idols and images are all one, which is absurd*: hee replieth *that it is no more absurditie*, than in steed of a Greeke word, to use a Latine *of the same signification. And upon this position hee graunteth that according to the propertie of the Greeke word a man may say*, God made man according to his idoll, *and that generally*, εἰδωλον *may as truely bee translated an image, as* Tyrannus *a King (which is very true, both being absurde) and here hee cited many authours and dictionaries idly, to prove that* idolum *may signifie the same that* Image.

W. Fulke. Fol. 35.

Gen. 1. κατ' εἰκονα θεου εἰδωλον. εἰκων.

FVLK. 14 But this scornefull replier with whom I haue to doe, is so accustomed, to false and unhoneſt dealing, that hee can never report any thing that I haue written truely, and as I haue written, but with one forgerie or another, hee will cleane corrupt and pervert my saying. As here, hee shameth nothing to affirme, that I graunt, that according to the propertie of the Greeke word, a man may say. God made man according to his idoll. I will report mine owne words, by which every man may perceive how honestly hee dealeth with mee.

But admit that in some translation it bee as you say: Children keepe your selues from » images: what great crime of corruption is here committed? You say that it is to make » simple men beleeue that idols and images are all one which is absurde. This is no more » absurditie, than in steede of a Greeke word to use a Latine of the same signification. But » you reply, that then where *Moses* saith that God made man according to his owne » image, wee should consequently say, that God made man according to his idoll. I an- » swere, howsoever the name of idols in the English tongue for the great dishonour that » is done to God in worshipping of images, is become so odious that no Christian man » would say, that God made man according to his idoll, no more than a good subject would » call his lawfull Prince a Tyrant, yet according to the Greeke word εἰδωλον may bee as truely » translated an image, as κυριος, a King.

Here if I were disposed to giue the raine to affection, as you doe often being vnprovoked by mee, were sufficient occasion offered, to insult against your falshood. But I will forbeare, and in plaine words tell you, that if you bee so simple, that yet cannot understand the difference of these two propositions, εἰδωλον wheresoever it is reade in Greeke, may bee truely translated an image: and this: wheresoever the word image is used in English,

Land, howsoever you bee advanced in Rhemes. If not of ignorance, but of malice, you haue perverted both my words and meaning, let God and all godly men bee judge betweene you and mee. My words are not obscure nor ambiguous, but that every childe may understand my meaning to bee no more but this. That this word idoll is by use restrained, onely to wicked Images. The Greeke word εἰδωλον signifieth generally all images, as κυριος did all Kings, until Kings that were so called, became hatefull for cruelty, which caused even the name *tyrannus* to bee odious.

MART. 15. *But I beseech you Sir, if the Dictionaries tell you that* εἰδωλον *may by the originall propertie of the word signifie an image, (which no man denieth) doe they tell you also, that you may commonly and ordinarily translate it so, as the common vsuall signification thereof? or doe they tell you that image and idoll are so all one, that wheresoever you finde this word image, you may truely call it, idoll? for these are the points that wee should defend in your answere. For an example, doe they teach you to translate in these places thus*, God hath predestinated us to be made conformable to the idoll of his sonne. *And againe*, As wee haue borne the idoll of the earthly (*Adam.*) so let us beare the idoll of the heavenly (CHRIST.) *And againe*, Wee are transformed into the same idoll, even as our Lords spirit. *And againe*, The law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very idoll of the things. *And againe*, *Christ* who is the idoll of the invisible God? *Is this, (I pray you a true translation?* yea *say you*, according to the propertie of the word: but because the name of idols, in the English tongue, for the great dishonour done to God in worshipping of images, is become odious, no Christian man would say so.

Rom. 8. Imagine. 1 Cor. 15. Imaginem. 2 Cor. 3. Heb. 10. Col. 1. 2 Cor. 4.

FVLK. 15. No man denieth (you say) that εἰδωλον may by the originall propertie of the word signifie an image. It is well, that being convicted by all Dictionaries, old and new, you will at length yeeld to the truth. But you doe demand whether the Dictionaries doe tell mee that I may commonly and ordinarily translate it so, as the common vsuall signification thereof. Sir I meddle onely with the translations of the Scripture, and the Dictionaries tell mee that so it usually signifieth, and therefore so I may translate in the Scripture, or any other ancient Greeke writer, that useth the word according to the originall propertie thereof. Peradventure some later Greeke writers restraining it onely to wicked images, may so use the teame, as the generall signification thereof will not agree to the meaning in some odde place or other. But that is no matter to plead against our translation of the Scripture, when in that time it was written, the word was indifferent, to signifie any image. Further than this, you aske of mee, if the Dictionaries doe tell mee, that image and idoll are all one, and wheresoever I find the word *Imago*, I may truely call it Idoll? No forsooth sir, they teach mee no such thing: neither doe I say that the word image and idoll may bee confounded. But the cleane contrary, if your Mastership had not mistaken mee, because it was not your pleasure to take mee either according to my words, or according to my meaning. *Why Sir, These are the points you should defend in your answere, for an example, doe they teach you to translate in these places thus*: God hath predestinated us to bee made conformable to the idoll of his sonne. *And againe*, wee haue borne the idoll of the earthly, &c. I pray you sir, pardon mee to defend that I never said, never thought, you your selfe confesse in the end, that I say, that no Christian man would say so: wherefore when you say that I affirme: this is a true translation according to the propertie of the word: can I say lesse? Then you lye like a Popish Hypocrite.

MART. 16. *First note how foolishly and unadvisedly hee speaketh here, because hee would confound images and idols, and make them falsly to signifie one thing: when hee saith, the name of* idoll, *is become odious in the English tongue because of worshipping images, He should have said, The dishonour done to God in worshipping Idols, made the name of Idols odious. As in his owne example of Tyrant, and King: he meant to tell us that* Tyrant *sometime was an usuall name for every King, and because certaine such Tyrants abused their power, therefore the name of Tyrant became odious. For hee will not say (I trow) that for the fault of Kings, the name of Tyrant became odious. Likewise the Romanes tooke away the name of Manlius, for the crime of one Manlius, not for the crime of* Iohn *at Nokes, or for any other name. The name of* Iudas *is so odious that men now commonly are not so called. Why so? because he that betraied Christ, was called* Iudas: *not because he was also Iscariote. The very name of Ministers is odious and contemptible. Why? because Ministers are so lewd, wicked, and unlearned, not because some Priests be naught. Even so the name of idoll grew to bee odious, because of the idols of the Gentiles, not because of hewen or lyfe images. For if the reverence done by Christians to holy images were evill, as it is not, it should in this case haue made the name of image odious: and not the name of Idols. But God be thanked, the name of Images is no odious name among Catholike Christians, but onely among Heretikes,*

and Image-breakers, such as the second generall Councell of Nice hath condemned therefore with the sentence of Anathema. *No more than the Crosse is odious, which to all good Christians is honorable, because our Saviour Christ died on a Crosse.*

VLN. 16. Nay first note how fillly, and then how foolishly, and yet how impudently hee continueth a slaunder against mee, of his owne devising, that I would confound those English words, images, and idols. For first hee will teach mee to speake English, that where I said the name of idoll is become odious in the English tongue, because of worshipping of images; I should haue said. The dishonour done to God in worshipping of idols, made the name of idols odious. And what I pray you were those idols, the worshipping of which made the name odious, but images? May I not bee so bold, under your correction, to use the generall name images, which you say are not idols, untill they bee abused. When the image of *Iupiter*, King of *Creete*, was first made, and nothing else done unto it, would you call it an image, or an idoll. Sure I am, you called the brazen Serpent, first an image, and then an idoll. Even so I trust I may without offence of English men say, that the abuse of images, called first without note of infamie εἴδωλα, idols, made the name idols to bee odious, and therefore not applied, but to such abused images: and the example I brought of *Tyrannus*, which first did signifie a King, is very plaine and like, but that you are disposed to play the peevish quarreller. And trow you, I will not say, that for the fault of Kings, the name of Tyrant became odious. Yes verily, I will not spare to say, and so I said before, that for the fault of such cruell Kings, as were called *Tyranni*, though the name it selfe first signified not so, that name of Tyrant became odious. As for your fomblitudes of *Manlius*, and *Iudas*, two proper names, compared with image, and idoll, King and Tyrant, which bee common names, I will not vouchsafe to answere them. But the name of Ministers (you say) is odious, for the faults of Ministers, and not for the faults of Priests. Popish Priests are odious enough, for their owne faults, so that they needs not bee charged unjustly, with the faults of our evill Ministers. Which, I would wish, were fewer, than they bee, but I trust there are not so many evill of them, as your Popish Priests haue beene, and are daily found to bee. And whosoever of our Ministers hath beene found worst, I thinke there may bee found, not a Priest, but a Pope of your side, as evill, or worse than hee. But if reverence done by Papists, (which you call Christians) to images, had beene evill, (say you,) it should haue made the name of images, odious also. No sir, that followeth not, so long as that reverence was accounted good, and lawfull, and now that it is found to bee abhominable, the people having the other odious word of idols, in use, needs not abandon the name of images, except they hadan other, to signifie lawfull, and good images. The curse of the idolatrous Councell of *Nice* the second, no Christian man regardeth, which knoweth that by Gods owne mouth in the Scriptures, all makers and worshippers of idolatrous images are accursed.

FVL. MART. 17. *But to omit this mans extraordinarie and unadvised speeches, which bee too many and too tedious (as when hee saith in the same sentence,* Howsoever the name idoll is growne odious in the English tongue, *as though it were not also odious in the Latine and Greeke tongues, but that in Latine and Greeke a man might say according to his fond opinion,* Fecit hominem ad idolum suum, *and so in the other places where is* imago) *to omit these rash assertions I say, and to returne to his other words, where he saith, that though the originall propertie of the words hath that signification, yet* no Christian man would say, that God made man according to his idoll, no more than a good subject would call his lawfull Prince, a Tyrant. *Doth hee not here tell us that, which hee would haue, to wit, that wee may not speake or translate, according to the origsnall property of the word, but according to the common vsuall, and accustomed signification thereof? As wee may not translate,* Phalaris tyrannus, Phalaris the King, *as sometime* Tyrannus *did signifie, and in auncient authors doth signifie: but,* Phalaris the Tyrant, *as now this word* tyrannus *is commonly taken, and understood. Even so wee may not now translate,* My children, keepe your selues from images, *as the word may, and doth sometime signifie, according to the originall property thereof, but wee must translate,* keepe your selues from idols, *according to the common vse and signification of the word, in vulgar speech, and in the holy Scriptures. Where the Greeke word is so notoriously and vsually peculiar to idols, and not unto images: that the holy fathers of the second Nicene Councell, (which knew right well the signification of the Greeke word, themselues being Grecians) doe pronounce* Anathema, *to all such as interpret those places of the holy Scripture, that concerne idols, of images, or against sacred images, as now these Caluinists doe, not onely in their commentaries upon the holy Scriptures, but even in their translations of the text.*

Abidolis. 1 Ioh. 5.

FVLK. 17. Wee cannot yet be rid of this mans extraordinary, and unadvised surmises, which are too many, and tedious, as where I say, the name Idoll is odious in the English tongue, hee

hee gathereth, that I meane it to bee odious onely in the English tongue, and not in the Latine and Greeke. I haue shewed before, that in *Tullies* time it was not odious in Latine, and it is not long since M. *Martin* confessed the Greeke word, according to the originall propertie, to signifie as generally, as *Image*, an image, which is not odious. Although in latter times, among Christians, both of the Greeke and the Latine Church, the name of *Idolum* became odious, as well as the word Idoll in English. Therefore it is not my fond opinion, but M. *Martins* foolish collection, that a man may say in Latine, *Fecit hominem ad idolum suum*: and yet I am charged with rash assertions, when nothing is reproved that I affirme, but that which hee himselfe doth imagine.

But now you will returne to those words of mine, where I say, that though the originall proprietie of the words hath that signification; yet no Christian man would say, that God made man according to his idoll, no more than a good subiect would call his lawfull Prince a Tyrant. These words (you say) doe tell us, that wee may not speake, or translate, according to the originall propertie of the word, but according to the Common, usuall, and accustomed signification thereof. For speaking Tyrant, as the words are vsed in our time: but for translating, I say you must regard how the words were vsed in time of the writer, whose words you translate. As if you would translate out of *Euripides*, πῶς Διὸς τύραννος, would you say, Who is Tyrant of this land? or rather, Who is King? Or in *Aristophanes*, Ζεὺς ὁ Διὸς τύραννος, would you translate, *Iupiter* Tyrant of the gods, or King of the gods? I thinke not. But in Saint *Iohn*, seeing at that time that hee wrote, εἴδωλον signified an image generally, it may bee translated an image generally; and seeing he speaketh of the unlawfull use of images, it may also bee translated an idoll, as the word is now taken to signifie. How the late pettie Prebates of the second Nicene Councell were disposed to use the word, to colour their blasphemous Idolatrie, it is not materiall. The ancient Dictionaries of *Suidas*, *Phauorinus*, *Hesychius*, with the examples of *Homer*, *Plato*, and other ancient Greeke Authors, are of more credit for the true and ancient signification of that word.

Loco citato, fol. 35.

MART. 18. *This then being so, that words must bee translated as their common use and significations requireth, if you aske your old question, What great crime of corruption is committed in translating,* keepe your selues from images, *the Greeke being* εἰδώλων, *you haue assumed your selfe that in so translating, idoll and image are made to signifie one thing, which may not bee done, no more than Tyrant and King can be made to signifie all one. And how can you say then, that this is no more absurditie, than in stead of a Greeke word to vse a Latine of the same signification? Are you not here contrary to your selfe? Are Idoll and Image, Tyrant and King, of one signification? Said you not, that in the English tongue idoll is growne to another signification, than image, as Tyrant is growne to another signification than King? Your false translations therefore, that in so many places make Idols and Images all one, not onely forcing the word to the holy Scriptures, but disgracing the sentence thereby, (as* Ephes. 5. *and* Col. 3.) *are they not in your owne iudgement very corrupt, and as your owne consciences must confesse, of a malicious intent corrupted, to disgrace thereby the Churches holy Images, by pretence of the holy Scriptures, that speake onely of the Pagans Idols.*

Eph. 5. A coveteous man is a worshipper of images, and *Col. 3.* Coveteousnesse is worshipping of images.

FVLK. 18. Againe, I repeat, that words must, or may bee translated, according to that signification they had in time of the writer, whom you translate. And to my question, what absurditie is it in that text of S. *Iohn*, for εἰδώλων, to translate image? your answer, by that meanes, idoll and image are made to signifie one thing. But that is not so; for image signifieth more generally, than idoll in English, and image answereth properly to the Greeke word εἴδωλον, idoll, to the meaning of Saint *Iohn*, that is, of wicked images: so that the translation is good. Even as τύραννος, may bee translated a King generally, according to the word; and if the Author meane of a cruell King, it may bee translated a Tyrant: for King is a generall word, applied to good Kings, and to evill, as image is to lawfull, and unlawfull images. Therefore our translations, that for εἰδώλων, say images, are not false, much lesse any malicious corruptions. And if the Translators in so doing, intended to disgrace Popish Images, I thinke they did well, and according to the meaning of the holy Ghost, who forbidding generally all images that may bee had in religious reverence, did not restraine the signification of the word εἴδωλον, to the wicked idols of the Gentiles, but left it at large, to comprehend all such images, and all kindes of worshipping them, as are contrary to the law and Commandement of God.

MART. 19. *But of the vsuall and originall signification of words (whereof you take occasion of manifold corruptions) we will speake more anon, if first we touch some other your falsifications against holy images: as where you affectate to thrust the word image into the text, where there is no such thing in the Hebrew or Greeke, as in that notorious example,* 2 Par. 33. (*Bib.* 1562.) Carued images that were laid to his charge. *Againe,* Rom. 11. To the image of *Baal. And*

To Bacch. fol. 52. and 53. Num. 12. & dominis.

Act. 19. The image that came downe from *Iupiter*. *Where you are not content to understand image, rather than idoll, but also to thrust it into the text, being not in the Greeke, as you know very well.*

FVLK. 19. Three places you note, where the word Image is thrust into the text, being neither in the Hebrew, nor Greeke. The first, 2 *Par.* 36. *Bib.* 1562. which I confesse is a fault but I marvell how it crept in: for *Thomas Matthewes* Bible, which was printed before it, hath not the word, Carved Images. It is reformed also in both the translations that followed.

The second, *Rom* 11. is no corruption; for seeing you acknowledge, that a substantiue must bee understood, to beare up the feminine article, what reason is there, why wee should not understand *simri*, rather than *sira*, seeing it is certaine, *Baal* had an image, that was worshipped in his Temple? 2 *Reg.* 10. The third place is, *Act.* 19. where the word image is necessarily to bee understood, which fell downe from *Iupiter*, as it was fained. Hereunto *Plinie* beareth witnesse, *lib.* 16. *cap.* 40. and sheweth by whom it was made, and of what matter: of the like speaketh *Herodianus*. And the similitude of this Image is yet to bee seene in those ancient Coines that yet remaine, which were called *ναοι*, temples. Wherefore your vulgar translation which turneth *in deorum, Iouis prolis*, is not right, and therefore is corrected by *Isidorus Clarius*, *à Ioue delapsi simulachri*, with the consent of the Deputies of the Councell of Trent.

MART. 20. *Of this kinde of falsification is that which is crept as a leprosie throughout all your Bibles translating* Sculptile, *and* conflatile, graven image, molten image, *namely in the first Commandement, where you know in the Greeke it is idoll, and in the Hebrew, such a word as signifieth onely a graven thing, not including this word image: and you know that God commanded to make the images of Cherubins, and of oxen in the Temple, and of the brasen serpent in the desert, and therefore your wisedomes might have considered, that he forbade not all graven images, but such as the Gentiles made and worshipped as Gods; and therefore* Non facies tibi sculptile, *concurreth with those words that goe before,* Thou shalt have none other Gods but mee: *for so to have an image, as to make it a God, is to make it more than an image; and therefore when it is an Idoll, as were the Idols of the Gentiles, then it is forbid by this Commandement. Otherwise, when the Crosse stood many yeeres upon the Table in the Queenes Chapell, was it against this Commandement? Or was it Idolatrie in the Queenes Maiestie and her Counsellors, that appointed it there, being the supreame head of your Church? Or doe the Lutherans your pacfellowes, as this day commit Idolatrie against this Commandement, that have in their Churches the Crucifix, and the holy Images of the Mother of God, and of S.* Iohn *the Evangelist? Or if the whole storie of the Gospell concerning our Saviour Christ, were drawne in pictures and images in your Churches, as it is in many of ours, were it (trow you) against this Commandement? Fie for shame, that you should thus with intolerable impudencie and deceit abuse and bewitch the ignorant people, against your owne knowledge and conscience: For wot you not, that God many times expresly forbade the Iewes, both mariages and other conversation with the Gentiles; lest they might fall to worship their Idols, as Salomon did, and as the Psalme reporteth of them? This then is the meaning of the Commandement, neither to make the Idols of the Gentiles, nor any other like unto them, and to that end, as did* Ieroboam *in Dan and Bethel.*

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The meaning of the first commandement concerning false gods and graven idols.

The Crosse in the Queenes Chapell.

Images in the Lutheran Churches.

3 Reg. 12. Psal. 105. v. 35.

FVLK. 20. This is a sore complaint, that wee have falsified the Scripture, as it were with a leprosie, in translating *sculptile* and *conflatile*, a graven and a molten Image, and namely in the first Commandement, where there is no word of Image, or Imagerie: but indeed in the second Commandement, wee translate the Hebrew word *Pesel*, a graven image. You say it signifieth a graven thing, not including the word image: I answer, you are not able to bring a place in the Bible, where it signifieth any other graven thing, but onely an Image; and yet it is derived of a verbe, that signifieth to grave or hew, as the word *Pisilim*, *Iud.* 3. taken for quarries of stone doth declare. Beside this, the word next following, signifying a similitude or image, sufficiently sheweth, that it is not taken generally for any graven worke, but for such, wherein the likenesse or similitude of God, or any creature, is meant to bee resembled: and the same doth also the Greeke word ὁμοίωμα testifie. As for the Cherubins, Oxen, Brasen serpent, or any thing which God commandeth, is not forbidden by this precept, but that which man maketh of his owne head, to honour as God, or to worship God by it. Wherefore very absurdly, to cloake such abominable Idolatrie, you say that this Commandement, *Non facies sculptile*, doth concurre with those words, Thou shalt have none other Gods but mee. By which not onely two severall Commandements are confounded, but also a vaine tautologie committed: or else that added for interpretation, which is more obscure than the text interpreted.

Touching the Crosse that stood sometimes in the Queenes Chapell, whereof you speake your pleasure, as also of her Maiesties Counsellors, it is not by and by Idolatrie, whatsoever

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soever is against that Commandement neither is the having of any Images in the Church (which are had in abuse of religion) contrary to this Commandement. And although wee will not accuse the Lutherans of Idolatrie, neither can wee, because they worship no Images; yet will wee not excuse them, for suffering of Images to bee in their Churches, whereof may ensue danger of Idolatrie, but that in some part they goe against this Commandement, deceived in their judgement, and of us not to bee defended in their errour. After you have railed a fit, with fie for shame, and such like Rhetorike, you seeme to make the prohibition of Images none other, but such as the prohibition of mariage, and other conversation with the Gentiles, which was onely for feare of Idolatrie. But when you can shew the like absolute Commandement, to forbid mariage, and conversation with the heathen, as this is for Images in Religion, and worshipping of them, wee may have some regard of your similitude: otherwise the meaning of this Commandement, is generally to forbid all Images of God, and of his creatures, to honour God by them: for to honour them as God, is a breach of the first Commandement, as properly as of the second.

MART. 21. *This being a thing so plaine, as nothing more in all the holy Scriptures, yet your itching humour of deceit and falshood, for the most part doth translate still,* images, images, *when the Latine and Greeke, and Hebrew, have divers other words, and very seldome that which answereth to Image. For when it is image in the Latine, or Greeke, or Hebrew texts, your translation is not reprehended: for wee also translate sometimes images, when the text of the holy Scripture requireth it. And wee are not ignorant, that there were images which the Pagans adored for their gods; and wee know that some idols are images, but not all images idols. But when the holy Scriptures call them by so many names, rather then images, because they were not only images, but made idols; why doe your translations, like cuckoes birds, sound continually, images, images, more than idols, or other words equivalent to idols, which are there meant?*

Hebr. Teraphim. Matsebith. Temunah. Maschith. Pesel. Tselamim. Tabnith. Hamanim. Ganal. Massecah. Nesuchim. Gillulim. Mephleseth. Gr εἴδωλα. χαρακτὰ. χαραγματα. χαρακτὴρ. εἰκὼν. σήματα. στήματα.

All image, and images, in their translations.

FVLK. 21. Indeede there is nothing more plaine in all the holy Scriptures, than that the worshipping of Images of all sorts is forbidden: but that our itching humour of deceit and falshood (as it pleaseth you to speake) hath corrupted the text, to establish any false opinion of the use of Images, it is not yet proved. But now you set upon us with 13. Hebrew words, and 9. Greeke words at once, which wee for the most part doe translate still images, Images: and you say wee found with Cuckowes birds continually Images, Images, more than Idols or rather words equivalent to Idols. How many times the word image is founded, I never had care to seeke, and now I have no leisure to number, but I am sure Idols and Idolatrie, in that translation in which least, are named about fortie or fiftie times. But to a conscience guiltie of worshipping of Images, contrary to the expresse Commandement of God, the very name of Images must needs sound unpleasantly. That wee have no greater change of words to answer so many of the Hebrew tongue, it is of the riches of that tongue, and the povertie of our mother language, which hath but two words, *Image*, and *Idoll*, and them both borrowed of the Latine and Greeke. As for other words equivalent, wee know not any, and wee are loth to make any new words of that signification, except the multitude of Hebrew words of the same sense comming together, doe sometimes perhaps seeme to require it. Therefore as the Greeke hath fewer words to expresse this thing than the Hebrew, so hath the Latine fewer than the Greeke, and the English fewest of all, as will appeare if you would undertake to give us English words for the 13. Hebrew words; except you would coine such ridiculous inkhorne tearmes, as you doe in the new Testament, Azymes, Pre puce, Neophyte, Scandale, Parasceue, and such like.

MART. 22. *Two places onely wee will at this time aske you the reason of: first why you translate the Hebrew and Greeke that answereth to* Statua, Image, *so often as you doe? whereas that word in the said tongues, is taken also in the better part, as when* Iacob *set up a stone and erected it for * title, powring oile upon it; and the Prophet saith,* Our Lords Altar shall be in Egypt, and his * title beside it. *So that the word doth signifie generally a signe erected of good or evill, and therefore might very well (if it pleased you) have some other English than* image: *Vnlesse you will say that* Iacob *also set up an image, and, Our Lords image shall bee in Ægypt; which you will not say, though you might with more reason than in other places.*

Matsebah. Gen. 28. v. 22. Esa. 19. v. 19.

FVLK. 22. Seeing you aske why wee translate the Hebrew word *Matsebah* so often an image; it had beene reason you should have told us how often wee doe so, or at least noted some place, where it cannot signifie an image. Wee know the word being derived of the verbe *Iatsab*, that signifieth to stand, may bee taken for some thing erected, that is no image, but a pillar, or as your Latine text calleth it, a title, in both the places by you noted, *Gen.* 28. *Esay* 19. and elsewhere, *Gen.* 25. 2 *Sam.* 18. But whensoever wee translate it an Image, the circumstance of the place so requireth, as 2 *Reg.* 10. where it is said, that

Baals Images were taken out of his Temple, broken and burnt. For they were Images of *Baal*, that were worshipped in his Temple, and not titles or pillars. Likewise 2 *Reg.* 17. where it is said, that the Israelites made unto themselves *Statuas*, Images, and groues under every high hill, and under every thicke tree, as appeareth by *Ezechiel* 6. where they bee called *Gillulim*, Idols, which had the similitude of men, as *Baalim*, and such other.

MART. 23. *Secondly, wee demaund, why your very last English Bible hath* (Esa. 30. 22.) *for two Hebrew words, which are in Latine* Sculptilia *and* Conflatilia, *twice,* Images, Images; *neither word being Hebrew for an Image, no more than if a man would aske what is Latine for an Image, and you would tell him* Sculptile. *Whereupon be seeing a faire painted image in a Table, might happily say,* Ecce egregium sculptile; *which every boy in the Grammer Schoole would laugh at. Which therefore wee tell you, because wee perceiue your translations endeuour, and as it were affectate, to make* Sculptile, *and* Image *all one: which is most euidently false, and to your great confusion appeareth,* Abac. 2. v. 13. *where for these words,* Quid prodest sculptile? quia sculpsit illud fictor suus, conflatile & imaginem falsam, *which is according to the Hebrew and Greeke; your later English translation hath,* What profiteth the image? for the maker thereof hath made it an image, and teacher of lies.

Of the yeere 1579.

Pe silim. Massechoth. εἴδωλα.

פסלי מסכה γλυπτὰ καὶ χωνευτὰ.

Of the yeere 1579.

FVLK. 23. If it had said, the graven images of silver, and the molten or cast images of gold, I know not what advantage it had beene to you, or losse to us. But neither the word (you say) is Hebrew for an image. Alacke this is poore sophistrie, when all the world of Hebricians know, they are Hebrew for nothing else, but for graven or cast images, and by the figure Synecdoche, are taken generally for images of what making or matter soever they bee. And the question is not, by what Art images are made, but to what use, and how they bee vsed, that they may bee condemned for unlawfull. This I take to bee the cause, why the Interpreter neglected the difference of the Hebrew words, which sometimes is not obserued, and in English unpossible alwayes, and unprofitable to bee kept. As for your owne conceit, whereat you thinke boyes might laugh, I leaue it to your selfe. For if wee were asked, what is Latine for an Image, wee could answere somewhat else than *Sculptile*. But if a boy should aske what *Pesilim*, or *Massecath* in this place of *Esay* doth signifie, wee would not answer, a graven thing, or a molten thing, lest hee might shew us the mantle-tree of a chimney, and a brasse pot hanging over the fire, and demand further whether *Esay* in this text spake of them, and all such things as they are. But it is most euidently false (you say) that *Sculptile*, and *Image* are all one, and this appeareth to our great confusion, *Abacuk* the second, &c. But I say to your shame, it will appeare by this very text, that *Pesel* and *Massecah*, signifie one and the same thing, and that most euidently: for thus the text is, What profiteth the Image? (*Pesel*) for his maker (*Iotsero*) hath made it, or (as you will haue it) hath graven it, *Pesalo*: what followeth now, but *Massecah*, an Image? You had rather say *Conflatile*, a molten Image. But then you must remember, that the maker of it by graving made it a molten Image, which is a strange peece of worke; except you will say, that first hee did cast it, and then hee did graue it: but say which way you will, the same Image is called *Pesel* and *Massecah*, without difference. The last words are *vmgreh shaker*, and a teacher of lies; which words your translation hath *Imaginem falsam*, a false Image, whereas *Moreh* never signifieth an Image. But of that afterward.

MART. 24. *I would every common Reader were able to discerne your falshood in this place. First you make* Sculpere sculptile, *no more than* to make an Image; *which being absurd you know (because the Painter or Embroderer making an image, cannot bee said* sculpere sculptile) *might teach you that the Hebrew hath in it no signification of image, no more than* sculpere *can signifie to make an Image: and therefore the Greeke and the Latine precisely (for the most part) expresse neither more nor lesse, than a thing graven, but yet meane alwayes by these words,* a graven idoll, *to which signification they are appropriated by vse of holy Scripture, as* Simulacrum, Idolum, Conflatile, *and sometime* Imago. *In which sense of signifying Idols, if you also did repeate* Images *so often, although the translation were not precise, yet it were in some part tolerable, because the sense were so: but when you doe it to bring all holy Images into contempt, euen the Image of our Saviour Christ crucified, you may iustly bee controlled for false and heretical Translators.*

Sculptile. γλυπτὸν.

FVLK. 24. I would every common Reader were able to discerne your foolish malice in this place. For first, while you cavill at the Etymologie of the words, which the Prophet regardeth not, you make him say, that the fashioner thereof hath graven a graven thing, a molten thing. Secondly, where you say, that the Hebrew word *Pesel*, hath no signification of an Image in it, leaning to the bare derivation from the verbe *Pasal*, you controll the onely use of it, which is to signifie an image, or idoll, whether it bee graven, or molten,

molten, or by what workemanship soever it bee made, which you confesse to be the sense of it. But when wee doe it (you say) to bring all holy images into contempt, wee may iustly bee controuled, for false and heretical translatours. First wee know no holy images, made with hands at this time so accompted, but they are all prophane and abominable idols. Secondly, if the translatours purpose were euill, yet so long as the words and sense of the originall tongue will beare him, hee cannot iustly bee called a false and heretical translatour, albeit hee haue a false and heretical meaning. As you Papists haue in your late translation of the new Testament: yet where you translate, either according to the words, or according to the sense, no equitie can condemne you for false translatours.

MART. 25. *As in this very place (which is an other falshood like to the other) conflatile, you translate* image, *as you did* sculptile, *and so here againe in Abacuck (as before in Esay is mitted) for two distinct words, each signifying an other diuers thing from image, you translate,* images; image. *Thirdly, for* imaginem falsam, a false image, *you translate an other thing, without any necessary pretense either of Hebrew or Greeke, auoiding here the name of image, because this place telleth you that the holy Scripture speaketh against false images, or as the Greeke hath,* false phantasies, *or as you translate the Hebrew such images as teach lies, representing false Gods which are not, as the Apostle saith,* Idolum nihil est, *And* Non sunt Dij qui manibus sunt. *Which distinction of false and true images you will not haue, because you condemne all images, euen holy and sacred also, and therefore you make the holy Scriptures to speake herein accordingly to your owne fansie.*

Abac. 2.

γλυπτὸν καὶ χωνευτὸν. Abac. 2.

1 Cor. 8. Act. 19.

FVLK. 25. Seeing the Prophet regardeth not the Etymologie of the words, but useth both for one and the same Image; no nor regardeth the matter whereof it is made, as appeareth in the next verse, where hee calleth this Idoll wood, and stone, which cannot bee molten, every reasonable man may see, that the word *Massecah* doth in this place signifie generally an Image, which is made to bee a teacher of lies. And whereas you repeate, that the two words doe signifie each an other divers thing from Image, because the one signifieth a graven thing, the other a molten thing, you speake without all shame, and sense of honesty: for *Pesel* signifieth not every graven, carved, or hewen thing, but onely an image. For who would say, that a morter, or a gutter of hewen stone were in Hebrew to bee signified by the word *Pesel*, or a pewter pot, or a dish, by the word *Massecah*: Seeing the use of the Hebrew tongue therefore hath appropried these names onely to Images, it is great frowardnesse, and no learning to quarrell about the Etymologie or derivation of them. As this name building in English, is taken onely for houses: as when wee say here are goodly buildings, which if a man would extend according to the derivation, and shewing nothing else but walles of bricke or other matter, praise them for goodly buildings, hee should bee thought to speake strangely in our tongue, and yet according to the derivation, building may signifie any thing that is builded. But for *Imaginem falsam*, a false image, you charge us to translate an other thing, without any necessary pretence, either of Hebrew, or Greeke. Such affirmations will make us thinke meanely of your knowledge, in the Hebrew tongue. For what I pray you else, can *Moreh* in this place signifie, but a teacher? or where is it ever taken for an image, as your Latine text hath, or a fantasie, as the Greeke readeth? Turne over your Dictionarie, and Hebrew concordance, and see if you can finde it used for an image, or an idoll. At least wise, giue credit to *Iosephus Clarius*, who thus writeth in his notes upon the text. *Quod sit imaginem falsam, in Heb. est docens, vel annuncians mendacium.* That hee saith a false image, in the Hebrew it is teaching or shewing forth a lye. The distinction you make of true and false images, is vaine for this purpose: for all images that are vsed in religion, are false, and teachers of falshood, which you with *Gregory* say are Lay-mens bookes; but what shall they teach saith *Abacuck* and *Ieremy*, but lies and vanitie? where note that *Ieremy* calleth the image wood, by Synecdoche, signifying all images made with hands, of any matter. Againe hee saith, every artificer is confounded in his image, because it is false which hee hath made, and there is no breath in it. In which verse it is to bee obserued, that hee vseth first the word *Pesel*, saying *Mippasel* and afterward *Niseo*, for the same image made by the artificer, without distinction of graving or melting, at least wise for the sense, though the words bee divers. Euen so your vulgar Latine translator useth *Sculptile, conflatile, imaginem & fusatile uerum*, for one and the same thing. The Scripture therefore telling us that all images are false, because they being voide of life, are set up to represent the living, it is not our fantasie, but the authoritie of Gods word, that causeth us to reiect your fantasticall distinction, of true and false images.

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Abac. 2. Ierem. 10.

MART. 26. *Wherein you proceede so farre, that when* Daniel *said to the King,* I worshippe not Idols made with hands, (εἰδώλα χειροποίητα) *you make him say thus,* I worship not things that bee made

Dan. 3. 4. *Bib. 1. 762. 1577.*

made with hands, *leaving out the word idols altogether, as though hee had said, nothing made with hand, were to bee adored, not the Arke, the propitiatorie, no nor the holy Crosse it selfe, that our Saviour shed his blood upon. As before you added to the text, so here you diminish and take from it at your pleasure.*

FVLK. 26. That (thing) is put for idoll, I confesse it to bee a fault in some translations, but in the Geneva Bible it is reformed. Contempt of the authoritie of that Apocryphall chapter (as it seemed) did breede that negligence. Where you write, that hee should by saying, I worship not things made with hands, haue denied the Arke, and the propitiatorie to bee worshipped, it is very true, for neither of both was to bee worshipped, as they were made with hands, but God was to bee worshipped where they were, and those things to bee reverently esteemed, as the Sacraments, of Gods presence. As for the crosse whereon Christ died, I see no cause why it should bee worshipped, if it were to bee had, but rather, if it were worshipped, it should bee served as the brasen Serpent was. None of the Apostles made any account of it: *Nicodemus* and *Ioseph* of Arimathea, if there had beene any matter of religion in it, might haue preserved it, and not haue suffered it to bee buried in the earth, with the two other crosses, as the storie of the invention saith, if it bee true. At the finding whereof, *Helena*, as Saint *Ambrose* writeth, *Regem adorauit, non lignum vtique, quia hic gentilis est error & vanitas impiorum.* Shee worshipped the King, not the tree verily, for this is an Heathenish errour and vanity of ungodly men. *De obit. Theodosij.*

MART. 27. *But concerning the word image, which you make to bee the English of all the Latine, Hebrew and Greeke words, bee they never so many and so distinct, I beseech you, what reason had you to translate γλυπτὰ, images, Sap. 15. vers. 13. doth the Greeke word so signifie? doth not the sentence following, tell you that it should haue beene translated,* graven idols? *for thus it saith,* They iudged all the idols of the nations to bee Gods. *Loe, your images, or rather, loe, the true names of the Pagans Gods, which it pleaseth you to call,* images, images.

FVLK. 27. I thinke you are not able to proue, that wee make, image the English to all the Hebrew words, though you boldly affirme it. But in the place by you mentioned, I suppose they translated the Greeke word graven or carved images, rather than idoll, because the writer in that place, *Sap.* 15. 13. speaketh of the first framing and fashioning of those images, which though the purpose of the workeman bee never so wicked, yet can not properly bee called idols, before they bee abused by them that worship them.

MART. 28. *But (to conclude this point) you might, and it would haue well becomme you, in translating or expounding the foresaid words, to haue followed Saint* Hierome, *the great famous Translator, and Interpreter of the holy Scriptures? who telleth you two senses of the foresaid words: the one literall, of the Idols of the Gentiles: the other mysticall, of Heresies and errours.* Sculptile, *saith he,* and conflatile: I take to bee perverse opinions, which are adored of the Authors that made them. See *Arius*, that graved to himselfe this idoll, that Christ was onely a creature, and adored that which hee had graven. Behold *Eunomius*, how hee molted and cast a false image, and bowed to that which hee had molten. *Suppose hee had exemplified of the two condemned Heretikes,* Iovinian, *and* Vigilantius *also: had hee not touched your idols, that is, the old condemned Heresies, which you at this day adore?* *Comment. in Abac. 2.*

FVLK. 28. It becommeth us best in translation, to follow the originall text, and as neere as we can, the true meaning of the holy Ghost. As for the two senses, which *Hieronym* telleth, stand whole and untouched, for our translation: There is a difference betweene a translation, and a commentarie. In commenting upon the text, they that see it convenient, may apply the Idols of the Gentiles, and the worship of them, to the heresies of our times, of the Papists, Anabaptists, Libertines, and such like, as the Apostle doth by similitude to covetousnesse. As for old condemned heresies, which you charge us to worship, as idols, you are able to proue none, whatsoever you babble of *Vigilantius*, and *Iovinian*, neither of both doe wee follow in any errour, much lesse in any heresie.

MART. 29. *These onely (I meane heresies and heretikes) are the idols and idolaters (by the ancient Doctors iudgement) which haue beene among Christians, since the idolatrie of the Gentiles ceased, according to the Prophets. Therefore Saint* Hierome *saith againe:* If thou see a man that will not yeeld to the truth, but when the falshood of his opinions is once shewed, persevereth still in that hee began: thou maiest aptly say, *Sperat in figmento suo*, and hee maketh dumme or deafe idols. *And againe,* All Heretikes haue their gods: and whatsoever they haue forged, they adore the same as *Sculptile*, and *Conflatile*: that is as a graven and molten idoll. *And againe,* Hee saith well, I haue found unto my selfe an idoll: *For,* all the forgeries of Heretikes are as the Idols of the Gentiles: neither doe they much differ in impietie, though in name they seeme to differ. *And againe,* Whatsoever according to the letter is spoken against the idolatrie of the Iewes, doe thou referre all this unto them, which *Zach. 13. loco citato. Osee. 11. Osee. 12. Is 5. Amos.*

which under the name of Christ worshippe idols, and forging to themselues perverse opinions, carry the Tabernacle of their King the Devill, and the image of their idols. For they worship not an Idoll, but for varietie of their doctrine, they adore divers Gods. And hee put in very well, which you made to your selues: for they received them not of God, but forged them of their owne minde. *And of the idoll of Samaria, hee saith, wee abhorre it.* Is 8. Amos *under Israel and Samaria, (and the idoll of Samaria) in the person of Heretikes, the same Prophet saying,* WOE BE TO THEM THAT DESPISE SION AND TRVST IN THE MOVNT OF SAMARIA. For Heretikes despise the Church of God, and trust in the falshood of their opinions, erecting themselues against the knowledge of God: and saying, when they haue divided the people (*by schisme*) wee haue no part in *David*, nor inheritance in the sonne of *Iesse*. Chap. 6.

FVLK. 29. Not these onely, but the idols of the Simonists, Valentinians, Gnostici, Carpocratites, Collyridians, and such like, made with hands, of Christ, and his mother, of *Paul*, and *Simon*, and *Selene*, and *Pythagoras*, &c. and such other, were idols of false Christians, since the idolatrie of the Gentiles gave place, by the iudgement of *Irenæus*, *Epiphanius*, and other ancient Doctors. And whatsoever you cite, or can cite out of Saint *Hierome*, against the idols of heresies, agreeth most aptly to your selues, the Papists, who worship not onely idols made with hands, but also the idols of your braines, which are abhominable heresies.

MART. 30. *Thus the Reader may see, that the holy Scriptures which the adversaries falsly translate against the holy images of our Saviour Christ, and his Saints, to make us idolaters, doe indeed concerne their idols, and condemne them as idolaters, which forge new opinions to themselues, such as the ancient fathers knew not, and adore them, and their owne sense and interpretation of Scriptures, so fierce and so vehemently, that they preferre it before the approved iudgement of all the generall Councels and holy Doctors, and for maintenance of the same, corrupt the holy Scriptures at their pleasure, and make them speake according to their fancies, as we haue partly shewed, and now are to declare further.*

FVLK. 30. Thus the Reader may see, that when you haue cavilled, quarrelled, falsified, and slandered, as much as you can, to charge us with false translation of the Scripture, concerning images, you can finde nothing worth the noting: but if some small oversight through negligence, or perhaps the Printers fault, hath escaped, you make a great matter of it, although it bee corrected by our selues in other translations, and when all other matter faileth, you returne to your accustomed veine of railing, and reviling, which in no wise mans iudgement, deserveth any answer, because it is so generall.

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CHAP. IIII.

The ECCLESIASTICALL vse of words turned into their ORIGINALL and PROFANE signification.

SPeake a little before of the double signification of words, the one according to the originall propertie, the other according to the vsuall taking thereof in all vulgar speech and writing. These words (as by the way, wee shewed before upon occasion of the Aduersaries grauns) are to bee translated in their vulgar and vsuall signification, not as they signifie by their originall propertie. As for example: Maior in the originall signification, is greater. But when wee say, The Maior of London, now it is taken and soundeth in every mans eare, for such an Officer: and no man will say, The greater of London, according to the originall propertie of it. Likewise, Episcopus, a Greeke word, in the originall sense, is every Overseer, as Tully vseth it, and other prophane writers: but among Christians, in Ecclesiasticall speech, it is a Bishop. And we must will say, My Lord Overseer of London, for my Lord Bishop. Likewise wee say, Seaven Deacons, S. Steven a Deacon. No man will say, Seaven Ministers, S. Steven a Minister. Although that bee the originall signification of the word Deacon. But by Ecclesiasticall vse and appropriation being taken for a certaine degree of the Clergie, so it soundeth in every mans eares, and so it must bee translated. As wee say, Nero made many Martyrs: not, Nero made many witnesses: and yet Martyr by the first originall propertie of the word, is nothing else but a witnesse. Wee say, Baptisme is a sacrament: not, washing is a sacrament. Yet Baptisme and washing, by the first originall propertie of the word is all one. Chap. 3. num. 17. 18. See also M. Whitakers pag. 209. and the 6. ch. of this booke (num. 6. 7. 8. & num 13. &c.) much more of this matter.

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WE haue also answered before, that words must not bee alwayes translated, according to their originall and generall signification, but according to such signification, as by use they are appropried to bee taken. We agree also that words taken by custome of speech into an Ecclesiasticall meaning, are not to bee altered into a strange or prophane signification. For such vanities and nouelties of words, the Apostle prohibiteth, whereof the popish translation of the new Testament is fraught full. Notwithstanding our meaning is not, that if any Greeke tearmes, or words of any other language, haue of long time been usurped in our English tongue, the true understanding of which, is unknowen at this day, to the common people: but that the time tearmes may bee either in translation, or exposition, set out plainely, to enforme the simplicitie of the ignorant, by such words, as of them are better understood. Also when those tearmes are abused by custome of speech, to signifie some other thing, than they were first appointed for, or else bee taken ambiguously for diuers things: wee ought not to bee superstitious in these cases, but to avoide misunderstanding, wee may use words according to their originall signification, as they were taken in such time, as they were written by the instruments of the holy Ghost. As for example, if a Bishop bee mistaken by the people, either for such an idoll as the Papists used to make of their Saint *Nicolas Bishops*, or else for a great Lord onely, that rideth about in a white rochet, they may bee told, that the name of a Bishop describeth his office, that is, to bee an overseer of the flocke of Christ, committed to his charge. Likewise if the word Deacon, bee taken for such an one, as at a popish masse standeth in a disguised cuticle, holding a patten, or some other Idolatrous bable vsed of them: the people must bee taught, that this name signifieth a Minister, which was ordained not to serue the Popish altar, but the pobre mens tables, that is, to provide for the poore, and to see the Churches almes bestowed upon them. Also if the name of Martyrs bee not understood, but taken onely for them that are tormented and rent in body, as the common speech is to say, of men and beasts, that they are martyred, when their bodies are wounded and mangled: here it is needfull to shew, that the Saints that suffered for Christ, had their name of their witnesse or testimony, not of their paines and torments. The name of Baptisme is so common to Christians, that it neede not to bee changed into washing: but yet it may and ought to bee explicated unto the unlearned, what this word doth signifie, which is no prophane signification, but a true and generall understanding of the word, which is vsed of the Euangelist for other washings than the Sacrament of Baptisme, and so, you are inforced to translate it, *Mark.7.*

MART. 2. *Now then to come to our purpose, such are the absurd translations of the English Bibles, and altogether like unto these. Namely, when they translate congregation for Church, Elder for Priest, Image for Idoll, dissension for schisme, Generall for Catholike, secret for Sacrament, ouerseer for Bishop, * messenger for Angell, embassadour for Apostle, Minister for Deacon, and such like: to what other end bee these deceitfull translations, but to conceale and obscure, the name of the Church, and dignities thereof mentioned in the holy Scriptures: to dissemble the word schisme (as they doe also * heresie and Heretike) for feare of disgracing their schismes and heresies, to say of Matrimonie, neither Sacrament which is the Latine, nor mysterie which is the Greeke, but to goe as farre as they can possibly from the common vsuall and Ecclesiasticall words saying. This is a great secret: in fauour of their heresie, that Matrimonie is no Sacrament.*

* See chap. 15. nu. 18. & 3.4. & ch. 21. num.

Gal. 5. Tit 3. 1 Cor. 11. Bib. 1562. Eph. 5. v. 32.

FVLKE. 2. Absurd translations of the English Bibles, you say, are congregation for Church, Elder for Priest, Image for Idoll and such like. The word Church being ambiguously taken of the people for the place of assembly, and the assembly it selfe, it was as lawfull for us to call congregation, as for you to call it assembly, *Act.* 7. This word Priest, commonly taken for a Sacrificer and the same that *Sacerdos*, and so by you translated: there was good occasion to vse the word Elder, for which you vse Senior, or auncient in your translation, which is a name of authoritie, as over-seer is of diligence, Minister of service, Pastor of feeding: of which names set foorth a true Bishoppe, Pastor, and Elder, and if you will needs haue it, of a true Priest. Of Image for Idoll is said enough, in the next Chapter before. Schisme I know not how Englishmen should understand, except it were englished by dissension, division, rending or some such like. Of generall for Catholike, wee shall speake anon. Secret for Sacrament, wee vse, because wee would retaine the Ecclesiasticall use of this word Sacrament which is to signifie the seales of Gods

Gods promises, and not confound it with every holy or unholy secret thing. The Greeke word mysterie, which you would enjoyne us to vse, was in the time of the first translation more unknowen, than that wee could well haue vsed it, except wee would haue followed your veine, in vanitie and noveltie of tearmes, *Prepuce, neophyte, gratis, depositum, &c.* or else made generall and common the proper use of this Ecclesiasticall tearme Sacrament, to every mysterie, and called the Sacrament of preaching, of publishing the Gospell to the Gentiles, of the seven starres, as you doe, and yet in the Sacrament of the whore of *Babylon*, you leane it, and call it mysterie, *Apoc.* 17. *v.* 7. as you should bee enforced to doe, if you would translate the old Testament out of Latine, *Dan.* 2. divers times, except you would call *Nabuchadonosors* dreame, a Sacrament, and *Dan.* 4. where the King saith, that to *Daniel* no secret is impossible, meaning unknowne, or not understood, you would say, no Sacrament; and *Tob.* 12. you would translate, *Sacramentum Regis abscondere bonum est*, It is a good thing to hide the Kings Sacrament, where you should say secret, and where the English phrase would hardly beare you to say the Kings mysterie. Of the other tearmes, in the places by you quoted, it shall bee sufficient to speake. But I haue rendred reasonable causes of these tearmes hitherto: so that no man, but mad with malice, would thinke wee conceale the name of Church, and dignities thereof, in hatred of them, or doe dissemble the names of schisme and heresie, in favour of those abominations, which are as well set forth to their detestation, in the tearmes of dissention and sects. As for the name Sacrament, wee finde not in the Greeke; but *mysterium* wee translate a secret or a mysterie, as the word signifieth, which nothing favoureth the pretended Sacrament of Matrimonie.

MART. 3. *Saint* Paul *saith as plaine as hee can speake*, I beseech you brethren that you all say one thing, and that there bee no schisme among you. *They translate for schismes, dissentions, which may bee in prophane and worldly things, as well as in matters of religion. But schismes are those that divide the vnitie of the Church, whereof they know themselues guiltie. S.* Paul *saith as plainely as is possible*, A man that is an heretike avoid after the first and second admonition. *They translated in the Bible of the yeere* 1562. A man that is an Author of sects. *And where the Greeke is* heresie, *reckoned among damnable sinnes, they say*, Sects, *favouring that name for their owne sakes, and dissembling it, as though the holy Scriptures spake not against Heresie or Heretikes, Schisme, or Schismatikes.*

1 Cor. 1. v. 10. Tit. 3. αἱρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον. αἱρέσεις. Gal. 5

FVLK. 3. Saint *Paul* indeed speaketh plainely in Greeke, but if you speake English, and say schismes, 40000. of the people in *England* will sweare they understand you not. But schismes (you say) are those that divide the vnitie of the Church; dissentions may bee in prophane and worldly things. Verily all schismes divide not the Church, for they were not all the Church, of whom it is said in Saint *John* 9. There was a schisme among them: For I thinke the best of the Pharisees were scarce good members of the Church. Againe, where Saint *Paul* doth say, lest there should bee a schisme in the body, 1 *Cor.* 12. hee speaketh of the naturall body, whereunto hee compareth the Church. Saint *Paul* also saith as plainely as he can speake in Greeke, 1 *Cor.* 11. *v.* 18. I heare that there bee schismes among you; yet your vulgar Latine Translator is bold to say *Scissuras*, cuttings or rendings, where you are bold to goe from your Latine text, and call them schismes. And for explicating the Greeke name of heresie, by sects, why should wee bee more blamed, than the vulgar Latine Translator, who commonly translateth it *Sectas*, and namely *Gal.* 5. 2 *Pet.* 2. *Act.* 24. divers times, 26. and 28. in all which places you your selues translate sects. Is it because hee or you favour heresies and heretikes? Will you never leave this foolish wrangling, which alwayes turneth you to the greater discredit?

MART. 4. *As also they suppresse the very name Catholike, when it is expresly in the Greeke, for malice toward Catholikes and Catholike Religion, because they know themselues never shall bee called or knowne by that name. And therefore their two English Bibles accustomed to bee read in their Church (therefore belike most authentical) leave it cleane out in the title of all those Epistles, which haue beene knowne by the name of* Catholicæ Epistolæ *ever since the Apostles time: and their latter English Bible (dealing somewhat more honestly) hath turned the word* Catholike *into* Generall, *saying*, The Generall Epistle of Iames, of Peter, *&c. As if a man should say in his Creede*, I beleeue the Generall Church, *because hee would not say*, the Catholike Church: *as the Lutheran Catechismes say for that purpose*, I beleeue the Christian Church. *So that by this rule, when Saint* Augustine *telleth that the manner was in Cities where there was liberty of Religion, to aske*, Qui itur ad Catholicam? *wee must translate it*, Which is the way to the Generall? *And when Saint* Hieroime *saith*, *If wee agree in faith with the Bishop of Rome*, ergo Catholici sumus, *wee must translate it*, Then wee are Generals. *Is not this good stuffe? Are they not ashamed thus to invert and pervert all words against common sense, and use, and reason? Catholike and Generall or universall (wee know) is by the original proprie*

An. 1562. 1577. Euseb li. 2. Eccl. hist. c. 22. in fine 1579.

Lind. in Dublic. annis.

pertie of the word all one: but according to the vse of both, as it is ridiculous to say, A Catholike Councell for a Generall Councell; so is it ridiculous and impious to say, Generall for Catholike, in derogation thereof, and for to hide it under a bushell.

FVLK. 4. I doe not know where the name of Catholike is once expressed in the text of the Bible, that it might bee suppressed by us, which are not like to beare malice to the Catholike Church, or Religion, seeing wee teach even our young children to beleeue the holy Catholike Church. But not finding the word Catholike in the text, you runne to the title of the seuen Epistles, called as commonly Canonicall as Catholike or Generall. But *Eusebius* belike testifieth that they haue beene so called ever since the Apostles time, *lib. 2. cap.* 22. I marvell you are not ashamed to avouch such an untruth. *Eusebius* speaking of his owne time, saith, they are so called, but that they haue beene so called ever since the Apostles time, hee saith not. And so farre off hee is from saying so, that hee pronounceth the Epistle of Saint *Iames* in the same place, to bee a bastard, and speaketh doubtfully of the Epistle of Saint *Iude*. But whereas in one translation wee use the word Generall for Catholike, you make a great May-game of it, shewing your wit and your honesty both at once. For these 5. of *Iames*, 2. of *Peter*, one of *Iude*, and the first of *Iohn*, which are properly and rightly so intituled, haue that title, because they are not sent to any particular Church, or persons, but to all in generall, as the Greeke Scholiast truely noteth. And Oecumenius before the Epistle of Saint *Iames* saith expresly, *Catholica, id est, vniuersales, dicuntur hæ, &c.* These Epistles are called Catholike, that is to say, Vniversall or Generall, because not distinctly to one Nation or Citie (as Saint *Paul* to the Romanes, or Corinthians) this company of our Lords Disciples doth dedicate these Epistles, but generally to the faithfull, or to the Iewes that were dispersed, as also *Peter*: or else to all Christians living under the same faith. For otherwise, if they should bee called Catholike, in respect of the soundnesse of the doctrine contained in them, what reason were there more to call them so, than to call all the Epistles of Saint *Paul*? Wherefore in this title, which yet is no part of the holy Scriptures, it is rightly translated Generall. The other Translators seeing seuen to bee called generall, where onely fiue are so indeede, and seeing them also called canonicall, which should seeme to bee a controlling of Saint *Pauls* Epistles, left out that title altogether, as being no part of the text, and word of God, but an addition of the Stationers or writers.

MART. 5. *Is it because they would follow the Greeke, that they turne καθολικὴ, generall? Even as iust, as* Catholica. *and when they turne εἴδωλον image, δόγμα instruction, δικαίωμα ordinance, σχίσμα dissention, αἵρεσιν sect, μυστήριον secret, and such like, where they goe as farre from the Greeke as they can, will bee glad to pretend for answer of their word sect, that they follow our Latine translation. Alas poore shift, for them that otherwise pretend nothing but the Greeke, to bee tryed by that Latine which themselues condemne. But wee honour the said text, and translate it sects also, as wee there finde it, and as wee doe in other places follow the Latine text, and take not our aduantage of the Greeke text, because wee know the Latine translation is good also and sincere, and approued in the Church by long antiquity, and it is in sense all one to us with the Greeke, but not so to them, who in these dayes of controuersie about the Greeke and Latine text, by not following the Greeke, which they professe sincerely to follow, bewray themselues that they doe it for a malicious purpose.*

FVLK. 5. It is because wee would haue the Greeke understood, as it is taken in those places, when wee turne Catholike generall, *Idolum* image, δόγμα instruction, δικαίωμα ordinance, σχίσμα dissention, αἵρεσιν sect, μυστήριον secret, and such like. And where you say, wee would be glad for our word sect, to pretend to follow your Latine translation, it is a fable: for in translating sect, wee follow the Greeke as truely, as your Latine translation doth, which if it be true and sincere, as you confesse, what deuillish madnesse possesseth your malicious minde, to burden us with such purposes, as no reasonable man would once imagine or thinke of, that wee should use that terme in favour of heresie, and heretikes, whom wee thinke worthy to suffer death, if they would not repent, and cease to blaspheme, or seduce the simple.

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CHAP. V.

Hereticall translation against the CHVRCH.

AS they suppresse the name Catholike, *even so did they in their first English Bible the name of* Church *it selfe, because at their first reuolt and apostasie from that, that was vniuersally knowne to be the only true Catholike Church, great objection against their schismaticall proceedings, and it stucke much in the peoples consciences, that they forsooke the Church, and that the Church condemned them. Wherevpon very wilily they suppressed the name* Church *in their English translation, so that in all that Bible so long read in their congregations, wee cannot once finde the name thereof. Iudge by these places which seeme of most importance for the dignity, preheminence, and authority of the Church.* Bib. 1562.

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HOw can we suppresse the name Catholike, which the holy Scripture neuer vseth? As for the name Church, I haue already shewed diverse times, that for to avoyd the ambiguous taking of that tearme, it was at the first lesse vsed, but never refused, for doubt of any objection of the Catholike church against us; the profession of which being contained in our English Creed, how could wee relinquish, or not acknowledge to bee contained in the Scripture, in which wee taught, that all Articles of faith necessary to salvation are comprehended? But we are contented to be judged by those places which seeme of most importance for the dignity, preheminence and authority of the Church.

MART. 2. *Our Saviour saith,* Vpon this Rocke I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevaile against it: *They make him to say,* Vpon this Rocke I will build my congregation. *Againe*; If hee heare not them, tell the Church; and if he heare not the Church, let him be to thee as an Heathen, and as a Publicane: *They say,* Congregation. *Againe, who would thinke they would haue altered the word Church in the Epistle to the Ephesians? Their English translation for many yeares read thus,* Yee husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Congregation, and cleansed it to make it unto himselfe a glorious Congregation, without spotte or wrinkle. *And,* This is a great secret, but I speake of Christ and of the Congregation. *And to* Timothy, The house of God, which is the Congregation of the living God, the Pillar and ground of trueth. *Here is no word of Church, which in Latine and Greeke is,* Ecclesia Dei vivi, Columna et firmamentum veritatis. *Likewise to the Ephesians againe,* He hath made him head of the Congregation, which is his body. *And to the Hebrewes they are all bold to translate,* The Congregation of the first borne, *where the Apostle nameth heavenly Hierusalem, the Citie of the living God, &c.* Mat. 16. Mat. 18. Eph. 5. 1 Tim. 3. Eph. 1. Heb. 12. v. 23.

FVLK. 2. In the first English Bible printed, where it was thus translated, *Mat.* 16. Vpon this Rocke I will build my Congregation, the note in the margent is thus, vpon this Rocke, that is, as saith S. *Augustine*, upon the confession which thou hast made, acknowledging mee to bee Christ, the Sonne of the living God, I will build my congregation or Church. Was not this Translatour (thinke you) sore afrayd of the name of the Church? What other thing should he understand by the word Congregation, in all places by you noted, or in any like, but the Church, as he doeth here expound himselfe? And this translation almost word for word doeth the Bible you call 1562. follow. " "

MART. 3. *So that by this translation, there is no more Church militant and triumphant, but congregation; and he is not head of the Church, but of the Congregation: and this congregation at the time of the making of this translation, was in a few new Brethren of England, for whose sake the name Church was left out of the English Bible, to commend the name of congregation, above the name of Church. Whereas Saint* Augustine *telleth them, that the Iewes Synagogue was a Congregation, the Church a conuocation; and that a congregation is of Beasts also, a conuocation of reasonable Creatures onely; and that the Iewes congregation is sometimes called the* Church, *but the Apostles never called the Church* Congregation. *Doe you see then what a goodly change they haue made, for Church, to say congregation; so making themselues a very Synagogue, and that by the property of the Greeke word, which yet (as S.* Augustine *telleth them most truely) signifieth rather a conuocation?* In Psal. 81. init. συναγωγὴ, ἐκκλησία.

FVLK. 3. A ſtrange matter that the Church militant and triumphant ſhould bee excluded, by uſing the word congregation, when by it nothing is ſignifyed, but the congregation or Church militant and triumphant; and that Chriſt ſhould no more bee head of the Church, when hee is head of the congregation, where the difference is onely in ſound of wordes, not in ſenſe or meaning. Your vaine and ridiculous ſurmiſe, why the name of Church ſhould bee left out of the Bible, I have before confuted, ſhewing that in every Bible it is either in the text, or in the notes. But Saint *Auguſtine* telleth us (ſay you) that the Iewes Synagogue was a congregation, the Church a convocation; and that a congregation is of beaſtes alſo, a convocation of reaſonable creatures onely. But Saint *Luke* in the perſon of Saint *Steven* telleth us, and *Auguſtine* telleth us as much, that the Synagogue of the Iewes is called alſo *Eccleſia*, which ſignifyeth the Church and congregation. That *Congregatio* the Latine word may bee of beaſtes alſo, it skilleth not, for the Church of Chriſt is called alſo a flocke, and ſheepe of his paſture. But hee that ſhould ſay in Engliſh a congregation of beaſtes, might bee taken for as wiſe a man, as hee that ſayd an audience of ſheepe. And whereas Saint *Auguſtine* telleth you, that the Iewes congregation is ſometimes called the Church, what is the cauſe that you tranſlate it the aſſembly, *Act.* 7. even as you doe the congregation of the idolatrous Epheſians, *Act.* 19. But further (you ſay) *Auguſtine* telleth us, that the Apoſtles never called the Church congregation. It is a world to ſee what fooliſh fetches you have to deceive the ignorant. *Auguſtine* ſayth the Apoſtles never called our aſſembly *Synagoga*, but always *Eccleſia*; and yet hee is a little deceived: for S. *Paul* calleth our gathering together unto Chriſt ἐπισυναγωγὴν, but *Congregatio*, a congregation, hee ſayth not. And although hee make a nice diſtinction betweene the wordes *Congregation* and *Convocation*, yet all men which know the uſe of theſe wordes, will confeſſe no neceſſity of a Iewiſh Synagogue, to bee implyed in the word congregation, more then in the word ἐκκλησία, which of the holy Ghoſt is uſed for an aſſembly or gathering together, either of Iewes, Chriſtians, or Gentiles. And therefore it ſeemeth the Tranſlatour uſed the word congregation, which is indifferent for all, even as the word *Eccleſia* is uſed both in the Greeke and vulgar Latine.

MART. 4. *If they appeale here to their latter tranſlations, wee muſt obtayne of them to condemne the former, and to confeſſe this was a groſſe fault committed therein: and that the Catholike Church of our Country did not ill to forbid and burne ſuch Bookes, which were ſo tranſlated by* Tyndall *and the like, as being not indeed Gods booke, word, or Scripture, but the Divells word. Yea they muſt confeſſe, that the leaving out of this word Church altogether, was of an hereticall ſpirit againſt the Catholike Romane Church, becauſe then they had no Calviniſticall Church in any like forme of religion and government to theirs now. Neither will it ſerve them to ſay after their manner. And if a man ſhould tranſlate* Eccleſiam, congregation; this is no more abſurdity, Confut. of Mr. Howlet, fol. 35 *then in ſtead of a Greeke word, to uſe a Latine of the ſame ſignification: This (wee trowe) will not ſuffice them in the judgement of the ſimpleſt indifferent Reader.*

FVLK. 4. Wee neede not to appeale to the latter tranſlations, for any corruption or falſification of the former, no nor for any miſ-tranſlation. For ſeeing the ſpirit of God (as I have ſaid before) uſeth the word *Eccleſia* generally for a company of Chriſtians, Iewes, and Gentiles, the Tranſlatour hath not gone from the trueth, and uſe of the Scriptures, to uſe the word congregation, which ſignifyeth indifferently all three. Wherefore there needeth no condemnation, nor confeſſion of any groſſe fault herein committed, except you will count it a groſſe fault in Saint *Luke*, to uſe the word συναγὼγὴ without any ſcrupoloſity for all three, as the Tranſlatour doeth the word congregation, and you in two ſignifications the word aſſembly. Neither can your heatheniſh and barbarous burning of the holy Scriptures ſo tranſlated, nor your blaſphemy in calling it the Devils word, bee excuſed, for any fault in the tranſlation which you have diſcovered as yet, or ever ſhall bee able to deſcry. That ſtinking cavill of leaving out of the Bible this word Church altogether, being both fooliſh and falſe, I have anſwered more then once already. It is not left out altogether, that in contents of bookes and chapters, and in notes of explication of this word congregation, is ſet downe. Neither could there bee any purpoſe againſt the Catholike Church of Chriſt, in them that tranſlated and taught the Creede in Engliſh, profeſſing to beleeve the holy Catholike Church. As for our hatred of the malignant Anti-chriſtian Church of Rome, wee never diſſembled the matter, ſo that wee were afrayd openly to profeſſe it; what neede had wee then after ſuch a fantaſticall manner (as is foodly imagined) to inſinuate it?

MART. 5. *But, my Maſters, if you would confeſſe the former faults and corruptions never ſo plainly, is that enough to juſtify your corrupt dealing in the holy Scriptures? Is it not an horrible fault ſo wilfully to falſify and corrupt the word of God written by the inſpiration of the holy Ghoſt? May you abuſe the people for certaine yeares with falſe tranſlations, and afterward ſay, Loe we have amended?*

amended it in our latter tranſlations? Then might the Heretike Beza be excuſed for tranſlating in ſtead of Chriſts ſoule in hell; his carcaſſe in the grave. And becauſe ſome friend told him of that corruption, and he corrected it in the latter editions, he ſhould nevertheleſſe in your judgement, bee counted a right honeſt man. No (be ye ſure) the diſcreet Reader cannot be ſo abuſed, but he will eaſily ſee, that here is a great difference in mending ſome overſight (which may eſcape the beſt men: and in your groſſe falſe tranſlations, who at the firſt falſifyed of a prepenſed malice, and afterwards alter it for very ſhame. Howbeit, to ſay the trueth, in the chiefeſt and principall place that concerneth the Churches perpetuitie and ſtability, you have not yet altered the former tranſlation, but it remaineth as before and is at this day read in your Churches thus, upon this Rocke I will build my congregation. Can it be without ſome hereticall ſubtiltie, that in this place ſpecially and (I thinke) onely you change not the word congregation into Church? Give us a reaſon and diſcharge your credite.

See his new Teſt. in Lat. of the yeare 1556. printed by Robert Steven in fol. Act. 2. v. 27.

Matth. 16. 18. Bib. 1577.

FVLK. 5. You are very hardly, and in very deede maliciouſly bent againſt us, that you will accept no confeſſion of faults eſcaped, never ſo plainely made. As for corrupe dealing in the holy Scriptures, and falſifying of the word of God, you are not able, no not if you would burſt your ſelfe for malice, to convict us. And therefore looke for no confeſſion of any ſuch wickedneſſe, whereof our conſcience is cleare before God, and doeth not accuſe us. As for *Bezaes* correction of his former tranſlation, *Act.* 2. *verſ.* 27. if your dogged ſtomach will not accept, hee ſhall notwithſtanding with all godly learned men bee accounted, as hee deſerveth, for one who hath more profited the Church of God, with his ſincere tranſlation, and learned annotations, then all the Popiſh Seminaries, and Seminariſts, ſhall bee able to hinder it, jangle of groſſe and falſe tranſlations, as long as you will. But the chiefeſt and principall place that concerneth the Churches perpetuitie, is not yet reformed to your minde, For in the Bible 1577. wee reade ſtill *Matth.* 16 upon this Rocke I will build my congregation. If Chriſt have a perpetuall congregation, builded upon the foundation of the Prophets, and Apoſtles, himſelfe beeing the corner ſtone, his Church is in no danger ever to decay. Yet you aske, whether it can bee without ſome hereticall ſubtiltie, that in this place ſpecially, and (as you thinke) onely, the word congregation, is not changed into Church. It is an homelie, but a true Proverbe: the good-wife would never have ſoughe her daughter in the oven, had ſhee not beene there firſt her ſelfe. You are ſo full of hereticall ſubtilties, and trayterous devices, that you dreame of them in other mens doings, whatſoever commeth into your handes: yea, where you your ſelfe can have no probable imagination what to ſuſpect. And therefore wee muſt give you a reaſon, in diſcharge of our credite. For my part, I know not with what ſpeciall reaſon the Tranſlatour was moved, but I can give you my probable conjecture, that hee thought it all one, (as indeede it is) to ſay my congregation, or my Church. For what is Chriſts congregation, but his Church? or what is Chriſts Church, but his congregation? And yet to put you out of all feare, the Geneva tranſlation hath the word Church, that you make ſo greate account of, as though it were not an indifferent word to the true Church, of true Chriſtians, and the falſe Church of malignant Heretikes: beeing uſurped firſt to ſignify the congregation of Chriſtians, by a *Metonymie* of the place containing, for the people contained. For the etymologie thereof is from the Greeke word κυριακὸν, which was uſed of Chriſtians for the place of their holy meetings, ſignifying the Lords houſe, therefore in the northerne, which is the more ancient Engliſh ſpeech, is called by contraction Kyrke, more neere to the ſound of the Greeke word.

MART. 6. *What ſhall I ſay of* Beza, *whom the Engliſh Bibles alſo follow, tranſlating actively that Greek word, (which in common uſe, and by Saint* Chryſoſtomes, *and the Greeke doctors expoſition, is a plaine paſſive: Jto ſignify, as in his annotations is cleere, that Chriſt may bee without his Church, that is, a head without a body. The words bee theſe in the hereticall tranſlation,* Hee gave him to bee the head over all things to the Church, which (Church) is his body, the fulneſſe of him that filleth all in all. *Saint* Chryſoſtome, *ſaith* Beza, *(hee might have ſaid, all the Greeke and Latine auncient Fathers) taketh it paſſively, in this ſenſe, that Chriſt is filled all in all, becauſe all faithfull men as members, and the whole Church as the body, concurre to the fulneſſe and accompliſhment of Chriſt the head. But this (ſaith he) ſeemeth unto mee a forced interpretation. Why ſo* Beza?

Eph. 1. 22. 23. τὰ πάντα πάντα.

FVLK. 6. That *Beza* tranſlateth the participle τὸ πληρουμένου, actively, it is plaine, both in the text of his tranſlation, and in his annotations. But that hee doeth it to ſignify, that Chriſt may bee without his Church, that is a head without a body, it is a ſhameleſſe ſlander. His wordes, upon which you weave this cobweb, are theſe, *Omiſimus autem hoc addidit Apoſtolus, ut ſciamus Chriſtum per ſe non indigere hoc ſupplemento: ut qui efficiat omnia in omnibus revera: nedum ut ſuppleatur à quoquam, niſi quatenus pro immenſa ſua bonitate Eccleſiam*

dignatur sibi quasi corpus in instar adjungere. This the Apostle hath added altogether for this end, that wee may know that Christ of himselfe hath no neede of this supply: as hee which worketh in trueth all things in all, so farre it is, that hee should bee supplyed by any body, but that of his infinite goodnesse, hee vouchsafeth to adjoyne his Church unto himselfe, as his body. Who but the Devill, would finde fault with this godly and Catholike saying? wherein it is affirmed, that Christ, which according to the perfection of his divine nature, needeth no supply, yet of his infinite mercy, vouchsafeth to become head of his Church, as of his body: so that hee will not bee counted perfect without it. Is this to say Christ may bee a head without a body? or is it for his benefit, or the benefit of his Church, that hee is the head thereof? But the more to lay open this malicious slaunder, and impudent falsifying of *Bezaes* wordes, and meaning, I will set downe his saying, going immediately before, upon the word πλήρωμα, which hee calleth *complementum sive supplementum*, a fulfilling or supplying. *Is enim est Christi in Ecclesiam amor, &c.* For such is the love of Christ toward his Church, that whereas hee performeth all things, to all men, unto the full: yet hee esteemeth himselfe as an unperfect head, and maymed of the members, unlesse hee have his Church adjoyned to him as his body. Hereof it commeth that Christ is taken sometimes collectively for the whole Church, adjoyned to her head, as 1 *Cor.*12. *vers.*12. &13. and *Gal.* 3.16. Hereof commeth also that phrase, (in Christ) so often repeated, which signifyeth somewhat more expressly, then with Christ, or by Christ. Hereof that voyce of Christ, *Saul, Saul,* why doest thou persecute mee? whither also pertaineth that which is written, *Col.*1. *vers.*24. Finally, hereof proceedeth all our hope and consolation. How thinke you, is not this man willing to separate the Church from Christ, the head from the body? O monstrous malices of godlesse Papists. His exposition of the place beeing such, as you see, let us now examine what can bee said against this translation. For a man must not translate falsely, to make a true sense. It is alledged against him, that *Chrysostome,* and all the Greeke and Latine Fathers take the participle passively. *Beza* confesseth it of *Chrysostome,* whom the latter Greeke writers commonly doe follow. But the participle, beeing derived of the meane verbe, may have either passive or Active signification. But why doeth *Beza* say, that the exposition of *Chrysostome* is forced, which taketh it passively? hee sayth not in respect of *Chrysostomes* sense, which hee himselfe followeth, and it is contained in the word πλήρωμα, but in respect of the Grammar, that πάντα should bee put absolutely without any word to governe it, seeing the participle of the meane verbe, may bee taken actively, and governe πάντα, beeing the accusative case.

MART. 7. *Marke his Doctours whom hee opposeth to the Fathers, both Greeke and Latine. Because* Xenophon (*saith hee*) *in such a place, and* Plato *in such a place, use the Greeke word actively. I omit this miserable match, and unworthy names of* Xenophon *and* Plato, *in triall of Saint* Pauls *words, against all the glorious Doctours: this is his common custome. I aske him rather of these his owne Doctours, how they use the Greeke word in other places of their workes? how use they it most commonly? yea how doe all other Greeke writers, either prophane, or sacred, use it? What say the Greeke Readers of all Universities? Surely, not onely they, but their Schollers for the most part, cannot be ignorant that the use of this word, and the like, is passive, though sometime it may also signifie actively: but that is so rare in comparison of the other, that no man lightly will use it, and I am well assured, it would be counted a fault, and some lacke of skill, if one now in his writings that would expresse this in Greeke,* God filleth all things with his blessing, *should say,* πληροῖ τὸ θεὸς πάντα: *and,* the wine filleth the cuppe, ὁ οἶνος πληροῖ τὸ ποτήριον. *Aske them that have skill and controle mee. Contrarywise, if one would say passively,* All things are filled with Gods blessings, The cuppe is filled with wine, Such a prophecie is fulfilled. *What meane Gracians would not say, as Saint* Chrysostome *here expoundeth this word,* πληροῦται, *using it passively?* πληροῦται.

FVLK. 7. Marke how malice carryeth this man almost into madnesse. For who but a madde man would thinke, that *Beza* opposeth prophane writers to Ecclesiasticall Doctors, for understanding of the Scripture? The meane verbe πληροῦμαι, which the meanest Grammarian in the world knoweth to bee taken both actively and passively by the Grammar rule *De verbo medio, Beza* prooveth out of *Xenophon,* and *Plato,* that it is and may bee used actively. Why not therefore in this place of *Saint Paul,* where both the sense requireth, that one thing bee not repeated twise without necessary cause, and the construction of the word πάντα calleth for it, which otherwise is left at randome, without any governement? Seeing therefore wee have the common rule of Grammar, and the example of eloquent writers for use, I marveile what Master *Martine* meaneth to waste so many wordes about so cleare a matter. No man that knoweth any thing, doubteth but that πληροῦμαι may bee, and is often taken passively: But seeing it is also found to bee a verbe

verbe meane, who needeth to bee afrayd to use it actively (having *Xenophon* and *Plato* for his warrant) yea even in those examples you put of Gods blessing filling all things, or the wine filling the cuppe, if any man would speake so. But if because the word is more usually taken passively, men would refrayne so to speake, yet why should wee thinke that Saint *Paul* did not use it actively? when the Active signification is more agreeable, both with his wordes, and with his meaning. But least you should thinke *Beza* is alone, which taketh it actively, what say you to *Philippus Montanus* one of your owne profession, which in his animadversions upon *Theophylacts* translation, by him corrected, sayth upon this place πληροῦτε *qui adimplet, vel adimpletur, verbum enim est medium, passive autem videtur accipere Theophylactus.* Which filleth, or which is filled: for it is a verbe of indifferent signification, active or passive, but *Theophilact* seemeth to take it passively. What say you to *Isidorus Clarius,* who although in his text hee readeth passively, yet in his note, confesseth it may bee taken either passively or actively. For this is his note. *Plenitudo ejus*] *per omnia enim membra adimpletur Corpus Christi, quia omnia in omnibus implet, dum ipse agit in omnibus, vel per omnes homines hac implet membra. Sive plenitudinem & complementum omne suum habet ipsa Ecclesia ab illo, qui omnia in omnibus adimplet.* That is the fulnesse of him] for by all the members the body of Christ is filled, because hee filleth all in all, while hee worketh in all, or throughout all men filleth these members. Or else the Church her selfe hath all her fulnesse and accomplishment of him, which filleth all in all. These men both Papists, were as good Grecians (I warrant you) as Master *Gregorie Martine* is, or ever will bee, by whom if hee will not bee controuled, it were folly to presse him with the judgement of our Greeke Readers, which hee requireth.

MART. 8. *Yet (saith* Beza*) this is a forced interpretation, because* Xenophon *foreseeth and* Plato *(once perhaps in all their whole workes) use it otherwise. O heretical blindnesse or rather stubbornesse, that calleth that forced, which is most common and usuall: and seeth not that his owne translation is forced, because it is against the common use of the word. But no marveil. For hee that in other places thinketh it no forced interpretation, to translate* πλεῖσθαι, to bee contayned. *Which neither* Xenophon, *nor* Plato, *nor any Greeke Authour will allow him to doe, and* ψυχὴ *careasse and* πρόνοια, providence, *and* μεταμέλεια, them that amend their lives, *may much more in this place dissemble his forced interpretation of* πληροῦται. *But why he should call S.* Chrysostomes *interpretation forced, which is the common and usuall interpretation, that hath no more reason then if a very thiefe should say to an honest man: Thou art a theefe, and not I.* Recipere. Animam. Præscientiam. Pœnitentiam.

FVLK. 8. I have shewed how it is inforced, because in taking the participle passively, you must either bee inforced to admitt a plaine solœcisme, where none needeth: or else you must hardly understand the preposition κατὰ to governe the accusative πάντα, as *Montanus* telleth you in *Theophilact,* and as *Oecumenius* doeth, and the sense will bee no more then is contained in the word *Complementum.* Whereas by taking it actively, the wonderfull goodnesse of Christ shineth toward his Church, who although he needeth nothing to make him perfect, as *Chrysostome* sayth, but supplyeth all things in all things, yet it is his gracious pleasure, to account himselfe imperfect without his Church, which hee hath united to him as his body, in which hee is not perfect without all his members.

As for your vaine and tædious repetition, like the Cuckowes song, of *Bezaes* misprisions. I will not stand so often to answere, as you are disposed to rehearse them: Onely I must admonish the Reader, of a piece of your cunning, that in repeating the participle, you change the tempes, and for πληρούμενα, you say πεπληρωμένα, as though it were the preterperfect temps, which cannot bee taken, but onely passively. I know the Printer shall beare the blame of this overight, but in the meane time it maketh a little shew, to a young Grecian, that considereth it not.

MART. 9. *Is it forced* Beza, *that Christ is filled all in all by the Church? doeth not Saint* Paul *in the very next words before, call the Church the fulnesse of Christ, saying,* Which is the fulnesse of him that is filled all in all? *If the Church be the fulnesse of him, then is hee filled or hath his fulnesse of the Church, so that hee is not a maymed head without a body. This would Saint* Paul *say, if you would give him leave, and this hee doeth say, whether you will or no. But what is the cause that they will not suffer the Apostle to say so? because (saith* Beza*)* Christ needeth no such complement. *And if hee needeth it not, then may he be without a Church, and consequently it is no absurditie, if the Church hath beene for many yeares not onely invisible, but also not at all. Would a man easily at the first imagine or conceive, that there were such secret poyson in their translation?*

FVLK. 9. You should urge *Beza* with a Latine Epistle, seeing you are so earnest in the matter. I have told you that the sense of *Chrysostome* is true, but not flowing easily from the wordes of Saint *Paul.* That Christ hath his fulnesse of the Church, it is granted by Be-

to upon the word *Plenitudo* or *Complementum*, as you cannot be ignorant, if you have read *Bezaes* Annotations, as you pretend. But you charge *Beza* to say, that Christ needeth no such complement. *Bezaes* wordes are as I have set them downe before, *Vt sciamus Christum per se, non indigere hoc supplemento*, that wee may know that Christ of himselfe, needeth not this supply. Is this all one, with that you report him to say? No, his saying was too long for your theevish bedde, and therefore you cut off *Per se*, of himselfe, or by himselfe. What say you? Dare you affirme that Christ of himselfe, in respect of his divine nature hath neede of any complement? That Christ hath always a Church since the beginning of the world, and shall have to the end, *Beza* doeth plainely in an hundred places confesse: neither can it bee other wise prooved by this translation, nor yet (by *Bezaes* words that Christ of himselfe is perfect and needeth no supply) but that it pleaseth him to become the head of the Church, as of his body, which his divine and mercifull pleasure, seeing it is immutable, Christ cannot bee without his Church, nor the Church without him. Yea as *Beza* in plaine wordes affirmeth, this is our whole hope and consolation, that Christ esteemeth himselfe an imperfect head, and maymed of his members, except hee have his Church adjoyned to him as his body.

ART. 10. *Againe, it commeth from the same puddle of Geneva, that in their Bibles so called, the English Bezites translate against the unitie of the Catholike Church. For whereas themselves are full of sects and dissentions, and the true Church is knowne by unity, and hath this marke given her by Christ himselfe, in whose person* Salomon *speaking saith,* Vna est columba mea, *that is,* One is my Dove, *or,* My Dove is one. *Therefore in stead hereof, the foresayd Bible sayth,* [illegible] אחת My Dove is alone: *Neither Hebrew nor Greeke word having that signification, but being as proper to signifie one, as* unus *in Latine.* Bib. 1579. Cant. 6. v. 8.

He that hath any nose may smell, that this censure commeth from the stinking puddle of
FVLK. 10. Popish malice. For hee that sayth my Dove is alone, *Cant. 6. 8.* doeth a great deale more strongly advouch the unity of the Church, then he that saith my Dove is one. For whereas *Salomon* saith in the verse going immediately before: There are threescore Queenes, and fourescore Concubines, and of the Damsells without number, if you adde thereto my Dove is one: it may bee thought shee is one of those last mentioned. But if you say as the Geneva Bible doeth, but my Dove is alone, and my undefiled is the onely daughter of her mother: Now the Church is excepted from all the rest of the Queenes, Concubines, and Damsels. And where you say, the Hebrew hath not that signification, I pray you goe no further, but even to the same verse, and tell mee whether the sense bee, that shee is one of her mothers daughters, or the onely daughter of her mother? Here therefore (as almost every where) you doe nothing but seeke a knot in a rush.

MART. 11. *But wee beseech every indifferent Reader, even for his soules health to consider that one point specially before mentioned, of their abandoning the name of Church for so many yeares out of their English Bibles, thereby to defeate the strongest argument that might and may possibly bee brought against them and all other Heretikes: to wit, the authority of the Church which is so many ways and so greatly recommended unto all Christians in holy Scriptures. Consider (I pray you) what a malicious intention they had herein, First, that the name Church should never sound in the common peoples eares out of the Scriptures: Secondly, that as in other things, so in this also it might seeme to the ignorant a good argument against the authority of the Church, to say,* Wee finde not this word (Church) in all the holy Scriptures. *For as in other articles they say so, because they finde not the expresse word in the holy Scripture, so did they well provide, that the word (Church) in the holy Scriptures should not stay or hinder their schismaticall and hereticall proceedings, as long as that was the onely English translation, that was read and liked among the people: that is, so long till they had by preaching taken away the Catholike Churches credite and authority altogether, among the ignorant by opposing the Scriptures thereunto; which themselves had thus falsely translated.*

FVLK. 11. Wee trust every indifferent Reader will consider, that they which translated the Greeke word *Ecclesia*, the congregation, and admonished in the notes that they did by that word meane the Church, and they which in the Creede might have translated *Ecclesiam Catholicam*, the universall congregation, taught all Children to say, I beleeve the Catholike Church, could have no such devillish meaning, as this malicious slaunderer, of his owne head doeth imagine. For who ever heard any man reason thus. This word Church is not found in the Scripture, therefore the Church must bee despised, &c. Rather it is like (beside other reasons before alleadged) that those first Translatours, having in the old Testament out of the Hebrew translated the wordes *Cahal Hadath*, and such other for the congregation (where the Papists will not translate the Church, although their Latine text bee *Ecclesia*, as appeareth, *Act. 7.* where they call it assembly) thought good to retaine the word congregation, throughout the new Testament also, least it might

might bee thought of the ignorant, that God had no Church in the time of the old Testament. Howsoever it was, they departed neither from the word, nor meaning of the holy Ghost, nor from the usage of that word *Ecclesia*, which in the Scripture signifyeth as generally any assembly, as the word congregation doeth in English.

MARTIN.

CHAP. VI.

Heretical translation against PRIEST and PRIESTHOOD.

BEcause it may be they will stand here upon their latter translations, which have the name Church, (because by that time they saw the absurditie of changing the name, and now their number was increased, and themselves begunne to challenge to bee the true Church, though not the Catholike; and for former times when they were not, they devised an invisible Church) if then they will stand upon their latter translations, and refuse to justifie the former; let us demand of them concerning all their English translation, why and to what end they suppresse the name Priest, *translating it* Elder, *in all places where the holy Scripture would signifie by* Presbyter *and* Presbyterium, *the Priests and Priesthood of the new Testament?*

FVLKE.

IF any errour have escaped the former translations, that hath beene reformed in the latter, all reasonable men ought to bee satisfyed with our owne corrections. But because wee are not charged with over-sights and small faults, committed either of ignorance, or of negligence, but with shamelesse translations, wilfull and heretikall corruptions, wee may not acknowledge any such crimes, whereof our conscience is cleere. That wee devised an invisible Church, because wee were few in number, when our translations were first printed, it is a lewd slaunder: for beeing multiplyed (as wee are, God bee thanked) wee hold still that the Catholike Church, which is the mother of us all, is invisible, and that the Church on earth may at some times bee driven to such straites, as of the wicked it shall not bee knowne. And this wee held always, and not otherwise. Now touching the wordes *Presbyter*, and *Presbyterium*, why wee translate them not Priest and Priesthood of the new Testament, wee have given sufficient reason before: but because wee are here urged afresh, wee must answer as occasion shall bee offered.

MART. 2. *Understand (gentle Reader) their wily policy therein is this: To take away the holy Sacrifice of the Masse, they take away both Altar, and Priest, because they know right well that these three (Priest, Sacrifice, and Altar) are dependents and consequents one of another, so that they cannot be separated. If there bee an externall Sacrifice, there must bee an externall Priesthood to offer it, an Altar to offer the same upon. So had the Gentiles their Sacrifices, Priests, and Altars: so had the Iewes: so Christ himselfe, being a Priest according to the order of* Melchisedech, *had a Sacrifice, his body; and an Altar, his crosse upon which hee offered it. And because hee instituted this Sacrifice to continue in his Church for ever, in commemoration and representation of his death, therefore did hee withall ordaine his Apostles Priests at his last supper, there and then instituted the holy order of Priesthood and Priests (saying,* Hoc facite, Doe this) *to offer the selfe-same Sacrifice in a mysticall and unbloody manner, until the worldes end.* Luk. c. 22. v. 19.

FVLK. 2. In denying the blasphemous Sacrifice of the Popish Masse, with the Altar, and Priesthood that thereto belongeth, wee use no wile policie, but with open mouth at all times, and in all places, wee cry out upon it. The Sacrifices, Priests, and Altars of the Gentiles, were abominable. The Sacrifices of the Iewes, their Priests, and Altars, are all accomplished and finished in the onely Sacrifice of Christ our high Priest, offered once for all upon the Altar of the Crosse, which Christ our Saviour, seeing hee is a Priest according to the order of *Melchisedech*, hath an eternall Priesthood, and such as passeth not by succession, *Heb. 7.* Therefore did not Christ at his last supper institute any externall propiciatory Sacrifice of his body and bloud, but a Sacrament, joyned with the

the ſpirituall ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgiving: which Sacrament beeing adminiſtred by the Miniſters thereto appointed, the ſacrifice is common to the whole Church of the faithfull, who are all ſpirituall Prieſts, to offer up ſpirituall ſacrifices, as much as the Miniſter of the word and Sacraments.

RT. 3. *To defeate all this, and to take away all externall Prieſthood and Sacrifice, they by corrupt tranſlation of the holy Scriptures, make them cleane dumbe, as though they had not a word of any ſuch Prieſts, or Prieſthood, as wee ſpeake of. Their Bibles (wee graunt) have the name of Prieſts very often, but that is when mention is made either of the Prieſts of the Iewes, or of the Prieſts of the Gentiles (ſpecially when they are reprehended and blamed in the holy Scriptures) and in ſuch places our adverſaries have the name Prieſts in their tranſlations, to make the very name of Prieſt odious among the common ignorant people. Againe they have alſo the name Prieſts, when they are taken for all manner of men, women, or Children, that offer internall and ſpirituall Sacrifices, whereby our adverſaries would falſely ſignify, that there are no other Prieſts, as one of them of late freſhly avoucheth, directly againſt S. Auguſtine, who in one briefe ſentence diſtinguiſheth Prieſts properly ſo called in the Church, and Prieſts as it is a common name to all Chriſtians,* lib. 20. de Civit. Dei. cap. 10. *This name then of Prieſt and Prieſthood properly ſo called (as S. Auguſtine ſayth) which is an order diſtinct from the Laytie and vulgar people, ordayned to offer Chriſt in an unbloudy manner in ſacrifice to his heavenly Father for us, to preach and miniſter the Sacrament, and to bee the Paſtors of the people, they wholly ſuppreſſe in their tranſlations, and in all places where the holy Scripture calleth them* Presbyteros, *there they never tranſlate* Prieſts, *but* Elders: *and that they doe obſerve ſo duely and ſo warily, and with ſo full and generall conſent in all their Engliſh Bibles, as the Puritanes doe plainely confeſſe, and Maſter* Whitgift *denyeth it not, that a man would wonder to ſee how carefull they are, that the people may not once heare the name of any ſuch Prieſt in all the holy Scriptures.*

Whitakers pag. 199.

See the Puritans reply, pag. 159. and Whitgifts defence againſt the puritans, pag. 722.

K. 3. Now you have gotten a fine nette to daunce naked in, that no ignorant blinde buzzard can ſee you. The maskes of your nette bee the ambiguous and abuſive ſignifications of this word Prieſt, which indeed according to the originall derivation from *Presbyter*, ſhould ſignify nothing elſe but an Elder, as wee tranſlate it, that is, one appointed to governe the Church of God according to his word, but not to offer ſacrifice for the quicke and the dead. But by uſurpation it is commonly taken to ſignify a Sacrificer, ſuch as ἱερεὺς is in Greeke, and *Sacerdos* in Latine, by which names the Miniſters of the Goſpel are never called by the holy Ghoſt. After this common acception, and uſe of this word Prieſt, wee call the Sacrificers of the old Teſtament, and of the Gentiles alſo, becauſe the Scripture calleth them by one name *Cohanim*, or ἱερεῖς; but becauſe the Scripture calleth the Miniſters of the new Teſtament by diverſe other names, and never by the name of ἱερεῖς, wee thought it neceſſary to obſerve that diſtinction, which wee ſee the holy Ghoſt ſo preciſely hath obſerved. Therefore where the Scripture calleth them πρεσβυτέρους, wee call them according to the etymologie, Elders, and not Prieſts, which word is taken up by common uſurpation, to ſignify Sacrificers of Iewes, Gentiles, or Papiſts, or elſe all Chriſtians, in reſpect of ſpirituall Sacrifices. And alhough *Auguſtine*, and other of the auncient Fathers, call the Miniſters of the new Teſtament, by the name of *Sacerdotes*, and ἱερεῖς, which ſignify the Miniſters of the old Teſtament, yet the authority of the holy Ghoſt, making a perfect diſtinction betweene theſe two appellations, and functions, ought to bee of more eſtimation with us. The Fathers were content to ſpeake in Latine and Greeke, as the tearmes were taken up by the common people newly converted from Gentility, but yet they retayned the difference of the ſacrificing Prieſthood of the one, and the miniſteriall office of the other. This may ſuffice therefore to render a reaſon why wee uſe not the word Prieſt for Miniſters of the new Teſtament; not that wee refuſe it in reſpect of the etymologie, but in reſpect of the uſe and common ſignification thereof.

MART. 4. *As for example in their tranſlations: When there fell a queſtion about Circumciſion,* They determined that *Paul* and *Barnabas* ſhould goe up to Hieruſalem unto the Apoſtles and ELDERS, about this queſtion, *Act.* 15. *And againe*: They were received of the * congregation, and of the Apoſtles and ELDERS. *Againe*: The Apoſtles and ELDERS πρεσβυτέρους. came together to reaſon of this matter. *Againe*: Then pleaſed it the Apoſtles and EL- *Presbyteros.* * The latter DERS with the whole congregation to ſend, &c. *Againe*: The Apoſtles, and ELDERS, Bibles reade and brethren, ſend greeting, &c. *Againe*: They delivered them the decrees for to Church. keepe, that were ordayned of the Apoſtles and ELDERS. *If in all theſe places they had* Act. 16. *tranſlated* Prieſts (*as indeede they ſhould have done according to the Greeke word*) *it had them diſadvantaged them thus much, that men would have thought both the dignity of Prieſts to bee great, and alſo their authority in Councels, as beeing here ioyned with the Apoſtles, to be greatly reverenced and obeyed. To keepe the people from all ſuch holy and reverent cogitations of Prieſts, they*

they put Elders, *a name wherewith our holy Chriſtian forefathers eares were never acquainted, in that ſenſe.*

FVLK. 4. In all thoſe places by you reheatſed, *Act.* 15, and 16. your owne vulgar Latine text hath *Seniores*, which you had rather call Auncients (as the French Proteſtants call the Governours of their Churches) then Elders, as wee doe. That Popiſh Prieſts ſhould have any dignity or authority in Councels, wee doe flatly deny: but that the Seniors, Auncients, Elders, or Prieſts (if you will) of the new Teſtament, ſhould have as much dignitie and authority as Gods word doeth afford them, wee deſire with all our hearts. That our Chriſtian forefathers eares were not acquainted with the name of Elders, it was becauſe the name of Prieſt in their time ſounded according to the Etymologie, and not according to the corruption of the Papiſts: otherwiſe I thinke their eares were as much acquainted with the name of Elders, which wee uſe, as with the name of Auncients and Seniors, that you have newly taken up, not for that they differ in ſignification from Elders, but becauſe you would differ from us.

MART. 5. *But let us goe forward. Wee have heard often, and of old time, of making of Prieſts; and of late yeares alſo of making Miniſters: but did ye ever heare in England of making Elders? Yet by theſe mens tranſlations it hath beene in England a phraſe of Scripture this thirty yeares: but it muſt needs bee very ſtrange, that this making of Elders hath not all this while beene practiſed and knowne, no not among themſelves in any of their Churches within the Realme of England. To* Titus *they make the Apoſtle ſay thus,* For this cauſe left I thee in Creta, that thou ſhouldeſt ordaine Elders in every Citie, &c. *Againe of* Paul *and* Barnabas: When they had ordained Elders by election, in every congregation, Act. 14. *If they had ſaid plainely, as it is in the Greeke, and as our forefathers were wont to ſpeake, and the truth is,* Titus was left in Creta, to ordaine Prieſts in every Citie; *and,* Paul and Barnabas made Prieſts in every Church; *then the people would have underſtood them, they know ſuch ſpeeches of old, and it had beene their joy and comfort to heare it ſpecifyed in holy Scriptures. Now they are told another thing, in ſuch newneſſe of ſpeeches and words, of Elders to bee made in every City and congregation, and yet not one Citie nor congregation to have any Elders in all England, that wee know not what is prophane noveltie of words, which the Apoſtle willeth to bee avoyded, if this bee not an exceeding prophane noveltie.*

Tit. 1. and 1 Tim. 5. presbyterum. Bib. an. 15

1 Tim. 6.

FVLK. 5. When you have gotten a bable, you make more of it then of the Tower of London, for you have never done playing with it. It muſt needes bee a clarkly argument, that is drawne from the vulgar ſpeeches of making Prieſts, and making Miniſters. Theſe Prieſts or Miniſters that are made among us, are the ſame Elders that the Scripture in Greeke calleth πρεσβυτέρους, and the Biſhops letters of orders, teſtifying of their ordination, call them by neone other name, but by the name of *Presbyteri*, which the Scripture uſeth alſo: which tearme, though in Engliſh you found it Prieſts, Elders, Auncients, Seniors, or Miniſters, which is the common peoples word, it is the ſame office which is deſcribed by the holy Ghoſt, *Tit.* 1. and in other places of Scripture. As for the prophane noveltie, wherewith this word Elder is changed, wee will conſider of it in the next Section.

MART. 6. *That it is noveltie to all Engliſh Chriſtian eares, it is evident: and it is alſo prophane, becauſe they doe ſo Engliſh the Greeke word of* ordaining (*for of the word* Presbyter *wee will ſpeake more anon*) *as if they ſhould tranſlate* Demoſthenes, *or the Lawes of Athens concerning their chuſing of Magiſtrates, which was by giving voyces with liſting up their handes. So doe they force this word here, to induce the peoples election, and yet in their Churches in England, the people elect not Miniſters, but their Biſhop. Whereas the holy Scripture ſaith, they ordained to the people: and whatſoever force the word hath, it is here ſpoken of the Apoſtles, and pertaineth not to the people, and therefore in the place to* Titus *it is another word, which cannot bee forced further, then to ordaine or appoynt. And they might know (if malice and hereſie would ſuffer them to ſee and confeſſe it) that the holy Scriptures, and Fathers, and Eccleſiaſticall cuſtome, hath drawne this and the like wordes from their prophane and common ſignification, to a more peculiar and Eccleſiaſticall ſpeech: as* Epiſcopus, *an* overſeer *in* Tullie, *is a* Biſhop *in the new Teſtament,*

χειροτονήσαντες Act. 14.

χειροτονήσαι κατὰ πόλιν. Tit. 1.

FVLK. 6. The name Elders uſed in our tranſlation, is neither more novel to Engliſh eares, nor more prophane to Godly eares, then the name Auncients, which your tranſlation uſeth. And yet I thinke the Apoſtle 1 *Tim.* 6. ſpake not of noveltie to Engliſh eares, but of that which was new to the eares of the Church of God. But the word Elders (I weene) muſt bee prophane becauſe wee Engliſh the Greeke word of ordaining, as if wee ſhould tranſlate *Demoſthenes*, or the Lawes of Athens concerning the chuſing of Magiſtrates. Doeth not this cavill redound more againſt the holy Ghoſt, to accuſe his ſtile of prophaneneſſe, which uſeth the ſame wordes for the ordaining of Prieſts, that *Demoſthenes*

or

or the Lawes of Athens might use for chusing of their Magistrates? But this word wee enforce (you say) to induce the peoples election, and yet the Bishop, not the people, elect our Ministers. Wee meane not to enforce any other election, then the word doeth signify. Neither doe our Bishops (if they doe well) ordaine any Ministers or Priests without the testimony of the people, or at leastwise of such as be of most credit where they are knowne. Where you urge the pronoune αὐτοῖς, to them, as though the people gave no consent nor testimony, it is more then ridiculous; and beside that, contrary to the practise of the Primitive Church, for many hundred yeares after the Apostles: as also that you would enforce upon the word καταστῆσαι, used by S. *Paul Tit.* 1. as though that word of constitution did exclude election. That the word χειροτονία by the Fathers of the Church since the Apostles, hath beene drawne to other signification then it had before, it is no reason to teach us how it was used by the Apostles. Election is an indifferent thing, the election of Bishops, Elders or Priests, is an holy thing, the holinesse whereof is not included in the word χειροτονεῖν, but in the holy constitution of Christ, and authoritie by his appoyntment delivered, by imposition of the hands of the Eldership.

MART. 7. *And concerning χειροτονία, which wee now speake of,* S. Hierome *telleth them* (in cap. 58. Esai) *that it signifyeth* Clericorum ordinationem, *that is,* giving of holy orders, which is done not onely by prayer of the voyce, but by imposition of the hand, according to S. *Paul* unto Timothy, Manus citò nemini imposueris, Impose *or* put hands quickly upon no man: *That is, Be not hasty or easy to give holy orders. Where these great Etymologists, that so straine the originall nature of this word to prophane stretching foorth the hand in elections, may learne another Ecclesiasticall Etymologie thereof, as proper and as well deduced of the word as the other, to wit,* putting forth the hand *to give orders: and so they shall finde it is all one with that which the Apostle calleth imposition of hands,* 1 Tim. 4. 2 Tim. 1. *and consequently, for* ordayning Elders by election, *they should have sayd,* ordayning *or* making Priests by imposition of handes; *as elsewhere* S. Paul, 1 Tim. 5, *and the Acts of the Apostles* (Act. 6. *and* 13.) *doe speake in the ordaining of the seven Deacons, and of* S. Paul *and* Barnabas.

LVK. 7. The testimonie of S. *Hierome* whom you cite, you understand not; for speaking there of the extension of the finger, which the Septuaginta translate χειροτονίαν and God requireth to bee taken away, hee sayth, Many of our Interpretours doe understand it of the ordination of Clerkes, which is performed not onely at the imprecation of voyce, but also at the imposition of handes, lest as wee have laughed at in some men, the secret imprecation of the voyce should ordaine Clerkes, beeing ignorant thereof. And so proceedeth to inveigh against the abuse of them that would ordaine Clerkes of their basest officers and servitours, yea at the request of foolish women. By which it is manifest, that his purpose is not to tell what χειροτονία properly doeth signifie, but that imposition of handes is required in lawfull ordination, which many did understand by the word χειροτονία, although in that place it signifyed no such matter. And therefore you must seeke further authoritie to prove your Ecclesiasticall Etymologie, that χειροτονία signifyeth putting foorth of the handes to give orders. The places you quote in the margent, out of the titles of *Nazianzens* Sermons, are to no purpose, although they were in the text of his Homilies. For it appeareth not, although by Synecdoche the whole order of making Clerkes were called χειροτονία, that election was excluded where there was ordination by imposition of handes. As for that you cite out of *Ignatius*, prooveth against you, that χειροτονεῖν differeth from imposition of handes, because it is made a distinct office from χειροθετεῖν, that signifyeth to lay on handes; and so χειροτονία and ἐπίθεσις τῶν χειρῶν by your owne Authour doe differ.

MART. 8. *But they are so prophane and secular, that they translate the Greeke word* πρεσβύτερος *in all the new Testament, as if it had the old prophane signification still, and were indifferent to signifie the Ancients of the Iews, the Senatours of Rome, the Elders of Lacedemonia, and the Christian Clergie. Insomuch that they say,* Paul sent to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Church, Act. 20. *and yet they were such as had their flockes, and cure of soules, as followeth in the same place. They make* S. Paul *speake thus to* Timothie: Neglect not the gift (*so they had rather say then* grace, *lest holy orders should bee a Sacrament*) given thee with the laying on of the handes of the Eldership, *or* by the authority of the Eldership, 1 Tim. 4. *What is this companie of the Eldership? Somwhat they would say like to the Apostles word, but they will not speak plainely, lest the world might heare out of the Scriptures, that* Timothie *was made Priest or Bishop even as the use is in the Catholike Church at this day. Let the fourth Councell of Carthage speake for both parts indifferently, and tell us the Apostles meaning:* A Priest when he taketh his orders, the Bishop blessing him, and holding his hand upon his head, let all the Priests also that are present, hold their handes by the Bishops hand upon his head. *So doe our Priests at this day, when a Bishop maketh Priests: and this is the laying on of the handes of the company*

Greg. Nazian. in tit. Ser. 1. 4. 5. μὴ τὴν τῆς πρεσβυτέρου χειροτονίαν. & ἐπίσκοπον ἐχειροτόνησαν. Ignat. ep. 10. saith of Bishops. βαπτίζουσι, εὐαγγελίζουσι, χειροτονοῦσι, χειροθετοῦσι. χειροτονία. ἐπίθεσις τῶν χειρῶν. Is Esa. c ap. 58. "

τοῦ πρεσβυτέρους. χάλεσμα. Bib. 1579. 1577. τῆς πρεσβυτερείου, Presbyterij

Can. 3. in the yeare 436. Where S. Augustine was present and subscribed.

company of Priests, which S. Paul *speaketh of, and which they translate,* the company of the Eldership. *Only their former translation of* 1562. *in this place (by what change in consideration we know not) let fall out of the pen,* by the authority of Priesthood.

LVK. 8. We desire not to be more holy in the English tearmes, then the holy Ghost was in the Greeke tearms. Whom, if it pleased to use such a word, as is indifferent to signifie the auncients of the Iewes, the Senators of Rome, the Elders of Lacedæmonia, and the Christian Clergie, why should we not truely translate it into English?

But I pray you in good sadnesse, are wee so prophane, and secular, *Act.* 20. in calling those whom Saint *Paul* sent for out of Ephesus, Elders? What shall wee say then of the vulgar Latine text, which calleth them *Majores natu?* as though they obtayned that degree by yeares, rather then by any thing else? and why doe you so prophanely, and secularly call them the Auncients of the Church? Is there more prophanenesse and secularitie in the English word Elders, then in the Latine word *Majores natu*, or in your French-english tearme, Auncients. Surely you doe nothing but play with the notes of such as bee ignorant in the tongues, and can perceive no similitude or difference of these wordes, but by the sound of their eares. But now for the word πρεσβυτέριον used by Saint *Paul*, 1 *Tim.* 4. which wee call the Eldership, or the company of Elders, I have shewed before, how it is used by Saint *Luke*, in his Gospell, *cap.* 22. and *Act.* 22. You say, wee will not speake plainely, least the world should heare, that *Timothie* was made Priest, or Bishop even as the use is in the Catholike Church at this day. And then you tell us out of the Councell of Carthage 4. *cap.* 3. that all the Priests present should lay their handes on the head of him that is ordayned, together with the Bishop. Wee know it well, and it is used in the Church of England, at this day. Onely the tearme of Eldership displeaseth you, when wee meane thereby the company of Elders. But whereas the Translatours of the Bible, 1562. call it Priesthood, either by Priesthood they meant the same that wee doe by Eldership: or if they meant by Priesthood the office of Priests, or Elders, they were deceived. For πρεσβυτέριον signifyeth, a company of Elders, as it is twise used by Saint *Luke*, and oftentimes by the auncient writers of the Church, both Greekes and Latines.

MART. 9. *Otherwise in all their English Bibles, all the bells ring one note, as.* The Elders that rule wel are worthy of double honour. *And,* Against an Elder receive no accusation, but under two or three witnesses, 1 *Tim.* 5. *And,* If any bee diseased among you, let him call for the Elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, and anoynt him with oyle, &c. *Iacob.* 5. *Whereas Saint* Chrysostome *out of this place, proveth the high dignity of Priests in remitting sinnes; in his booke entituled,* Of Priesthood, *unlesse they will translate that title also,* Of Eldership. *Againe, they make Saint* Peter *say thus:* The Elders which are among you, I exhort, which am also an Elder, feede yee Christs flocke, as much as lyeth in you, &c. 1 Pet. 5.

τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Lib. 3. de Sacerdotio. ὁσὶ ἱερεύσιν

FVLK. 9. In these three texts you triumph not a little, because your vulgar Latine text hath the Greeke word *Presbyter.* The high dignity of Priests, or Elders, in remitting sinnes, wee acknowledge with *Chrysostome*, in his booke intituled of Priesthood: which seeing it is ὁσὶ ἱερεύσιν, wee will never translate Eldership. But wee may lawfully wish, that both *Chrysostome*, and other auncient writers, had kept that distinction of tearmes, which the Apostles and Evangelists did so precisely observe. In the last text, 1 *Pet.* 5. your vulgar Latine sayth, *Seniores* and *Consenior*, your selves in English, Seniors, and fellow Senior. What trespasse then have wee committed, in saying Elders, and fellow-Elder, or an Elder also?

S. Hierom readeth *Presbyteros, ego compresbyter.* Ep. 85. ad Evag. & in 1 ad Gal. proving the dignitie of Priests. and yet in 4. Gal. hee readeth according to the vulgar Latine text, *Seniores in vobis rogo consenior et ipse.* Whereby it is evident, that *Senior* here, in the Acts, is a Priest, and not contrary, Presbyter, an Elder.

MART. 10. *Where if they will tell us (as also in certaine other places) that our Latine translation hath* Seniores, *and* majores natu: *we tell them, as hertofore we have told them, that this is nothing to them, who professe to translate the Greeke. Against wee say, that if they meane no worse then the old Latine translatour did, they would be as indifferent as he, to have sayd sometime Priests, and Priesthood, when hee hath the wordes* Presbyterde & Presbyterium: *as wee are indifferent in our translation, saying Seniors and Auncients, when we finde it so in our Latine: being well assured that by sundry wordes he meant but one thing, as in Greeke it is but one, and as both* Erasmus, *and also* Beza *himselfe always translate it; keeping the name* Presbyter & Presbyteri: *of whom by reason they should have learned rather then of our Latine Translatour, whom otherwise they condemne. And if they say, they doe follow them, and not him, because they translate not* Senior, *and* major natu, *but the word* Presbyter, *or* πρεσβύτερος *an Elder, in all places: wee tell them, and herein we convent their conscience, that they doe it to take away the externall Priesthood of the new Testament, and to suppresse the name Priest, against the Ecclesiasticall, and (as now since Christ) very proper and usuall signification thereof, in the new Testament, Councels and Fathers, in all common writing and speaking: specially the Latine* Presbyter, *which grew to this*

this signification out of the Greeke, in the foresayd places of holy Scripture.

FVLK. 10. I have told you already, and you could not but know, that it should be told you, that seeing we translate none otherwise, then your vulgar Latine Translatour, we are no more to be blamed of falshood, corruption, prophanenesse, novelty, then he is, who professed to translate the Greeke as much as we doe. But if we had meant no worse (say you) then he, we would have beene as indifferent to have sayd sometimes Priest and Priesthood, where hee hath the word *Presbyteros* and *Presbyterium*. I answer, *Presbyterium* he hath but once, and for that you have Priesthood once, as you confessed before. And if the name Priest were of the same understanding in common English, that the word *Presbyter* is, from whence it is derived, we would never have sought more words for it, then we do for the words Bishop, Deacon, and such like.

The wordes *Presbyter* and *Presbyterium*, you confesse, that *Beza* doeth always use, and, so doe wee, when wee write or speake Latine, but wee cannot use them in English, except wee should bee as fond as you in your *gratis depositum*, and such phantasies. And to tell you plainely, as our conscience beareth us witnesse, wee will never dissemble, that wee avoyde that word Priest, as it is used to signify a Sacrificer, because wee would shew a perfect distinction, betweene the Priesthood of the Law, and the Ministery of the Gospel: betweene *Sacerdos*, and *Presbyter*, a Sacrificer, and a governour of the Church. And I appeale to your owne conscience, whether if the English word Priest, were as indifferent as *Presbyter*, and sounded no more towards a Sacrifice, then either *Presbyter*, or your owne English wordes, Auncient, and Senior, whether (I say) you would make so much adoe about it, for to have it in all places of the new Testament, where πρεσβύτερος is in the Greeke. But seeing your Popish sacrificing power, and blasphemous Sacrifice of your Masse, hath no manner of ground at all in the holy Scriptures, either in the originall Greeke, or in your owne Latine translation, you are driven to seeke a seely shaddow for it, in the abusive acception and sounding of the English word, Priest, and Priesthood. And therefore you doe in the second section of this Chapter, in great earnest affirme, that Priest, Sacrifice, and Altar, are dependents, and consequents, one of another, so that they cannot bee separated. If you should say in Latine *Sacerdos, Sacrificium, Altare*, or in Greeke ἱερεὺς, θυσία ἢ σφαγεῖον, καὶ θυσιαστήριον bee such consequents, we will all subscribe unto you: but if you will change the first word, and say *Presbyter, Sacrificium, Altare*, or πρεσβύτερος, θυσία, θυσιαστήριον, every learned mans eares will glow, to heare you say, they are dependents and consequents inseparable. Therefore wee must needes distinguish of the word Priest, in your Corollarie, for you meane thereby *Sacerdotem*, wee grant the consequence of Sacrifice and Altar, but if you meane *Presbyterium*, wee deny that ever God joyned those three in an unseparable band, or that *Presbyter* in that hee is *Presbyter*, hath any thing to doe with Sacrifice, or Altar, more then *Senior*, or *Major natu*, or Auncient, or Elder.

MART. 11. *Insomuch that immediately in the first Canons and Councels of the Apostles and their successors, nothing is more common then this distinction of Ecclesiasticall degrees and names;* Si Episcopus, vel Presbyter, vel Diaconus, &c. *If any Bishop, or Priest, or Deacon doe this or that. Which if the Protestants or Calvinists will translate after their manner thus,* If a Bishop or Elder, or Deacon, &c. *they doe against themselves, which make* Presbyter or Elder *a common name to all Ecclesiasticall persons: and not a peculiar degree, next unto a Bishop. So that either they must condemne all antiquity for placing* Presbyter *in the 2. degree after a Bishop, or they must translate it Priest as wee doe, or they must make* Elder *to bee their second degree, and so put minister out of place.*

See cant. Apost. Conc. 1. Nic. Epist. Ignat. Conc. Corth. 4. Beza in 1 pet. 5.

FVLK. 11. The distinction of *Episcopus* and *Presbyter* to signify severall offices, wee graunt to bee of great antiquity, albeit wee may not admit the counterfeit Canons of the Apostles, nor the Epistles of *Ignatius*, for such mens writings as they beare the name to bee. Wee make *Presbyter*, or Elder, a common name to all Ecclesiasticall persons, none otherwise, then you doe this word Priest. For Deacons with us, are not called *Presbyters*, or Elders. As for the distinction of Bishoppes and Elders names, which the Scripture taketh for the same, doeth no more condemne all antiquity in us, then in you, who acknowledge that the Scripture useth those names without distinction, in your note upon *Act.* 20. *vers.* 28. where they are called Bishops, which before *vers.* 17. are called πρεσβύτεροι, which you translate Auncients, and expound Priests: and thus you write. Bishops or Priests (for those names were sometimes used indifferently) Governors of the Church of God, and placed in that roome and high function by the holy Ghost. But it seemeth you have small regard to defend your owne notes, so you might finde occasion to quarrell at our words.

MART. 12. *And here wee must aske them, how this name Minister came to bee a degree distinct from a Deacon,*

Deacons alone: as by their owne rule of translation, Deacon is nothing else but a Minister: and [illegible] *shall Ecclesiastically all name of Deacon in translating* Diaconus, *and not the name of* [illegible] *translating* Presbyter? *Doth not Priest come of* Presbyter? *as certainely and as agreeable as Deacon of* Diaconus? *Doth not also the French and Italian word for Priest come directly from the same? Will you alwayes follow fancie and not reason, doe what you list, and translate as you list, and not as the truth is, and that in the holy Scriptures, which you boast and vaunte so much of? Because your selves have them whom you call Bishops, the name Bishops is in your English Bibles, which otherwise by your owne rule of translation, should bee called an Overseer or Superintendent: likewise Deacon you are content to use as an Ecclesiasticall word so used in antiquitie, because you also have those whom you call Deacons: Onely Priests must be turned contemptuously out of the text of the holy Scriptures, and Elders put in their place, because you have no Priests, nor will none of them, and because that is in controversie betweene us. And as for Elders, you have none permitted in England, for feare of overthrowing your Bishops office and the Queenes supreame government in all spirituall things and causes. Is not this to follow the humour of your heresie, by Machiavils politike rules without any feare of God.*

Acts xx. Diaconus. 1 Tim. 3. Lib. 1577. 1579. Presbyter. Priest.

FVLK. 12. Here must I answere you, that wee have no degree of Ministers distinct from Deacons, both by vulgar and popular use of speaking, which wee are curious to controule. Otherwise in truth, wee account Bishops, Elders, and Deacons, all Ministers of the Church. It is no more therefore, but the common speech of men, which vseth that word, which is common to all Ecclesiasticall persons, as peculiar to the Elders, or Priests. Why wee keepe the name of Deacons in translating *Diaconus*, rather than of Priests, in translating *Presbyter*, I have tolde you often before. The name Priest being by long abuse of speech applied to signifie Sacrificers of the old Testament, called ἱερεῖς, wee could not giue the same name to the Ministers of the new Testament, except wee had some other name whereby to call the Ministers of the old Testament, wherein wee follow reason, and not fansie, for it is great reason, wee should retaine that difference in names of the Ministers of both the Testaments, which the holy Ghost doth alwayes obserue. But you follow fansie altogether, imagining that Priests onely are put out of the text, because wee have no Priests. Whereas wee have Priests as well as wee have Bishops, and Deacons, and so are they called in our booke of common prayer indifferently Priests, or Ministers. And where you say, wee have no Elders permitted in England, it is false, for those that are commonly called Bishoppes, Ministers, or Priests, among us, bee such Elders as the Scripture commendeth unto us. And although wee have not such a consistorie of Elders, of government, as in the Primitiue Church they had, and many Churches at this day have: yet have wee also Elders of gouernement to exercise discipline, as Archbishops, and Bishops, with their Chancellours, Archdeacons, Commissaries, Officials, in whom if any defect be, wee wish it may bee reformed according to the word of God.

MART. 13. *Apostles you say for the most part in your translations (not alwayes) as wee doe, and Prophets, and Evangelists, and Angels, and such like; and wheresoever there is no matter of controversie betweene you and us, there you can pleade very gravely for keeping the auncient Ecclesiasticall words, as your Master* Beza *for example, beside many other places where hee bitterly rebuketh his fellow* Castalcons *translation, in one place writeth thus:* I cannot in this place dissemble the boldnesse of certaine men, which would God it rested within the compasse of words onely. These men therefore concerning the word Baptizing, though vsed of sacred writers in the mysterie or Sacrament of the new Testament, and for so many yeeres after, by the secret consent of all Churches, consecrated to this one Sacrament, so that it is now growne into the vulgar speeches almost of all nations, yet they dare presume rashly to change it, and in place thereof to use the word washing. Delicate men forsooth, which neither are mooved with the perpetuall authoritie of so many ages, nor by the daily custome of the vulgar speech can bee brought to thinke that lawfull for Divines, which all men grant to other Masters and professors of artes: that is, to retaine and hold that as their owne, which by long use and good faith they have truely possessed. Neither may they pretend the authoritie of some auncient writers, as that *Cyprian* saith, TINGERES, for BAPTIZANTES, and *Tertullian* in a certaine place calleth SEQVESTREM for MEDIATOREM. For that which was to those auncients as it were new, to us is olde: and even then, that the selfe same words which wee now use were familiar to the Church, it is evident, because it is very seldome that they speake otherwise. But these men by this novelties seeke after vaine glory, &c.

Beroald cap. 3. Mat. nu. 25. & c. 10. num. 2. In 3 cap. Matt. num. 11. Baptize. Baptisme. Baptize. Mediator.

FVLK. 13. If in any place wee use not the name of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Angels, and such like, wee are able to giue as sufficient a reason, why wee translate those words according to their generall signification, as you for translating sometime *Baptismata*, washings,

ings, and not baptismes, *Ecclesia* the assembly and not the Church, with such like. Therefore as *Castaleo* and such other Heretikes, are justly reprehended by *Beza*, for leaving (without cause) the vsuall Ecclesiasticall termes, so when good cause or necessitie requireth not to use them, it were superstition, yea and almost madnesse sometimes in translating to use them, as to call the Pharisees washings Baptismes; or the assembly of the Ephesian Idolaters the Church, yet both in Greeke and Latine the words are *Baptismata, Ecclesia.*

MART. 14. *Hee speaketh against* Castaleo, *who in his new Latine translation of the Bible, changed all Ecclesiasticall words into prophane and Heathenish, as* Angelos *into* genios, Prophetas *into* Fatidicos, Templum *into* fanum, *and so foorth. But that which hee did for foolish affectation of fineneſſe and stile, doe not our English Calvinists the very same when they list, for furthering their Heresies? When the holy Scripture saith idols according as Christians have always understood it for false gods, they come and tell us out of* Homer *and the Lexicons, that it may signifie an image, and therefore so they translate it. Doe they not the like in the Greeke word that by Ecclesiasticall use signifieth* penaunce, *and* doing penaunce, *when they argue out of* Plutarch, *and by the prophane sense thereof, that it is nothing else but changing of the mind or amendment of life? Whereas in the Greeke Church,* Penitentes, *that is, they that were in the course of penance, and excluded from the Church, as* Catechumeni, *and* Energumeni, *till they had accomplished their penaunce, the very same are called in the Greeke* οἱ ἐν μετανοίᾳ ὄντες.

οἱ Iudæi. Confut. of the Reas. fol. 35.

μετανοία. μετανοεῖν.

Dionys. Ec. Hier. c. 3.

FVLK. 14. That *Castaleo* did for foolish affectation of fineneſſe, you slander us to doe for furthering of heresie. And here againe with lothsomneſſe, you repeate your rotten quarrell of idols, translated images, which was to discover your abhominable idolatrie, cloaked under a blinde and false distinction of images and idols. The word εἰδωλον, wee translate repentance, as you doe sometimes, when you cannot for shame use your popish tearme penance, by which you understand satisfaction for sinne, which in divers places you are enforced to giue over in the plaine field, and to use the tearme repentance: as in the fift of the Acts. This Prince and Saviour, God hath exalted with his right hand, to giue repentance to *Israel* and remission of sinnes, likewise *Act.* 11. where the Scripture speaketh of God giving repentance to the Gentiles. And when you speake of *Iudas*, you say also repenting him, so that the repentance of *Iudas*, and that which God gaue to *Israel*, and to the Gentiles is uttered in one tearme, whereas else you haue almost every where penance, and doing of penance. Where you say wee make repentance nothing but changing of the minde, or amendment of life, you speake untruely, for not every changing of the minde is godly repentance, neither is onely amendment of life all repentance: but there must bee contrition, and sorrow for the life past. That in the Greeke Church they that were *Catechumeni*, and *Energumeni* were called οἱ μετανοίᾳ ὄντες, such as are in repentance, it maketh nothing against the true use of the Greeke word, as it is vsed in the Scriptures. Wee know the discipline of the Church appointed an outward exercise of praying, fasting, and other humbling, for a triall, and testimonie of true and heartie repentance, which was sometimes called by the name of repentance by a *Metonymia signi*, which hee that will enforce by that name to bee parts of true and inward repentance, is as wise as hee that will contend the Ivy bush to bee a part of wine, because some men seeing it hang over the house, will say, loe here is wine.

MART. 15. *They therefore leaving this Ecclesiasticall signification, and translating it according to* Plutarch, *doe they not much like to* Castaleo? *Doe they not the same, against the famous and ancient distinction of* Latria, *and* Dulia, *when they tell us out of* Eustathius *upon* Homer, *and* Aristophanes *the Grammarian, that these two are all one? Whereas wee prove out of Saint* Augustine *in many places, the second Councell of Nice, Venerable* Bede, *and the long custome of the Church, that according to the Ecclesiasticall sense & use deduced out of the Scriptures, they differ very much. Doe they not the like in* Mysterium, *and* Sacramentum; *which they translate a* secret *in the prophane sense, whereas they know how these words are otherwise taken both in Greeke and Latine, in the Church of God? did they not the like in the word* Ecclesia, *when they translated it nothing else but congregation? doe they not the like in* χειροτονία, *which they translate,* ordaining by election, *as it was in the prophane Court of Athens: whereas Saint* Hierome *telleth them, that Ecclesiasticall writers take it for giving holy orders by imposition of hands? Doe they not the like in many other words, whersoever it serveth their heretikall purpose? And as for prophane translation, is there any more prophane then* Beza *himselfe, that so often in his annotations, reprehendeth the old translation, by the authority of* Tully, *and* Terence, Homer, *and* Aristophanes, *and the like prophane authors? yea so fondly and childishly, that for* Olfactum, *which* Erasmus *useth, as* Plinies *word, he will needes say,* odoratum, *because it is* Tullies *word.*

Latria. Dulia. Beza in 4. Matt. num. 10.

λατρεύω & λατρεία in the Scriptures almost alwayes, vsed for the service and honour proper to God. August. de ciu. Dei lib. 10. c. 1. Bib. an. 1562.

FVLK. 15. In translating the Scripture, wee use the word repentance, in the same signification, that the Scripture useth μετάνοια. In other Ecclesiasticall writers, wee can nevertheless understand

derstand it as they meane it. Concerning that unlearned distinction of *Latria* and *Dulia*, wee doe rightly, to shew out of prophane writers, that it is vaine, and that the tearmes signifie all one, and you your selfe confesse in your marginall note, that sometimes in the Scripture, λατρεύω and λατρεία doe not signifie the service and honour that is proper to God: as for σεβομαι, is in more than an hundred places vsed for the service and honour proper to God. Saint *Augustine* you confesse afterward, knew well but one tongue, and therefore hee is no meet Iudge of distinction of Greeke words. *Bede* followeth *Augustines* error. The Idolaters of the second Nicene Councell were glad of a cloake for the raine, contrary to the propertie of their tongue; as is proved by *Eustathius*, *Aristophanes*, *Xenophon*, *Suidas*, and by latter writers, no Protestants, *Laurentius Valla*, and *Ludouicus Vives*. *Mysterium* we translate a secret, or a mysterie, indifferently, the word signifying no more an holy secret, than a prophane and abominable secret, as the mysterie of iniquitie, the mysterie of *Babylon*. For the words *Ecclesia* and χειροτονία, wee haue said sufficiently, and very lately. To use *Tullies* words, when they answer the Greeke, as properly as any barbarous words, or lesse commendable words, I know not why it should bee counted blame-worthy in *Beza*, or in any man, except it bee of such a Sycophant as liketh nothing, but that which savoureth of his owne spittle.

MART. 16. *But to returne to our English Translators: doe not they the like to prophane* Castaleo, *and doe they not the very same that* Beza *their Master so largely reprehendeth, when they translate* Presbyterum, *an Elder? Is it not all one fault to translate so, and to translate as* Castaleo *doth,* Baptismum, washing? *Hath not* Presbyter *beene a peculiar and vsuall word for a Priest, as long as* Baptismus *for the Sacrament of regeneration, which* Castaleo *altering into a common and prophane word, is worthily reprehended? Wee will proue it hath, not for their sake, who know it well enough, but for the Readers sake, whom they abuse, as if they knew it not.*

FVLK. 16. If it be as great a fault in us to translate *Presbyterum* an Elder, as for *Castaleo* to translate *Baptismum* washing, your vulgar Translator must bee in the same fault with us, which so often translateth *Presbyteros*, *Seniores*, or *Maiores natu*, which signifie Elders, and not Priests. It is a vaine thing therefore that you promise to proue, that *Presbyter* hath beene a peculiar and vsuall word for a Priest, as long as *Baptismus* for the Sacrament of regeneration: for peculiar you can never proue it, seeing it is vsed in the Scripture so often, for such Elders and Ancients, as you your selfe would not call Priests. So that if you did translate the whole Bible out of your owne vulgar Latine, you must translate *Presbyter* thrice an Elder or Ancient, for once a Priest.

MART. 17. *In the first and second Canon of the Apostles wee reade thus:* Episcopus a duobus aut tribus Episcopis ordinetur, Presbyter ab vno Episcopo ordinetur, & Diaconus, & alij Clerici: *that is, Let a Bishop be consecrated or ordained by two or three Bishops; Let a Priest be made by one Bishop. See in the fourth Councell of Carthage the divers manner of consecrating Bishops, Priests, Deacons, &c. Where Saint* Augustine *was present and subscribed. Againe:* Si quis Presbyter contemnens Episcopum suum, &c. If any Priest contemning his Bishop, make a severall congregation, and erect another altar, (*that is, make a Schisme or Heresie*) let him bee deposed. *So did* Arius *being a Priest, against his Bishop* Alexander. *Againe:* Priests and Deacons, let them attempt to doe nothing without the Bishop. *The first Councell of Nice saith,* The holy Synode by all meanes forbiddeth, that neither Bishop, nor Priest, nor Deacon, &c. haue with them any forraine woman, but the mother, or sister, &c. in whom there is no suspicion. *Againe:* It is told the holy Councell, that in certaine places and Cities, Deacons giue the Sacraments to Priests. This neither rule nor custome hath delivered, that they which haue not authoritie to offer the sacrifice, should giue to them that offer, the body of Christ. *The third Councell of Carthage, wherein Saint* Augustine *was, and to the which hee subscribed, decreeth,* That in the Sacraments of the body and blood of Christ, there bee no more offered than our Lord himselfe delivered, that is, bread and wine mingled with water. *Which the sixt generall Councell of Constantinople repeating and confirming, addeth;* If therefore any Bishop or Priest doe not according to the order given by the Apostles, mingling water with wine, but offer an unmingled sacrifice, let him bee deposed, &c. *But of these speeches all Councels bee full; where wee would gladly know of these new Translators, how* Presbyter *must bee translated, either an* Elder, *or a* Priest.

That *presbyter* hath signified a *priest*, from the Apostles time, not an *Elder*. Can. 2. 3 4. Can. Apost. 32. Can 40. Can. 3. Can. 14. Can. 24. εἰ τις ἐν ἁγ. ἐπισκόπῳ, ἢ πρεσβυτέρῳ.

FVLK. 17. I thinke you haue cleane forgotten your promise so lately made, that this word *Presbyter* hath alwayes beene peculiar for a Priest: you bring many testimonies, some counterfet, some authenticall, in which the name of πρεσβύτερος and *Presbyter* is found, but that in all them it is peculiar for a Priest, you shew not at all. Some colour it hath of that you say, in the 14. Canon of the Nicene Councell, and Carth. 3. can. 24. repeated Const. 6. where mention is made of sacrifice and offering, for so they did unproperly

call the adminiſtration of the Lords Supper, in reſpect of the ſacrifice and thankſgiving that was offered therein. After which phraſe alſo they called the Miniſters *ἱερεῖς*, and *Sacerdotes*, ſacrificers. So they called that which indeed was a Table of wood, an Altar, and the inferior Miniſters Levites: by which it appeareth, they did rather allude to the names vſed in the old Teſtament, than acknowledged a ſacrificing Prieſthood, that might as properly bee ſo called, as the Prieſthood after the order of *Aaron* was. Sometime they vſed the name of ſacrifice and *Sacerdos* generally, for religious ſervice, and the Miniſters of religion, as the Gentiles did. And hereof it is that wee reade often of the ſacrifices of bread and wine, and in the Canon of Carthage by you cited, *Nec amplius in ſacrificijs offeratur quàm de vuis & frumento*: And let no more bee offered in the ſacrifices than that which is made of grapes and corne. This was bread and wine, not the naturall bread and blood of Chriſt. Wherefore theſe unproper ſpeeches proue not a ſacrificing prieſthood, whereby the naturall body and blood of Chriſt ſhould bee offered in the Maſſe, which is the marke you ſhoot at.

MART. 18. *Doe not all the Fathers ſpeake after the ſame manner, making alwayes this diſtinction of Biſhop and Prieſt, as of the firſt and ſecond degree? Saint* Ignatius *the Apoſtles ſcholer, doth hee not place* Presbyterium *as hee calleth it, and* Presbyteros (*Prieſts, or the College of Prieſts*) *next after Biſhops, and Deacons in the third place, repeating it no leſſe than thrice in one Epiſtle, and commending the dignitie of all three unto the people? Doth not Saint* Hierome *the very ſame, ſaying,* Let us honour a Biſhop, doe reverence to a Prieſt, riſe up to a Deacon? *And when hee ſaith, that as* Aaron *and his ſonnes, and the Levites were in the Temple, ſo are Biſhops, Prieſts, and Deacons in the Church, for place and degree. And in another place, ſpeaking of the outrages done by the Vandals and ſuch like,* Biſhops were taken, Prieſts ſlaine, and divers of other Eccleſiaſticall orders: Churches overthrowne, the Altars of Chriſt made ſtables for horſes, the reliques of Martyrs digged up, &c. *When hee ſaith of* Nepotian, Fit Clericus, & per ſolitos gradus Presbyter ordinatur; *He becommeth a man of the Clergie, and by the accuſtomed degrees is made, what? a Prieſt, or an Elder? When he ſaith,* Mihi ante Presbyterum ſedere non licet, &c. *Doth hee meane hee could not ſit above an Elder, or above a Prieſt, himſelfe as then being not Prieſt? When hee and* Vincentius (*as Saint* Epiphanius *writeth*) *of reverence to the degree, were hardly induced to bee made* Presbyteri, *did they refuſe the Elderſhip? What was the matter that* Iohn *the Biſhop of* Hierusalem *ſeemed to bee ſo much offended with* Epiphanius *and S.* Hierome? *was it not becauſe* Epiphanius *made* Paulianus, *S.* Hieromes *brother, Prieſt within the ſaid* Iohns *Dioceſſe?*

Ep. 2. ad Trallianos. *τὸ πρεσβυτέριον.* *οἱ πρεσβύτεροι.* *Comment in c. 7. Michee.* *Ep 85. ad Euagrium.* *Epitaph. Nepotiani, c. 9.* *Ep. 60. apud Hier. c. 1.* *Ep. 1. ad Heliod.*

FVLK. 18. Before the blaſphemous hereſie of the popiſh ſacrifice of the Maſſe was eſtabliſhed in the world, the Fathers did with more libertie uſe the tearmes of ſacrifice, and ſacrificing Prieſts: which improper ſpeeches, ſince they haue given occaſion in the time of ignorance, to maintaine that blaſphemous hereſie, there is good reaſon that wee ſhould beware how wee uſe any ſuch tearmes, eſpecially in tranſlation of the Scriptures. All the reſt of the authorities you cite in this ſection, and 500. moe ſuch as they are, ſpeake of *Presbyter* or *πρεσβύτερος*, which words wee embrace: but of the Engliſh word Prieſt, as it is commonly taken for a ſacrificer, or againſt this word Elder, they ſpeake nothing, for in all thoſe places wee may truly tranſlate for *Presbyter* an Elder.

MART. 19. *When all antiquitie ſaith,* Hieronymus Presbyter, Cecilius Presbyter, Ruffinus Presbyter, Philippus, Iuvencus, Heſychius, Beda, Presbyteri: *and when S.* Hierome *ſo often in his Catalogue ſaith, Such a man* Presbyter: *is it not for diſtinction of a certaine order, to ſignifie that they were Prieſts, and not Biſhops? namely when he ſaith of S.* Chryſoſtome, Ioannes Presbyter Antiochenus, *doth hee not meane, he was as then but a Prieſt of* Antioche? *Would he haue ſaid ſo, if hee had written of him after he was Biſhop of* Conſtantinople.

FVLK. 19. All this while here is nothing for the Engliſh word Prieſt, in that reſpect wee avoyd it in tranſlation, nor againſt the word Elder, which wee uſe; by which wee meane none other thing, than the Scripture doth giue us to underſtand by the word *πρεσβύτερος*. As for the diſtinction of *Epiſcopus* and *Presbyter*, which came in afterward, you your ſelfe confeſſed as wee heard of late, that it is not obſerved in the Scriptures, but the ſame men are called *Epiſcopi*, which before were called *Presbyteri*. And according to that diſtinction, you can allow but one Biſhop of one Citie at once: yet the Scripture in divers places ſpeaketh of many Biſhops of one Citie, as *Act.* 20. the Biſhops of Epheſus, called before *Presbyteri*, Elders: alſo hee ſaluteth the Biſhops and Deacons of Philippi, *Phil.* 1. where your note ſaith, that in the Apoſtles time there were not obſerved alwayes diſtinct names of either function of Biſhop and Prieſt. Would you haue us to tranſlate the Scripture with diſtinction of names, which the holy Ghoſt maketh not, nor your vulgar Latine obſerveth, nor you your ſelfe for ſhame can obſerue? And if wee ſhould haue tranſlated for Elders, Prieſts, that diſtinction taken up after the Apoſtles

ſtles times, or the writing of the Scripture, had beene never the more confirmed.

MART. 20. *But of all other places, wee would deſire theſe gay Tranſlators to tranſlate this one place of Saint* Auguſtine, *ſpeaking of himſelfe a Biſhop, and Saint* Hierome *a Prieſt*: Quanquam enim ſecundum honorum vocabula, quæ iam Eccleſiæ vſus obtinuit, Epiſcopatus Presbyterio maior ſit; tamen in multis rebus Auguſtinus Hieronymo minor eſt. *Is not this the Engliſh thereof?* For although according to the titles or names of honour, which now by uſe of the Church haue prevailed, the degree of Biſhop is greater than Prieſthood, yet in many things *Auguſtine* is leſſe than *Hierome*. *Or doth it like them to tranſlate it thus:* The degree of Biſhop is greater than Elderſhip, &c? *Againe, againſt* Iulian *the heretike, when hee hath brought many teſtimonies of the holy Doctors, that were all Biſhops, as of Saint* Cyprian, Ambroſe, Baſil, Nazianzene, Chryſoſtome; *at length hee commeth to Saint* Hierome, *who was no Biſhop, and ſaith*; Nec ſanctum Hieronymum, quia Presbyter fuit, contemnendum arbitreris: *that is,* Neither muſt thou thinke that Saint *Hierome*, becauſe hee was but a Prieſt, therefore is to bee contemned: whoſe divine eloquence hath ſhined to us from the Eaſt even to the Weſt, like a lampe: *and ſo forth, to his great commendation. Here is a plaine diſtinction of an inferiour degree to a Biſhop, for the which the heretike* Iulian *did eaſily contemne him. Is not Saint* Cyprian *full of the like places? Is not all antiquitie ſo full, that whiles I proue this, mee thinketh I proue nothing elſe, but that ſnow is white?*

Inter Epiſtol. Hie. Ep. 97. in fine. *Li. 1. c. 2. in fine.*

FVLK. 20. Of all other importune and unreaſonable Iudges, you are one of the worſt, that would enforce us to tranſlate the Scriptures, which you confeſſe obſerue not the diſtinction of Biſhops and Prieſts, according to the Fathers, which doe almoſt alwayes obſerue it. If we ſhould tranſlate thoſe ſentences of Saint *Auguſtine*, we might uſe the word Prieſt for *Presbyter*, and prieſthood for *presbyterium*, and if wee uſe the words Elder and Elderſhip, what offence (I pray you) were it, when by theſe names wee underſtand nothing but the ſame function and Miniſter which *Auguſtine* doth? That *Epiſcopus*, a Biſhop, was of very old time vſed, to ſignifie a degree Eccleſiaſticall, higher than *Presbyter*, an Elder or Prieſt, wee did never deny, wee know it right well. Wee know what Saint *Hierome* writeth upon the Epiſtle to *Titus*, *cap.* 1. *Idem eſt ergo Presbyter, qui Epiſcopus*: The ſame man is *Presbyter*, or an Elder, or Prieſt, which is *Epiſcopus*, a Biſhop. And before that by the inſtinct of the devill, factions were made in Religion, and it was ſaid among the people, I am of *Paul*, I of *Apollo*, and I of *Cephas*, the Churches were governed by common counſell *Presbyterorum*, of the Elders. But afterward, when every one thought thoſe whom hee had baptized to bee his owne, and not Chriſts, it was decreed in the whole world, that one *de Presbyteris*, of the Elders, being elected, ſhould bee ſet over the reſt, to whom all the care of the Church ſhould pertaine, and the ſeeds of ſchiſmes ſhould bee taken away. This and much more to this effect, writeth Saint *Hieronyme* of this diſtinction, in that place, and in divers other places, which nothing proveth, that wee are bound to tranſlate *Presbyter* in the Scripture, a Prieſt, and leaſt of all, that wee are bound in tearmes, to keepe that diſtinction which the Scripture maketh not, and the Papiſts themſelues cannot obſerue in their moſt partiall tranſlation.

MART. 21. *In all which places, if they will tranſlate* Elder, *and yet make the ſame a common name to all Eccleſiaſticall degrees, as* Beza *defineth it, let the indifferent Reader conſider the abſurd confuſion, or rather the impoſſibilitie thereof: if not, but they will grant in all theſe places it ſignifieth Prieſt, and ſo it meant, then wee muſt beat them with* Bezaes *rod of reprehenſion againſt* Caſtaleon: *That* wee cannot diſſemble the boldneſſe of theſe men, which would God it reſted within the cuſtome of words onely, *and were not important matter, concerning their hereſie.* Theſe men therefore touching the word *Prieſt*, though vſed of ſacred writers in the myſterie of the new Teſtament, and for ſo many yeeres after, by the ſecret conſent of all Churches, conſecrated to this one Sacrament, ſo that it is now growne to be the proper vulgar ſpeech almoſt of all Nations; yet they dare preſume raſhly to change it, and in place thereof to uſe the word Elder, delicate men forſooth (*yea worſe a great deale, becauſe theſe doe it for hereſie, and not for delicacie*) which neither are moved with the perpetuall authoritie of ſo many ages, nor by the daily cuſtome of the vulgar ſpeech, can bee brought to thinke that lawfull for Divines, which all men grant to other maſters and profeſſors of Arts, that is, to retaine and hold that as their owne, which by long uſe, and in good faith they haue truely poſſeſſed. Neither may they pretend the authoritie of any auncient writer (*as that the old Latine Tranſlator ſaith*, Senior, *and* Seniores) for * that which was to them as it were new, to us is old: and even then, that the ſelfe-ſame words which we now uſe, were more familiar to the Church, it is evident, becauſe it is very ſeldome that they ſpake otherwiſe.

Annot. in 2. Pet. 5. Bezaes words in the place aboue alledged. *Prete. Prebſtre. prieſt.* *Presbyter* for a Priest, *Baptiſmus* for the Sacrament of Baptiſme.

FVLK. 21. I ſee no impoſſibilitie, but that in all places where wee reade *Presbyter*, wee may lawfully tranſlate Elder, as well as Prieſt, and make it ſtill in Scripture a common name to

all Eccleſiaſticall degrees, at leaſt ſo as many as the Scripture maketh it common, without any abſurditie or confuſion. And albeit in the Fathers wee ſhould tranſlate it Prieſt, becauſe they underſtood by the name *Presbyter* a diſtinct degree from *Epiſcopus*; yet the ſaying of *Beza* againſt *Caſtalco*, could not by any wiſe man bee applied to us: for *Caſtaleo* changed the name of the Sacrament *Baptiſmus*, by which both the Scriptures and the Fathers vniformely did uſe to ſignifie one and the ſame Sacrament; whereas the name of *Presbyter* in the Scripture ſignifieth one thing, and in the Fathers another. For in the Scripture it is taken indifferently for *Epiſcopus*, and *Epiſcopus* for *Presbyter*: but in the Fathers theſe are two diſtinct degrees. Therefore hee is worthy to bee beaten in a Grammar Schoole, that cannot ſee manifeſt differnce betweene the uſe of the word *Baptiſmus*, which being ſpoken of the Sacrament in the Scriptures and Fathers, is alwayes one; and of *Presbyter*, which in the Scriptures is every Eccleſiaſticall Governor, in the Fathers one degree onely, that is ſubiect to the Biſhop.

MART. 22. *Thus wee haue repeated* Bezaes *words againe, onely changing the word* Baptiſme *into* Prieſt, *becauſe the caſe is all one; and ſo unwittingly* Beza *the ſucceſſor of* Calvin *in Geneua, hath given plaine ſentence againſt our Engliſh Tranſlators, in all ſuch caſes as they goe from the common received and uſuall ſenſe, to another prophane ſenſe, and out of uſe: as namely in this point of Prieſt and Prieſthood, where wee muſt needs adde a word or two, though wee bee too long, becauſe their follie and malice is too too great herein. For whereas the very name Prieſt never came into our Engliſh tongue, but of the Latine* Presbyter, *(for thereupon* Sacerdos *alſo was ſo called, onely by a conſequence) they tranſlate* Sacerdos *Prieſt, and* Presbyter *not Prieſt, but Elder; as wiſely, and as reaſonably, as if a man ſhould tranſlate,* Prætor Londini, *Maior of London, and* Maior Londini, *not Maior of London, but Greater of London: or* Academia Oxonienſis, *the Vniverſitie of Oxford, and* Vniverſitas Oxonienſis, *not the Vniverſitie, but the Generalitie of Oxford: and ſuch like.*

See M. Whitgifts defence againſt the Puritans reply, pag. 721. where hee affirmeth that this word *Prieſt* commeth of the word *presbyter*, and not of the word *Sacerdos*.

FVLK. 22. *Bezaes* words agree to us as well as Germans lips, that were nine mile aſunder. For if this Engliſh word Prieſt, by cuſtome of ſpeech did ſignifie no more than the Greeke word πρεσβύτερος, wee would no leſſe uſe it in our tranſlations, than Biſhops and Deacons: which offices though they bee ſhamefully abuſed by the Papiſts, yet the abuſe of the words maketh no confuſion betweene the miniſters of the Law, and of the Goſpell, as this word Prieſt doth, by which the Iewiſh ſacrificers are rather underſtood, than preachers of the Goſpell, and miniſters of the Sacraments. But whereas the etymologie of this Engliſh word Prieſt commeth from *Presbyter*, you charge us with great follie and malice, that for *Sacerdos* wee tranſlate Prieſt, and for *Presbyter* Elder. To this I anſwer, wee are not Lords of the common ſpeech of men, for if wee were, wee would teach them to uſe their tearmes more properly: but ſeeing wee cannot change the uſe of ſpeech, wee follow *Ariſtotles* counſell, which is to ſpeake and uſe words, as the common people vſeth, but to underſtand and conceiue of things according to the nature and true propertie of them. Although for my part, I like well of the French tranſlation, which for ἱερεῖς, or *Sacerdotes*, alwayes tranſlateth *Sacrificateurs*, ſacrificers, and for *Presbyteri*, where they ſignifie the Miniſters of the word and Sacraments, *Preſtres*, Prieſts. But this diverſitie beingonely of words, and not of matter, or meaning, reaſonable men will take an anſwer, fooles and quarrellers will never acknowledge any ſatisfaction.

MART. 23. *Againe, what exceeding folly is it, to thinke that by falſe and prophane tranſlation of* Preſbyter *into* Elder, *they might take away the externall Prieſthood of the new Teſtament, whereas their owne word* Sacerdos, *which they doe and muſt needs tranſlate Prieſt, is as common and as vſuall in all antiquitie, as* Presbyter? *and ſo much the more, for that it is uſed indifferently to ſignifie both Biſhops and Prieſts, which* Presbyter *lightly doth not but in the new Teſtament: As when* Conſtantine *the great ſaid to the Biſhops aſſembled in the Councell of Nice,* Deus vos conſtituit Sacerdotes, &c. God hath ordained you Prieſts, and hath given you power to iudge of us all. *And Saint* Ambroſe, When diddeſt thou ever heare (moſt clement Prince) that Lay-men haue iudged Biſhops? Shall wee bend by flatterie ſo farre, that forgetting the right of our Prieſthood, wee ſhould yeeld up to others that which God hath commended to us? *And therefore doth Saint* Chryſoſtome *entitle his ſixe bookes,* De Sacerdotio, *Of Prieſthood, concerning the dignitie and calling not onely of meere Prieſts, but alſo of Biſhops: and Saint* Gregory Nazianzene *handling the ſame argument, ſaith, that* they execute Prieſthood together with CHRIST. *And Saint Ignatius ſaith,* Doe nothing without the Biſhops, for they are Prieſts, but thou the Deacon of the Prieſts. *And in the Greeke Liturgies or Maſſes, ſo often* ἱερεύς. Then the Prieſt ſaith this, and that, *ſignifying alſo the Biſhop when hee ſaith Maſſe. And* * *Saint* Denys *ſaith ſometime,* Archiſacerdotem cum Sacerdotibus, *The high Prieſt or Biſhop, with the Prieſts: whereof come the words,* ἱεραρχία, ἱερουργία, ἱεράρχημα, ἱερατικὸς, ἱερουργία, *in the ancient Greeke Fathers*

Ryffin. li. 1. c. 2.
Ep 32. ad Valentinian. Imp. Iuris Sacerdotalis.
In Apolog. pro ſua fug. orat. 1. χρὴ τῶ σωιερεῖν.
Epiſt. 1. ad Hieronem. Sacerdotes.
Sacerdos. ἱερεὺς. διάκονος & ἱερεῖον.
ἱεραρχῶν σὺν τοῖς ἱερεῦσιν.
* *Ec. Hier. c. 3.*

Fathers for the ſacred function of Prieſthood, and executing of the ſame.

MART. 24. *If then the Heretikes could poſſibly haue extinguiſhed Prieſthood in the word* Presbyter, *yet you ſee it would haue remained ſtill in the words* Sacerdos & Sacerdotium, *which themſelues tranſlate* Prieſt *and* Prieſthood: *and therefore wee muſt deſire them to tranſlate us a place or two after their owne manner: firſt Saint* Auguſtine *ſpeaking thus,* Quis unquam audivit ſacerdotem ad altare ſtantem etiam ſuper reliquias Martyrum, dicere: offero tibi Petre, & Paule, vel Cypriane? who ever heard that a PRIEST ſtanding at the Altar, even over the reliques of the Martyrs, ſaid, I offer to thee *Peter*, and *Paul*, or *Cyprian*? *So (wee trow) they muſt tranſlate it. Againe,* Nos vni Deo & Martyrum & noſtro, ſacrificium immolamus, ad quod ſacrificium ſicut homines Dei, ſuo loco & ordine nominantur, non tamen a ſacerdote invocantur. Deo quippe, non ipſis ſacrificat, quamvis in memoria ſacrificet eorum, quia Dei ſacerdos eſt, non illorum. Ipſum vero ſacrificium corpus eſt Chriſti. *Wee thinke they will and muſt tranſlate it thus:* Wee offer ſacrifice to the onely God both of Martyrs and ours, at the which ſacrifice, as men of God they (*Martyrs*) are named in their place and order: yet are they not invocated of the Prieſt that ſacrificeth. For hee ſacrificeth to God, and not to them (though hee ſacrifice in the memorie of them) becauſe hee is Gods Prieſt, and not theirs. And the ſacrifice it ſelfe is the body of Chriſt.

Lib. 8. cap. 27. De ciu. Dei.

Lib. de ciu. cap. 10.

So as he ſaid before, I offer to thee Peter, &c.

FVLK. 24. Nay what exceeding folly is it to thinke that an externall ſacrificing office, can bee eſtabliſhed in the new Teſtament (which never calleth the Miniſters thereof, *Sacerdotes*, or *ieqeis*) becauſe men of later time haue unproperly transferred thoſe termes unto the Elders or Prieſts of the new Teſtament. Certainely among ſo many names as the Scripture giveth them, if ſacrificing for the quicke and the dead, had beene the principall part of their function, as by you Papiſts hath beene accounted: is it credible, that the holy Ghoſt would never haue called them *ieqeis*, as well, yea, and rather than the Sacrificers of the old Teſtament? Seeing therefore the holy Ghoſt had made ſuch a broad difference, betweene their names, and offices, thoſe auncient fathers that confounded thoſe names, which the ſpirit of God would haue to bee diſtinct, cannot bee excuſed: although they never dreamed of the miſchiefe that followed, that the Altar of the croſſe being overthrowne, and the onely and ſufficient ſacrifice, which Chriſt our high Sacrificer offered once for all, being iudged imperfect, a new altar, a new ſacrifice, and a new ſacrificing Prieſthood ſhould bee ſet up in the ſtead of it. Wherefore the unproper ſpeeches of the auncient writers, are no warrant for us, either to tranſlate the Scripture according to their unproper ſpeaking, or to ſet up a new ſacrifice and function of ſacrificing, contrary to their meaning. They named ſacrifice and offering, but they meant not propitiatorie ſacrifice, but onely of prayers, or praiſes and giving of thankes. They named *ieqeis*, and *Sacerdotes*, but they meant according to the generall etymologie of thoſe words, ſuch as were occupied in diſtributing holy things, not ſuch as ſhould verily ſacrifice the body of Chriſt againe to his father, but offer the ſacrifice of thanksgiving in the Sacrament of the Lords ſupper, which after a certaine manner (as Saint *Auguſtine* ſaith) is called the body of Chriſt, when indeed it is the Sacrament of the body and blood of Chriſt. And it is called the ſacrificing of the body of Chriſt, not in truth of the thing, but a ſignifying myſterie, as *Gracian* citeth out of *Hierome*.

Epiſt. 23. Bonifac. De cõſec. diſtinct. 2. cap. hoc eſt, et Gloſſa ibidem celeſtin.

MART. 25. *Likewiſe when Saint* Ambroſe *ſaith,* The conſecration (*of the body of Chriſt*) with what words is it, and by whoſe ſpeech? Of our Lord Ieſus. For in the reſt that is ſaid, there is praiſe given to God, prayer made for the people, for Kings, and others: but when it commeth that the venerable Sacrament muſt bee conſecrated, now the Prieſt vſeth not his owne words, but hee vſeth the words of Chriſt. *And Saint Chryſoſtome in very many places ſaith,* The ſacred oblation it ſelfe, whether *Peter*, or *Paul*, or any meaner Prieſt whatſoever offer it, is the very ſame that Chriſt gaue unto his Diſciples, and which now the Prieſts doe make or conſecrate. Why ſo I pray thee? becauſe not men doe ſanctifie this, but Chriſt himſelfe, which before conſecrated the ſame. *And againe*, It is not man that maketh the body and blood of Chriſt, but hee that was crucified for us, Chriſt: the words are uttered by the Prieſts mouth, and by Gods power and grace are the things propoſed, conſecrated. For this, ſaith hee, is my body. With this word are the things propoſed, conſecrated.

Lib. de Sacram. cap. 4.

Sacerdos.

Hom. 2. in 2. Timoth.

Sacerdos.

Sacerdote.

Sacerdotis.

FVLK. 25. Theſe teſtimonies are heaped up without any neede, for the unproper vſage of theſe words ἱερεὺς, or *Sacerdos* in the auncient writers, wee doe acknowledge; but in the holy Scripture you are not able to bring one place, where *Presbyters* of the new Teſtament are called *Sacerdotes*, or ἱερεῖς. Wherefore of the unproper applying of theſe names, to the Miniſters of the new Teſtament, can follow no conſequence of externall ſacrifice, or altar which you urge, except ſacrifice and altar bee likewiſe vſed unproperly, as were

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the table is called an altar, the bread and wine a ſacrifice, as in *Irenæus lib.4.cap.* 32. where alſo hee ſaith, that the ſacrifices doe not ſanctifie the man; but the conſcience of the man being pure, ſanctifieth the ſacrifice, and cauſeth God to accept it as of a friend, *cap.* 34. Which cannot in any wiſe be true of the naturall body of Chriſt.

MART. 26. *And ſo bee theſe places, where themſelues tranſlate* Sacerdos *a Prieſt, they may learne alſo how to tranſlate* Presbyteros *in Saint* Hierome *ſaying the very ſame thing*, that at their praiers, the body and blood of our Lord is made. And in another place, that with their ſacred mouth, they make our Lord sbody. *Likewiſe when they read Saint* Ambroſe *againſt the Nouatians, that God hath graunted licence to his Prieſts to releaſe and forgiue as well great ſinnes as little without exception: and in the Eccleſiaſticall hiſtorie, how the Nouatian Heretikes taught that ſuch as were fallen into great ſinnes, ſhould not aske for remiſſion of the Prieſt, but of God onely: they may learne how to tranſlate* Presbyteros, *in Saint* Hierome, *and in the Eccleſiaſticall hiſtorie, where the one ſaith thus:* Epiſcopus & Presbyter, cum peccatorum audierit varietates, ſcit qui ligandus ſit, qui ſolvendus: *and the other ſpeaketh* de Presbytero Pœnitentiario, *of an extraordinary Prieſt, that heard confeſſions, and enioyned penance, who afterward was taken away, and the people went to divers Ghoſtly fathers, as before. And eſpecially Saint* Chryſoſtome *will make them underſtand what theſe* Presbyteri *were, and how they are to bee called in Engliſh, who telleth them in their owne word, that* Sacerdotes, the Prieſts of the new law haue power, not onely to know, but to purge the filth of the ſoule, therefore whoſoeuer deſpiſeth them, is more worthy to bee puniſhed, than the rebell Dathan, and his complices.

Presbyteri. *Sacerdotibus.* *a Sacerdote.* *Sozom.lib.7. c.16.* *Socrat.lib.5. cap.19.* *Lib.3.de Sacerd.*

FVLK. 26. Where Saint *Hierome* vſeth the word *Presbyteri*, wee will make no great curteſie to tranſlate Prieſts: knowing that when hee ſaith, at their prayers the body and blood of Chriſt is made, hee meaneth the Sacrament of the body and blood of Chriſt, as hee himſelfe ſaith in another place. *Dupliciter ſanguis Chriſti, & caro intelligitur.* The blood and « fleſh of Chriſt is underſtood two manner of wayes, either that ſpirituall and divine, « whereof hee himſelfe ſaid: my fleſh is meate indeed, and my blood is drinke indeede: « and except yee ſhall eate my fleſh and drinke my blood, you ſhall not haue eternall life: « or elſe the fleſh and blood which was crucified, and which was ſhed by the ſpeare of the « ſouldier. This and ſuch other places teach us to underſtand Saint *Hieromé*, if hee ſpeake any where obſcurely or unproperly of the myſterie of our Lords ſupper. Wee graunt with *Ambroſe*, that God hath given authoritie to all the Miniſters of the word, to remit all ſinnes that bee remiſſible. But this doe not you grant, for you reſerue ſome to the Byſhops, and ſome to the Pope alone to remit, wherein you goe cleane againſt *Ambroſe*, who fauoureth you not ſo much by the tearme *Sacerdos*, which you ſay hee uſeth, as hee condemneth your partiall and popiſh reſervation of caſes, when hee alloweth every Prieſt to forgiue, as well great ſinnes as little, without exception. Saint *Hierome* you cite at large, as it ſeemeth, to inſinuate auricular confeſſion. But the whole ſaying you liked not, becauſe it ſheweth how they forgiue ſinnes. It is written in *Matth. lib.* 3. *cap.* 16. upon thoſe words ſpoken to *Peter*, Vnto thee will I giue the keyes of the kingdome of heaven &c. *Iſtum locum Epiſcopi & Presbyteri non intelligentes, &c.* This place « Biſhops and Prieſts not underſtanding, take upon them ſomewhat of the pride of the « Phariſees: ſo that they thinke they may either condemne the innocents or loſe the guil- « ty perſons: whereas with God, not the ſentence of the Prieſts, but the life of the per- « ſons accuſed is inquired of. Wee read in Leviticus of the Lepers, where they are com- « maunded to ſhew themſelues to the Prieſts, and if they haue the Leproſie, then by the « Prieſt they are made uncleane. Not that Prieſts make Lepers and uncleane perſons, but « that they may haue knowledge of him that is a Leper, and him that is no Leper: and « may diſcerne who is cleane or who is uncleane. Therefore even as the Prieſt doth there « make the Leper cleane or uncleane: So here alſo the Biſhop and Prieſt doth bind or loſe, « not them that bee innocent or guiltie, but according to his office, when hee ſhall heare the « varietie of ſinners, hee knoweth who is to bee bound, and who is to bee looſed. But where « you ſay, the people went to divers ghoſtly fathers, as before, when that extraordinary « penitentiarie Prieſt was taken away, for the adulterie of a Deacon at *Conſtantinople*, you « ſpeake beſide the booke, to make the ignorant beleeue that the people went to auricular ſhrift. For in *Conſtantinople*, where this privy confeſſion was taken away, the people were left to their owne conſciences. At *Rome* the ſame time, great offenders did open penance, neither were there any ſuch divers ghoſtly fathers, as you ſpeake of. That *Chryſoſtome* ſaith, *lib.* 3. *de ſacerdotio*, wee conceiue it, being ſo underſtood, as it bee not contrary to that I cited even now out of *Hierome*. But what maketh all this againſt tranſlating *Presbyter*, an Elder?

MART. 27. *Now then (to conclude this point) ſeeing wee haue ſuch a cloud of witneſſes (as the Apoſtle* Heb.12. *ſpeaketh)*

ſpeaketh euen from Chriſts time, that teſtifie not onely for the name, but for the very principall functions of externall prieſthood, in offering the ſacrifice of Chriſts body and blood, in remitting ſinnes, and ſo foorth: what a peeviſh, malicious, and impudent corruption is this, for the defacing of the teſtimonies of the holy Scriptures tending thereunto, to ſeeke to ſcraich aduantage of the word Presbyter, *and to make it ſignifie an Elder, not a Prieſt:* Presbyterium *Elderſhip rather than Prieſthood: as if other new fangled companions that would forge an Hereſie that there were no Apoſtles, ſhould for that purpoſe tranſlate it alwayes* legates: *or that there were no Angels, and ſhould tranſlate it alwayes* Meſſengers: *and that Baptiſme were but a Iudaicall ceremony, and ſhould tranſlate* waſhing: *which* Caſtaleo *did much more tolerably in his tranſlation than any of theſe ſhould, if hee did it onely of curioſitie and folly. And if to take away all diſtinction of Clergie and laitie the Proteſtants ſhould alwayes tranſlate* clerum, lotte, *or* lotterie, *as they doe tranſlate it for the ſame purpoſe* pariſh *and* heritage: *might not* Beza *himſelfe controule them, ſaying,* that the auncient fathers transferred the name *clerus* to the Colledge of Eccleſiaſticall Miniſters?

Cit.in. In 1.Pet. Sec. S. Hier. ad Nepot.de vit.Clericor. ep.2.c.5.

FVLK. 27. A cloude of teſtimonies indeed you haue heaped together, not as the Apoſtle did to uphold the certainety of faith: but to obſcure the light of truth. For our tranſlation of πρεσβύτερος an Elder is true, cleare, and plaine, without ambiguitie. Inſomuch as the vulgar Latine interpreter, who as it ſeemeth was a Græcian, and therefore vſeth gladly many Greeke termes, doth yet tranſlate this word almoſt twiſe as often *ſenior* or *maior natu*, as hee doth *Presbyter*, when hee ſpeaketh of the Miniſters of the Goſpell. How the auncient writers applied unto them improperly the name of ſacrificer, as unto the Sacrament the name of oblation or ſacrifice, I haue ſpoken already ſufficiently. Our tranſlation therefore is nothing like your vaine ſuppoſall of new fangled companions, which to deny Apoſtles, Angels, and Baptiſme, would turne the words into Legates, Meſſengers, and waſhing. Whereas wee haue no purpoſe to deny any office or function of the Church appointed by Chriſt, but to diſtinguiſh in name, as his ſpirit in the Scriptures doth alwayes, the ſacrificers of the old Teſtament, from the Miniſters of the new Teſtament. The word *Clerus*, 1 *Pet.* 5. which wee tranſlate pariſh or heritage, your ſelues in your notes of that place confeſſe, to comprehend in ſignification all Chriſtians, which you are not able to proue, that in Saint *Peters* time it was transferred unto the Colledge of Eccleſiaſticall Miniſters, as *Beza* ſaith it was afterward: wherefore it is one of your accuſtomed ſlaunders, to ſay wee tranſlate it ſo of purpoſe, to take away all diſtinction of Cleargie and Laitie, when all men know, that whereſoever our Churches are eſtabliſhed, we retaine the diſtinction, and ſo thinke it neceſſary alwayes.

MART. 28. *But alas, the effect of this corruption and hereſie concerning Prieſts, hath it not wrought within theſe few yeares ſuch contempt of all Papiſts, that nothing is more odious in our countrey than that name: which before was ſo honourable and venerable, and now is, among all men? If miniſterie or Elderſhip were growne to eſtimation in ſteed thereof, ſomewhat they had to ſay: but that is yet more contemptible, and eſpecially Elders and Elderſhip, for the Queenes Maieſtie and her Counſellors will permit none in government of any Church in England, and ſo they haue brought all to nothing elſe, but prophane laitie. And no marvell of theſe horrible inconveniences, for as the ſacrifice and Prieſthood goe together, and therefore were both honourable together: ſo when they had according to* Daniels *prophecie, aboliſhed the daily ſacrifice out of the Church, what remained but the contempt of Prieſts and Clergie and their offices ſo farre forth, that for the holy Sacrifice ſake, Prieſts are called in great deſpite,* Maſſing Prieſts, *of them that little conſider, or I ſſe care, what notable holy learned fathers of all ages ſince Chriſts time, this their reproach toucheth and concerneth, as by the teſtimonies before alleaged is manifeſt, and whereof the Reader may ſee a peculiar Chapter in the late Apologie of the Engliſh Seminaries.* Chap.6.

FVLK. 28. A marvellous corruption, for us to call them Elders, whom you in your tranſlation call Auncients, and the vulgar Latine before us both called *Seniores*. But what is come to paſſe I pray you by this wonderfull corruption? The name of popiſh Prieſts is ſo contemptible, that nothing is more odious in England. And good cauſe why: both for their blaſphemy againſt God, and traiterous practiſes againſt the honourable ſtate of the realme, and our moſt gracious Queene. But Elder and Elderſhip (you weene) is more contemptible, becauſe the Queenes Maieſtie and her Counſellours will permit none in government of any Churches in England, and ſo they haue brought all to nothing elſe, but prophane Laity. This traiterous ſlaunder of yours, is as true, as all the reſt. For although the Queenes Maieſtie and the Councell doe not permit ſuch Conſiſtories of Elders for onely diſcipline and government, as bee in ſome other Churches, yet doe they not onely permit, but alſo maintaine and reverence ſuch Elders, being ſignified by the Greeke word κυβερνήσεις as are neceſſary for the government of the Church in doctrine, Sacraments, and diſcipline to the ſalvation of Gods people. The daily ſacrifice mentioned

mentioned in *Daniel*, was the morning and Evening sacrifice of the old Law, whereunto your blasphemous sacrifice of the Masse hath no resemblance. You may not therefore looke to recover the credite of Massing Priests, by that sacrifice, which being once institmted by God, was at length taken away by the onely sacrifice of Christs death: Against which all the Apologies in the world shall never bee able to defend your Massing Priesthood. As for the Chapter of *Allens* Apologie, whereunto you referre us, containeth certaine quotations, and a few sentences of the auncient writers which haue beene answered an hundred times, to iustifie massing Priests, but all in vaine, for never shall hee proue, that any one from the Eldest which hee nameth unto *Beda*, which is the youngest, was such a massing Priest in all points, as those Traytours are, which by the Queenes lawes and edict are proscribed and prohibited. I meane not for their manners, but for their Masse and all opinions incident thereunto.

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CHAP. VII.

Hereticall translation against PVRGATORIE, LIMBVS PATRVM, CHRISTS DESCENDING INTO HELL.

HAuing now discouered their corrupt translations for defacing of the Churches name, and abolishing of Priest and Priesthood: let us come to an other point of very great importance also, and which by the wonted consequence or sequell of error, includeth in it many erroneous branches. Their principall malice then being bent against Purgatorie, that is, against a place where Christian soules be purged by suffering of temporall paines after this life, for surer maintenance of their erroneous deniall hereof, they take away and deny all third places, saying that there was never from the beginning of the world any other place for soules after this life, but onely two: to wit, heauen for the blessed, and hell for the damned. And so it followeth by their hereticall doctrine, that the Patriarches, Prophets, and other good holy men of the old Testament, went not after their deaths, to the place called Abrahams bosome, *or* Limbus patrum, *but immediately to heauen: and so againe by their erroneous doctrine it followeth, that the fathers of the old Testament were in heauen, before our Saviour Christ had suffered death for their redemption: and also by their erroneous doctrine it followeth, that our Saviour Christ was not the first man that ascended and entred into heauen: and moreover by their hereticall doctrine it followeth, that our Saviour Christ descended not into any such third place, to deliver the fathers of the old Testament out of their prison, and to bring them triumphantly with him into heauen, because by their erroneous doctrine they were neuer there: and so that Article of the Apostles Creede concerning our Saviour Christ his descending into hell, must either bee put out by the Calvinists, as* Beza *did in his confession of his faith printed* Ann. 1564. *or it hath some other meaning, to wit, either the lying of his body in the graue, or (as* Calvine *and the purer Calvinists his schollers will haue it) the suffering of hell paines and stresses upon the Crosse. Loe the consequence and coherence of these errours and heresies.*

Calvins institutions, *lib.* 2. *cap* 16. *sect.* 10. and in his Catechisme.

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WE may be bold to say with Saint *Augustine*, we beleeue according to the authoritie of God that the kingdome of heauen is the first place appointed for Gods elect, and that hell is the second place, where all the reprobate and such as bee not of the faith of Christ, shall suffer eternall punishment. *Tertium penitus ignoramus, imo nec esse in scripturis sanctis inuenimus.* The third place we are utterly ignorant of, yea and that it is not, wee finde in the holy Scriptures. But hereof it followeth, say you, that the godly of the old Testament, went not after their deaths to *Abrahams* bosome, or *Limbus patrum*, but immediately to heauen. Of *Limbus patrum*, which is a border of the Popes hell, I grant it followeth, but of *Abrahams* bosome it followeth none otherwise, than if I should say, *Gregory Martin* went into *Chepeside, Ergo*, he went not to Londō. That the fathers of the old Testamēt were in heauen, before our Saviour Christ had suffered death for their redemption, it is no inconvenience: for his death was as effectuall

also to redeeme them that lived before hee suffered actually, as them that liue since. This is his defence, (if it may be called a defence) in Gods sight, hee is the Lambe that was slaine from the beginning of the world, and all their heroicall Fathers that were iustified by faith in his blood, received the same crowne and righteousnesse, that wee doe being iustified by the same meanes. And yet our Sauiour Christ was the first man, that in his whole manhood ascended and entred into heauen, that is, into the fulnesse and perfection of glory, which is prepared for all Gods elect, to bee enioyed after the generall resurrection. That our Saviour Christ descended into no prison after his death, wee verily beleeue, and yet wee doe also constantly beleeue the article of our Creed, that he descended into hell, by suffering in soule the paines due to Gods iustice, for the sinnes of all whom hee redeemed, and by vanquishing the Deuill, and all the power of hell, working the redemption of all the children of God. If *Beza* in his confession had cleane left out that article, which is untrue, hee had beene no more to be blamed, than the author of the Nicene Creed, and many other Creeds, in which it is not expressed, because it is partly contained under the article of his sufferings, partly it is in part of the effect and vertue of his death and redemption.

MART. 2. *These now being the hereticall doctrines which they meane to avouch and defend, whatsoever come of it; first, they are at a point not to care a rush for all the ancient holy Doctors, that write with full consent to the contrary, (as themselues confesse, calling it their common errour.) Secondly, they translate the holy Scriptures in favour thereof, most corruptly and wilfully, as in* Bezaes *false translation (who is* Calvins *successor in Geneua) it is notorious; for her in his new Testament of the yeare* 1556. *printed by* Robertus Stephanus, *in* Folio, *with Annotations; maketh our Saviour Christ say thus to his Father,* Non derelinques cadaver meum in sepulchro, Thou shalt not leaue my carcase in the graue, Act. 2. *for that which the Hebrew, and the Greeke, and the Latine, and Saint* Hierome *according to the Hebrew, say,* Non derelinques animam meam in inferno, *as plainely as wee say in English;* Thou shalt not leaue my soule in hell. *Thus the Prophet* David *spake it in the Hebrew,* Psal. 15. *Thus the* Septuagint *uttered it in Greeke: Thus the Apostle Saint* Peter *alleageth it: Thus the holy Euangelist Saint* Luke *in the Acts of the Apostles, cap.* 2. *recordeth it: and for this, Saint* Augustine *calleth him an Infidell that denieth it: yet all this would not suffice to make* Beza *translate it so, because of certaine errours (* as he heretically teacheth them) which he would full gladly avoid hereby, namely the Catholike true doctrine of* Limbus patrum, *and* Purgatorie. *What need wee say more? Hee translateth* animam, a carcase, *(so calling our Saviour Christs body, irreverently, and wickedly) he translateth* infernum *graue.*

Beza in 1. Pet. 3. 19. Calv. Instit. l. 2. c. 16. sect. 9.

Hier. in Psal. verso ex Hebraeo.

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* See his Annot. in 2. Act.

FVLK. 2. That many of the Christian Fathers held this errour, that the godly of the old Testament were not in heaven before Christs death, it is no cause why wee should bee afraid to confesse the truth revealed to us out of the holy Scriptures, to the glory of God. And if the wrong or ambiguous translation of one Hebrew word *Sheol*, deceived them, that were for the most part ignorant of the Hebrew tongue, what reason were it that wee should not in translation reforme that errour? But as for *Bezaes* first translation of the Greeke word νεκρὸς dead body, and ἄδης graue, I haue answered at large, *cap.* 1. *sect.* 31. where also it is shewed how vainely you take hold of the English word carcase, to charge *Beza* with unreverent calling of our Saviour Christs body, when it was dead, because hee calleth it in Latine *Cadaver*.

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MART. 3. *Need wee take any great labour to proue this to bee a foule corruption, or that it is done purposely, when hee confesseth that hee thus translateth; because else it would serue the Papists? Which is as much to say, as, The word of God if it bee truly and sincerely translated, maketh indeed for them. For the first part, wee will not stand upon it, partly because it is of it selfe most absurd, and they are ashamed of it; partly because it shall suffice to confute* Beza, *that two other as famous heretikes as he,* Castalco *and* Flacius Illyricus, *write against him in this point, and confute him; partly also, because we speake not here vniuersally of all hereticall translations, but of the English corruptions specially, and therefore wee may only note here, how gladly they also would say somewhat else for* soule, *euen in the text, if they durst for shame: for in the margent of that English translation, they say,* or life, or person, *thereby aduertising the Reader, that he may reade thus, if it please him;* Thou shalt not leaue my life in the graue, *or,* Thou shalt not leaue my person. *As though either mans soule or life were in the graue, or* anima *might bee translated* person, *which the selfe same English Bible doth not, no not in those places where it is euident that it signifieth the whole person. For though this word* soule, *by a figure, is sometime taken for the whole man, yet euen there they doe not, nor must not translate it otherwise than* soule, *because our tongue beareth that figure as well as Latine, Greeke, or Hebrew: but here, where it cannot signifie the whole person, it is wicked to translate it so.*

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Act. 7. v. 14.

FVLK. 3 If you take more labour than you are well able to beare, yet shall you proue it no hereticall corruption. As *Castalco* and *Illyricus*, the one an heretike, the other a schismatike,

like, haue inueighed against *Beza*, so hath he sufficiently confuted them. But to the English translation, where in the margent they say, life or person, when in the text they say soule; what doth this offend you? They render the vsuall English word for the Greeke word; but they admonish the Reader, that the word soule in this place signifieth not the soule separated from the body, but either the life, or the whole person: because that although the body onely bee laid in the graue, yet according to vulgar speech and sense, the whole man is said to bee buried, and his life seemeth to bee inclosed in the graue, according to which popular and humane conceit, the Prophet in that Psalme speaketh, as appeareth in the latter part of that verse, which is all one in sense with the former, Neither wilt thou giue thy holy one to see corruption: where corruption which is proper onely to the body, is there spoken generally of the whole man. If this exposition please you not, yet you haue no cause to finde fault with the translation, which in that place is according to the common and ordinary signification of the Greeke word ψυχη, soule: which as it is sometime taken for the whole person, as you note, *Act.* 7. 14. so is it here, as the latter part of the verse doth most plainely declare. Act. 2.

MART. 4. *But as for the word* graue, *that they put boldly in the text, to signifie that howsoever you interpret* soule, *or whatsoever you put for it, it is not meant according to S.* Augustine *and the faith of the whole Catholike Church, that his soule descended into hell, whiles his body was in the graue; but that his soule also was in the graue, howsoever that is to be understood. So making is a certaine and resolute conclusion, that the holy Scripture in this place speaketh not of Christs being in hell, but in the graue; and that according to his soule, or life, or person, or (as* Beza *will haue it)* his carcase or body: *and so* his soule in hell, *as the holy Scripture speaketh, shall bee* his body in the graue, *as* Beza *plainely speaketh, and the Bezites couertly insinuate: and white shall be blacke, and chalke shall bee cheese, and every thing shall be any thing that they will haue it. And all this their euident false translation must bee to our miserable deceiued poore soules, the holy Scripture, and Gods word.* See Vigors Sermons, pag. 110. 115. & diuersis.

FVLK 4. The Greeke word ᾅδης well beareth to bee translated in some places a graue, and here the latter part of the verse speaketh of corruption, which cannot bee understood to bee but in the graue, and so doth Saint *Peter* understand it, saying, that *David* the Patriarke died and was buried, and his sepulchre remaineth with us unto this day: and Saint *Paul* upon the same verse of the Psalme saith, hee saw corruption. Both the Apostles therefore interpreting this verse of the resurrection of Christ, wee thinke it indeed a resolute conclusion, that the Scripture in this place speaketh not of Christs being in hell, which wee acknowledge in the article of our Creede, but of his buriall and resurrection. Your trifling of white and blacke, chalke and cheese, may seeme pleasant Rhetorike to grosse eares, whom you seeke to fill with such vanities. But the wiser sort, that are acquainted with figuratiue speeches, will thinke it nothing strange, if words bee not alwayes taken in their vsuall and proper signification. That the Hebrew word *Nephesh*, which the Prophet in that verse of the *Psalme* vseth, is taken divers times in the Scripture for a dead body, I haue before proved more plainely, than ever you shall bee able to deny: where you may, if you bee disposed to sport your selfe, use your figuratiue comparison of white and blacke, chalke and cheese, but you shall sooner of white make blacke, of chalke cheese, than you can possibly avoid the cleare light of those texts, which was seene even of your owne vulgar Latine Interpreters.

MART. 5. *Where wee cannot but marvell, why they are afraid to translate the words plainely in this place,* of his soule being in hell: *whereas in the Creed they admit the words, and interpret them, that by suffering hell paines upon the Crosse, so he descended into hell, and no otherwise. Why did they not here also keepe the words for the credit of their translation, and afterward (if they would needs) giue them that glosse for maintenance of their heresie? This mysterie wee know not, and would gladly learne it of the Puritan Calvinists, whose English translation perhaps this is: for the grosser Calvinists (being not so pure and precise in following* Calvin, *as the Puritans be, that haue well deserved that name above their fellowes) they in their other English Bibles haue in this place discharged themselues of a false translation, saying plainely,* Thou shalt not leaue my soule in hell. *But* in what sense they say so, it is very hard to ghesse: and perhaps themselues cannot tell, yet what to make of it, as appeareth by M.* Whitakers *answer to* F. Campion. *And hee is now called a Bishop among them, and proceeded Doctor in Oxford, that could not obtaine his grace to proceed Doctor in Cambridge, because hee preached Christs descending into hell: and the Puritans in their second admonition to the Parliament, pag. 43. cry out against the politike Calvinists for that in the Creed of the Apostles (made in English meeter, and sung openly in their Churches, in these words,* His spirit did after this descend, into the lower parts, to them that long in darkenesse were, the true light of their hearts) *they fauour his descending into hell very much, and so consequently may thereby build* Limbus Patrum, Bib. an. 1568. and 1577. * See Lind. dubit. p. 19. Whitak pag. 165. M Hues B. of S. Asaph in Wales.

trum, *and Purgatory. And the Puritans in their second reply against M.* Whitgifts *defence, pag. 7, reprehend one of their chiefest Calvinisticall martyrs, for affirming (as they say he did) a grosse descending of our Saviour Christ into hell. Thus the Puritans confesse plainely their heresticall dislikings against Christs descending into hell.*

FVLK. 5. By confessing in our Creed, that Christ descended into hell, you might know, but that you had rather be ignorant, that you might marveile still, that wee purposed not in translating this place, to deny that article; as you falsely slander us; but because this place, might seeme unto the ignorant to confirme the errour of Christs descending into *Limbum Patrum*, as it doeth not, if it bee rightly understood, it was thought good of some Translatours, that seeing this verse must haue the same sense, in the Greeke Sermon of *Peter*, that it hath in the Hebrew Psalme of *David*, and the Greeke word ᾅδης used by the Euangelist, in stead of the Hebrew word *Sheol*, may beare to signify a grave, as the Hebrew word doeth most usually) by translating it the grave, to shew that this verse in Greeke, maketh no more for that errour of descending into *Limbus*, then the same doeth in Hebrew. As for your distinction of grosse Calvinists and Puritanes, it may be packed up among the rest of your quarrels and slanders. what *M. Whitaker* hath written in his answer to Fryer *Campion*, hee is able to explaine unto you himselfe, if you doe not understand him. That the Bishop of Saint *Asaph* did once favour your errour in some sort, and for that was misliked of the Vniversity of Cambridge, it is true, as that afterward reforming his judgement at Oxford, where hee proceeded, hee was also incorpored Doctour at Cambridge. The English meeter upon the Creede, except it bee drawne to an Allegory, in my judgement, cannot bee defended, which judgement I declared openly at *Paules* Crosse, fourteene or fifteene yeares agoe. Master *Latimers* errour of Christes suffering tormentes in hell after his death, is justly reprehended, by whomsoever it bee. By all which, I know not what may bee rightly gathered, but that wee flat er not one another in errour, but if any among us bee deceived, of what account or credite soever he bee, wee spare not to reprove his errour, preferring Gods truth before all worldly and private respects, of friendship, countenance, credit and whatsoever.

MART. 6. *The truth is, howsoeuer the politike Calvinists speake, or write in this point, more plausibly and covertly to the people, and more agreeably to the article of our faith, then either* Calvin, *or their earnest brethren, the Puritans doe, which write and speake as phantastically and madly, as they thinke: yet neither doe they believe this article of the Apostles Creede, or interpret it, as the Catholike Church, and auncient holy Fathers always have done, neither can it stand with their own profession so to doe, or with their English translations in other places. It cannot stand with their profession: if we should: would follow, that the Patriarks, and other just men of the old Testament, were in some third place of rest, called* Abrahams bosome, *or* Limbus Patrum, *till our Saviour Christ descended thither, and deliuered them from thence, which they deny in their doctrine, though they sing it in their meeters. Neither can it stand with their English translations: because in other places where the holy Scriptures evidently speake of such a place, calling it* hell, *(because that was a common name for every place and state of soules departed, in the old Testament, till our Saviour Christ by his resurrection and ascension, had opened heaven) there for* hell *they translate* grave.

FVLK. 6. The truth is, howsoever you slander vs with odious names of schisme, and diverse interpretations, wee all agree in the faith of that article, and in the true sense and meaning thereof. As also wee consent against your errours of *Limbus Patrum*, or any descending of Christ into that phantasticall place. As for *Abrahams* bosome, wee account it no place of descent, or going downe, but of ascending, even the same that our Saviour Christ upon the crosse, called Paradise, *Luke* 23. saying to the penitent theefe, this day thou shalt bee with mee in Paradise, which of Saint *Paul* is called the third heaven, 2 *Cor.* 12. saying, that hee was taken up into the third heaven, whether in the body, or out of the body hee knew not, but hee was taken up into Paradise, and there heard wordes that could not bee uttered, which it is not lawfull for a man to speake. And that *Abrahams* bosome is a place farre distant from hell, that onely text where it is named, *Luke* 16. doeth evidently declare. First the Angells carry the soule of *Lazarus* into *Abrahams* bosome, he might as well have said hell, if hee had meant hell: but Angels use not to goe downe into hell. Secondly, it is a place of comfort, for *Lazarus* was there comforted. Thirdly, there is a great Chaos, which signifyeth an infinite distance betweene *Abraham* and the rich glutton, which utterly overthroweth that dreame of *Limbus*, which signifyeth a border or edge, supposeth that place to bee hard adjoyning to the place of torments. Last of all, if the article of our faith had beene of *Limbus Patrum*, or of *Abrahams* bosome, wee should have beene taught to say, hee descended into *Limbo Patrum*, or hee descended into *Abrahams* bosome, which all Christian eares abhorre to heare. The word *Sheol* used in the old

old Testament for a common receptacle of all the dead, signifyeth properly a place to receive their bodies, and not their soules, and therefore most commonly in our translations is called the grave.

LART. 7. *As when* Iacob *saith,* Descendam ad filium meum lugens in Infernum; I will goe downe to my sonne into hell, mourning: *they translate,* I will goe downe into the grave unto my sonne, mourning: *as though* Iacob *thought that his sonne* Ioseph *had beene buryed in a grave, whereas* Iacob *thought, and said immediately before, as appeareth in the holy Scripture, that a wild beast had devoured him, and so could not be presumed to be in any grave: or as though, If* Ioseph *had beene in a grave,* Iacob *would have gone downe to him into the same grave: for so the words must needs import, if they take graue properly; but if they take the grave improperly, for the state of dead men after this life, why doe they call it* grave, *and not* hell, *as the word is in Hebrew, Greeke, and Latine? No doubt they doe it to make the ignorant Reader beleeve, that the Patriarch* Iacob *spake of his body onely, to descend into the grave, to* Ioseph *his body: for as concerning* Iacobs *soule, that was by their opinion to ascend immediately after his death to heaven, and not to descend into the grave. But if* Iacob *were to ascend forthwith in soule, how could hee say, as they translate,* I will goe downe into the grave unto my sonne? *As if according to their opinion, he should say, My sonnes body is devoured of a beast; and his soule is gone up into heaven: well, I will goe downe to him into the grave.* Gen. 37. ‏שאול‎ *Vulg. Infernum.*

FVLK. 7. A proper quiddity you have found out of *Iacob,* supposing his sonne to bee devoured of wilde beasts; yet saith, I will goe downe unto him mourning, which you thinke, cannot bee into the grave, because hee did not thinke hee was buryed. But you must remember, it is the common manner of speech, when men say in mourning, they will goe to their friends departed, they meane, they will dye, although their friends perhaps were drowned in the sea, or their bodyes burned, or perhaps lye in desolate places unburyed. So *Iacobs* descending to the grave, signifyeth no more but death, by which hee knewe, hee should bee joyned to his sonne in soule, though hee were not in body. The name of grave is used, because it is usuall that dead men are buried, though it bee not universall. And that the graue is taken commonly for death, it appeareth by that phrase, so often used in the Scriptures, He slept with his Fathers, and was buried, which being spoken indifferently of good men, and evill, cannot bee understood of one place of their soules, but of death, which is common toall, and is proper to the body, not unto the soule, for the soules of the departed sleepe not. The like is to bee sayd of the phrase used in *Genesis* of *Ismael,* as well as of the godly Patriarchs, hee was layd up to his people. And least you should please your selfe too much in your childish conceipt of *Iosephs* being devoured, whereof yet his father was not certaine; you shall heare how *Isidorus Clarius* translateth the same place, in his Bible censured by the Deputies of Trent Councell, *Descendam ad filium meum, lugens, in Sepulchrum:* I will goe downe to my sonne, mourning, into the grave. This is one of the places which hee thought meete to bee corrected, according to the Hebrew, and in other places, where hee is content to use the old word *Infernus,* hee signifyeth in his notes, that hee meaneth thereby *Sepulchrum,* the grave. And indeede this word *Infernus* signifyeth generally any place beneath, as the Greeke word ἅιδης, which the Greeke Translatours used for *Sheol:* the Hebrew word signifyeth a place that is darke and obscure, where nothing can be seene, such as the grave or pit is, in which the dead are layd, which therefore of *Iob* is called Iob 10. the land of darknesse, and the shadow of death.

MART. 8. *Gentle Reader, that thou mayst the better conceive these absurdities, and the more detest their guilefull corruptions, understand (as we beganne to tell thee before) that in the old Testament, because there was yet no ascending into heaven,* the way of the holies *(as the Apostle in his epistle to the Hebrews speaketh)* being not yet made open, *because our Saviour Christ was to dedicate* Heb. 9. v. 8. *and beginne the entrance in his owne person, and by his passion to open heaven: therefore (we say)* Heb. 10. v. 20. *in the old Testament the common phrase of the holy Scripture is, even of the best men, as well as of others, that dying they went downe* ad Inferos, *or* ad Infernum; *to signify that such was the state of the old Testament before our Saviour Christs resurrection and ascension, that every man went downe and not up: descended and not ascended: by descending I meane not to the grave, which received their bodies only, but* ad Inferos, *that is,* to hell, *a common receptacle or place for their soules also departed, as well of those soules that were to be in rest, as those that were to be in paines and torments. All the soules, both good and bad, that then dyed, went downward, and therefore the place of both sorts was called in all the tongues, by a word answerable to this word* hell, *to signify a lower place beneath, not only of torments, but also of rest.*

FVLK. 8. Where you reason that there was no ascending into heaven, because the way of the holies was not yet made open, when the first Tabernacle was standing, you abuse the Reader, and the Scripture. For the Apostles meaning is, in that verse, to shewe that to the great benefit of Christians, that first Tabernacle is fallen, because that now wee have more

more familiar accesse unto God, by Iesus Christ. For, whereas the high Priest onely, but once in the yeare, and then not without bloud, entred into the second most holy Tabernacle, because the way of the Holyes, that is into the Holyest, or *Sancta Sanctorum,* was not then opened, now our Saviour Christ having once entred into the holyest place, by his owne bloud, and found eternall redemption, wee have by him, without any ceremonies, Sacrifices, or mediation of any morall Priest, free accesse unto the throne of grace, even into the holy place, by the new and living way, which hee hath prepared for us. But all this is to bee understood of the cleere revelation of the mercy of God in Christ, which was obscurely set foorth unto the Fathers of the old Testament; and not of the effect and fruite of his passion, which was the same for their salvation, that it is for ours. Neither have the soules of the faithfull, since the comming of Christ, any other place of rest, then the Fathers had before his incarnation, God providing most wisely, that they without all the rest of their brethren, that shall bee unto the worldes end, shall not bee made perfect. And whereas you say, that all the soules of good and badde, then went downeward, you are controuled by the wise man, *Eccles.* 3, where hee speaketh in the person of the carnall man, doubting of that which is not comprehended by reason, but beleeved by fayth, who knoweth whether the spirit of man ascend upward? And more plainely in the last Chapter of that booke, where hee exhorteth to repentance, shewing in the end that though dust returne to the earth from whence it was, yet the spirit returneth to God that gave it. It returneth to God therefore, it goeth not downe. For who would abide to heare this speech, the soules of the faithfull went downeward to God, yea went into Hell to God. Nay returned downeward into hell to God that gave them. That common receptacle therefore of the dead was the receptacle of their bodies, which all first or last, returned to the earth from whence they were taken. And where you say that place was called in all tongues, by such a word, as signifyeth a lower place beneath, it is true of the common receptacle of their bodies, but not of their soules. For the soule of *Lazarus* was not carryed by the Angels into hell, but into *Abrahams* bosome, which was not onely a place of rest, but also of joy, and comfort contrary to torments: betweene which and hell was an infinite distance: who would call that a common receptacle, when there was an infinite distance, unpassable from one to the other. Heb. 4. v. 14. Heb. 10. v. 19. Heb. 11. v. 40.

MART. 9. *So wee say in our Creede, that our Saviour Christ himselfe descended into* hell, *according to his soule: So S.* Hierome *speaking of the state of the old Testament, saith:* Si Abraham, Isaac, Iacob in inferno, quis in cælorum regno, *that is,* If Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob were in hell, who was in the kingdome of heaven? *And againe,* Ante Christum, Abraham apud inferos: post Christum, latro in Paradiso, *that is,* before the comming of Christ, Abraham was in hell: after his comming, the theefe was in Paradise. *And lest a man might object, that* Lazarus *being in* Abrahams *bosome, saw the rich glutton afarre off in hell, and therefore both* Abraham *and* Lazarus *seeme to have beene in heaven: the said holy Doctour resolveth it, that* Abraham *and* Lazarus *also were in hell, but in a place of great rest and refreshing, and therefore very farre off from the miserable wretched glutton that lay in torments.* Epita. Nepot. cap. 3. Luc. 16. See S. August. in Ps. 85. v. 13.

FVLK. 9. Wee say in our Creede, that Christ descended into hell, which beeing an Article of our faith, must have relation to such benefit, as wee receive by his descending, namely, that thereby wee are delivered from the paines of hell. But that hee should descend into *Limbum patrum,* to fetch out the Fathers, which before you said were in prison, now you say in rest, wee neither say it in our Creede, neither doeth it pertaine unto us. But *Hierome* is cited as a favourer of your opinion, who I confesse in some part held as you doe, but not altogether. For thus hee writeth in *Epitaph. Nepot.* After hee hath given thankes to Christ for our redemption by his death. *Quid ante miserius homine, qui æternæ mortis terrore prostratus, vivendi sensum ad hoc tantum acceperat ut periret, &c.* What was more miserable then man before, which beeing cast downe with terrour of eternall death, received sense of living for this end onely, that hee might perish. For death raigned from *Adam* unto *Moses,* yea upon those which have not sinned after the similitude of the transgression of *Adam.* If *Abraham, Isaack,* and *Iacob* in hell, who in the kingdome of heaven? if thy friendes were under the punishment. If *Adam,* and they which sinned not, were held guilty by other mens sinnes, what is to bee thought of them which said in their heart there is no God &c. And if *Lazarus* bee seene in the bosome of *Abraham* and in a place of rest, what like hath hell and the kingdome of heaven? Before Christ *Abraham* in hell, after Christ the theefe in Paradise. In these wordes *Hierome* after his Rhetoricall manner, amplifying the benefit of our redemption by Christ, doeth rather touch this errour, then plainely expresse it. For first hee maketh all men miserable before Christ, and cast downe with terrour of eternall death, which is true, if yee consider them with-

out Christ, in which state are all men since Christ, but of all men that lived before the time of Christs death, and yet imbraced their redemption by him, it is not true. As also that there are some which have not sinned. But that all this is to bee understood, specially of the death of their bodies, and allegorically of their soules, hee addeth immediately, *Et idcirco in resurrectione ejus multa dormientium corpora, &c.* And therefore at his resurrection, many bodies of them that slept arose, and were seene in the heavenly Hierusalem. See you not how hee turneth all into an Allegory, to set foorth the vertue of Christs redemption? who brought all his elect by his death, from hell and the power of darkenesse, into the kingdome of heaven. Furthermore you bidde us see *Augustine in Psalm. 85, vers. 13.* Where in the beginning hee professeth his ignorance in discussing the question of the nethermost hell. First supposing this world in which wee live, to bee *Infernum superius*, and the place whither the dead goe *Infernum inferius*, from which God hath delivered us, sending thither his Sonne, who to this *Infernum* or lower place came by his birth, to that by his death: hee addeth another opinion, *Fortassis enim apud ipsos inferos est aliqua pars inferior, &c.* Peradventure even in hell it selfe there is some part lower, in which the ungodly, which have much sinned are delivered. For whether *Abraham* had beene now in certaine places in hell, wee cannot sufficiently define. And afterward when hee hath spoken of the diverse places of *Lazarus*, and the rich Glutton, hee concludeth as uncertainely as hee beganne. *Ergo inter ista fortasse duo inferna, quorum in uno, &c.* Therefore peradventure betweene these two hells, in one of which the soules of the righteous rested, the soules of the wicked are tormented, one attending prayeth in the person of Christ, &c. Here you may see, what an article of beliefe this was with Saint *Augustine*, when he hath nothing to define, but onely bringeth his conjecturall opinions and peradventures. Also how hee taketh *Infernum* for any lower place, in so much that hee calleth this world, *Infernum*. Wherefore much more may *Infernum* signify the grave, and bee so sometimes translated. *Nascendo. Moriendo.*

MART. 10. *His words be these in effect: If a man will say unto mee, that* Lazarus *was seene in* Abrahams *bosome and a place of refreshing even before Christs comming: true it is, but what is that in comparison?* Quid simile Infernus & regna cœlorum? What hath hell and heaven like? *As if hee should say,* Abraham *indeede and* Lazarus *(and consequently many other) were in place of rest, but yet in hell, till Christ came, and in such rest, as hath no comparison with the joyes of heaven. And Saint* Augustine *disputing this matter sometime, and doubting whether* Abrahams *bosome bee called hell in the Scripture, and whether the name of hell be taken at any time in the good part (for of Christs descending into hell, and of a third place where the Patriarches remained until Christs comming, not heaven, but called* Abrahams *bosome: hee doubted not, but was more assured) the same holy Doctor in another place, as being better resolved, doubted not upon these wordes of the Psalme,* Thou hast delivered my soule from the lower hell, *to make this one good sense of this place, that the lower hell is it, wherein the damned are tormented: the higher hell is that, wherein the soules of the just rested, calling both places by the name of hell.* *Epist. 99. ad Evod. & de Gen. ad lit. lib. 12. c. 33.* *In psal. 85. 13.*

FVLK. 10. I have set downe his very wordes indeede, which being well weighed, make nothing so clearely for your phantasied *Limbus*, as you would have men weene. You say *Augustine* doubteth whether *Abrahams* bosome, in the Scripture be called hell, *Epi. 99. & de gen. ad lit. lib. 12. cap. 33.* But there hee doeth utterly deny it, and in *Psal. 85.* as by his words cited before appeareth, he doubteth. So that where he flatly denyeth, with you he doubteth, and where he doubteth, with you he is better resolved. Wherefore this matter of *Abraham*, and the faithfull being in hell, is no article of faith, except you will say that S. *Augustine* was not resolved in the Articles of our faith, who touching the third place, whatsoever at diverse times he speaketh doubtingly in his Hypognosticon, he affirmeth resolutely, that hee findeth in the Scriptures, that there is none.

MART. 11. *And surely of his marveilous humility and wisedome, hee would have beene much more resolute herein, if hee had heard the opinion of Saint* Hierome, *whom hee often consulted in such questions; and of other Fathers, who in this point speake most playnely, that* Abrahams *bosome or the place where the Patriarches rested, was some part of hell,* Tertullian, (Lib. 4. adverf. Marcion.) *saith,* I know that the bosome of Abraham was no heavenly place, but onely the higher hell, *or* the higher part of hell. *Of which speech of the Fathers, rose afterward that other name,* Limbus patrum, *that is the very brimme, or uppermost and outmost part of hell, where the Fathers of the old Testament rested. Thus wee see that the Patriarches themselves were as then in hell, though they were there in a place of rest: in so much that Saint* Hierome *saith againe,* Ante resurrectionem Christi notus in Iudæa Deus, & ipsi qui noverant eum, tamen ad Inferos trahebantur: *that is,* Before the resurrection of Christ, God was knowne in Iurie, and they themselves that knew him, yet were drawne unto hell. *Saint* Chrisostome, *upon that place of Esay,* I will breake the brasen gates, and bruise the iron barres in pieces, *Loco citato.* *Hæc quod Christus sit Deus 10. 5.*

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pieces, and will open the treasures darkned, &c. So he calleth hell, *saith he*, for although it were hell, yet it held the holy soules, and precious vessels, *Abraham, Isaac*, and *Iacob*. *Marke what he saith, though it were hell, yet there were the just men at that time, till our Saviour Christ came to deliver them from thence.*

FVLK. 11. As wise and humble as hee was, hee was not ready to yeeld to every opinion of *Hierome*, as his Epistles written to *Hierome* doe declare. Neither was *Hierome* so resolute in this matter, whereof hee speaketh under a cloude, and in an Allegorie, as it is plaine, where hee saith, the bodyes that were raysed at the resurrection of Christ, were seene in the heavenly Hierusalem, whereas it is certaine they were seene onely in the earthly Hierusalem actually. But hee meaneth, the effect of Christs redemption, was acknowledged either in the Catholike Church, which is Hierusalem above in one sense, or else that they shall bee seene in the new Hierusalem and blessed felicity of the Godly at the worlds end: whereof a testimony was given in that sight of their appearing, and particular resurrection knowne at Hierusalem on earth. But you cite another place out of *Tertullian lib. 4. adversus Marcionem*, and in the margent you say, *Loco citato*, but I wote not where. And these bee *Tertullians* wordes, if you bee an honest man, *I know that the bosome of Abraham was no heavenly place, but onely the higher hell, or the higher part of hell.* I see you will bee as bold with the auncient Doctours workes, as you are with my poore writings, whom you make to say even what you list. In the last Section before you said Saint *Augustine Epist. 99. & de gen. ad lit. Lib. 12. cap. 33.* doubted whether *Abrahams* bosome were called hell. *Quod sinusquam, &c.* If it bee never read in the holy Scriptures (*scilicet* that hell is taken in the good part) verily that bosome of *Abraham* that is the habitation of a certaine secret rest, is not to bee beleeved, to bee any part of hell. And againe by reason of the infinite Chaos, *Satis ut opinor appareat*, It may appeare as I thinke sufficiently, that the bosome of that so great felicity, is not a certaine part, and as it were a member of hell. In the other place hee speaketh to the same effect, and upon the same ground, that hee never findeth in the Scriptures hell, taken in good part, and *Cap* 34. where hee prooveth that Paradise is heaven, hee saith: *Quanto magis ergo.* How much more then, may that bosome of *Abraham*, after this life bee called Paradise? This saith *Augustine*, and much more to this purpose, wherein I thought to have forborne you, but that you come upon us still with new forgeries. *Tertullian* in the booke by you quoted, *pag. 274. of Frob.* printed 1550. thus writeth. *Sed Marcion aliorsum cogit, &c.* But *Marcion* driveth it another way, so forsooth, that hee determineth both the rewardes of the Creatour, either of torment, or of refreshing, to bee layd up for them in hell, which have obeyed the Law and the Prophets. But of Christ, and his God, hee defineth an heavenly bosome, and heaven. Wee will answer, and even by this selfe same Scripture, convincing his blindenesse, which against hell discerneth this *Abrahams* bosome, to the poore man. For one thing is hell, (as I thinke) and *Abrahams* bosome, another thing. For a great depth he saith, is betweene those regions, and that doeth let the passage too and fro. But neither should the rich man have lifted up his eyes, and that truely from afarre off, but into the higher places, and that of an exceeding height, but that infinite distance of height and depth. Whereof it appeareth to every wise man, that hath ever heard of the Elysian fieldes, that there is some locall determination, which is called *Abrahams* bosome, to receive the soules of his sonnes, even of the Gentiles, hee being the Father of many nations, to bee accounted of *Abrahams* familie, and of the same faith, by which *Abraham* beleeved God, under no yoake of the Law, nor in the signe of circumcision. That region therefore I call the bosome of *Abraham*, and if not heavenly, yet higher then hell, which shall give rest in the meane season, to the soules of the just, untill the consummation of things doe finish the resurrection, of all with the fullnesse of reward. This is as much as I can finde in *Tertullian*, touching *Abrahams* bosome, which is cleane contrary to that you affirme him to speake. For by this saying it is manifest, that your opinion is *Marcions* heresie. Secondly, that *Abrahams* bosome is not hell, but higher by an infinite distance, although not in full perfection of heavenly glory. Thirdly, that it is not *Limbus patrum*, but the receptacle of all the just soules, to the end of the world. *Tertullians* authority therefore doeth you small pleasure, and lesse honesty, unlesse you did cite him more truely. But I am unwise to looke for plaine dealing, and sincerity at your handes. Well, your *Limbus patrum*, the very brimme, or uppermost, or outmost part of hell, wherein all the Patriarches should rest, wee have now founde from whence it came, even from your old acquaintance, the shouse of Pontus, *Marcion* the abhominable Heretike. The other saying of *Hierome*, but that the opinion of the Fathers in hell, had by that time taken some strength, might bee understood of the mortality, whereunto they were subiect, and never should have beene raysed, but by the resurrection of Christ, as it seemeth

seemeth by that which he opposeth of all nations, since the passion and resurrection of Christ, acknowledged to speake like Philosophers, of the immortality of the soule, and rejoycing in the resurrection of the dead, as the Fathers mourned at their death. *Chrysostomes* place is more apparant for your errour, although he also may be understood to speake allegorically of the effect of Christs death and resurrection, by which all the Patriarchs were delivered from death, and hell was spoyled: not that they were in prison there, but that the justice of God had condemned them thither, if Christs death had not redeemed them: but I will not stand to cleare *Chrysostome* of this errour, which it is sufficient for me to have found, that *Marcion* the old Heretike, was the first Authour thereof, by *Tertullians* confession, howsoever it came to passe, that many good men afterward deceived by the word *Gehenna* and *Infernus*, did hold it.

MART. 12. *Therefore did* Iacob *say*, I will goe downe to my sonne unto hell. *And againe he saith*: If any misfortune happen to (Benjamin) by the way, you shall bring my gray head with sorrow unto hell, *which is repeated againe twise in the Chapter 44. by which phrase the holy Scripture will signify, not only death, but also the descending at that time of all sortes of soules into hell, both good and badde. And therefore it is spoken of all sortes in the holy Scripture, both of good and of badde. For all went then into hell, but some into a place there, of rest, others into other places there, of torments. And therefore Saint* Hierome *saith, speaking of hell, according to the old Testament*, Hell is a place wherein soules are included: either in rest, or in paines, according to the quality of their deserts. Gen. 4. 3 Reg. 2. In cap. 13. Osee Aug. in Psal. 85. v. 13.

FVLK. 12. *Iacob* sayd hee would bee joyned to his sonne by death, as in the other text you bring, it is more manifest then the Sunne at noone dayes. For *Iacob* speaking of his gray head, must needes meane of his body, and therefore of the grave, and not of hell. So in the 3. *Reg.* 2. which you quote, *David* chargeth *Salomon*, that hee suffer not the gray head of *Iaab*, to goe downe to the grave in peace, and that hee shall cause the hoare head of *Shemei* to goe downe to the grave with bloud, which by no meanes can bee understood of his soule going to hell, which goeth not with bloud, although it is plaine enough by the word hoare head, that hee meaneth his body in age, or his old body. And this text *Pagnine*, in his Dictionary thought necessary to bee understood of the grave, although hee make the word *Sheol* indifferent to signify Hell, and the Grave. That all went to Hell, some to rest, and some to torments, it was first devised by *Marcion*, the Heretike. But Saint *Hierome* is once againe cited *in Oseam, cap.* 13. where hee saith, that Hell is a place wherein soules are included, &c. by which you see that hee speaketh not of *Limbus*, wherein soules were included before Christ, but of such a place wherein they are now included, taking the word *Infernus*, generally for any place that receiveth the soules of the departed, as hee saith most plainely himselfe, in the same place: *Quicquid igitur separat fratres, Infernus est appellandus.* Whatsoever doeth separate brethren, is to be called hell. *Augustine* is quoted, to multiply a lye, and for nothing else, as I have shewed before.

The Scriptures speake of another hell, besides that of the damned.

MART. 13. *And in this sense it is also often said in the holy Scriptures, that such and such were gathered, or layde to their fathers, though they were buried in diuers places, and dyed not in the same state of salvation, or damnation: In that sense* Samuel *being raised up, to speake with* Saul, *said*, To morrow thou and thy sonnes shall be with me. *That is, dead, and in hell, though not in the same place or state there: in this sense all such places of the holy Scripture as have the word* Inferi, *or* Infernus, *correspondent both to the Greeke and Hebrew, ought to be, and may bee most conveniently translated by the word*, Hell. *As when it is said*, Thou hast delivered my soule from the lower hell, *Psal.* 85. *v.* 13. *that is, as Saint* Augustine *expoundeth it, Thou hast preserved me from mortall sinnes, that would have brought me into the lower hell, which is for the damned. Which place of holy Scripture, and the like, when they translate* grave, *see how miserably it soundeth*, Thou hast delivered my soule from the lowest grave. *Which they would never say for very shame, but that they are afrayd to say in any place (be the holy Scriptures never so plaine) that any soule was delivered or returned from hell, lest thereof it might follow by and by, that the Patriarches, and our Saviour Christ, were in such a Hell.* *Ab inferno inferiori.* Bib. 1579.

FVLK. 13. That which is spoken indifferently of the elect, and reprobate, must needes bee understood of that which is common to both, that is, corporall death. How can it bee verifyed of their soules, that they were layd to the Fathers, when betweene the godly, and the wicked, there is an infinite distance: but the earth, the grave, or pitte, is a common receptacle of all dead bodies. That *Samuel*, which being raysed up, spake to *Saule*, might truely say of his soule, though not of all his sonnes, that hee should bee with him in hell, for it was the spirit of Satan, and not of *Samuel*, although counterfeiting *Samuel*, he might speake of the death of *Saul*, and his sonnes. As for that verse of the eighty and five Psalme, whereupon you doe falsly so often alledge Saint *Augustines* resolution, what

what absurdity hath it, to translate it, from the lowest grave, or from the bottome of the grave, whereby *David* meaneth extreame danger of death, that he was in, by the malice of his persecuting enemies, *Saul* and his complices? But we are afrayd to say in any place, that any soule was delivered and returned from hell. We say that the soules of all the faithfull are delivered from hell: but of any which after death is condemned to hell, we acknowledge no returne. And these words are spoken by *David* while he lived, and praised God for his deliverance, which might be not only from the grave, but also from hell, saving that here he speaketh of his preservation from death.

MART. 14. *And that this is their feare, it is evident, because that in all other places where it is plaine that the holy Scriptures speake of the hell of the damned, from whence is no returne, they translate there the very same word hell, and not grave. As for example*, The way of life is on high to the prudent, to avoyd from hell beneath. *Loe, here that is translated* hell beneath, *which before was translated* the lowest grave. *And againe*, Hell and destruction are before the Lord, how much more the hearts of the sonnes of men? *But when in the holy Scriptures there is mention of delivery of a soule from hell, then thus they translate*: God shal deliver my soule from the power of the grave, for he will receive me. *Can you tell what they would say? Doeth God deliver them from the grave, or from temporall death, whom he receiveth to his mercy? or hath the grave any power over the soule? Againe when they say*, What man liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soule from the hand of the grave? Prov. 15. 24. Bib. 1579. *De manu inferi* Psal. 89. 48.

FVLK. 14. I have shewed before diverse times, that although the Hebrew word *Sheol* doe properly signify a receptacle of the bodyes after death, yet when mention is of the wicked, by consequence it may signify hell, as the day signifyeth light, the night darkenesse, fire heate, peace signifyeth prosperity, and an hundred such like speeches. But where you say that *Prov.* 15. *vers.* 24. that is translated hell beneath, which before was translated the lowest grave, *Psalm.* 85. *vers.* 13. you say untruely, for although in both places there is the word *Sheol*, yet in that Psalme there is *Tachtijah*, in the Proverbs *Mattah*, for which if it were translated the grave, that declineth, or is downward, it were no inconvenience. In the other texts, you trifle upon the word soule, whereas the Hebrew word signifyeth not the reasonable soule, which is separable from the body, but the life, or the whole person of man, which may rightly bee said to be delivered from the hand or power of the grave, as the verse 48. doeth plainely declare, when in the latter part is repeated the sense of the former, as it is in many places of the Psalmes. תחתיה מטה

MART. 15. *If they take* grave *properly, where mans body is buryed; it is not true either that every soule, yea or every body is buryed in a grave. But if in all such places they will say they meane nothing else but to signify death, and that to goe downe into the grave, and to dye, it all one: wee aske them why they follow not the wordes of the holy Scripture, to signifie the same thing, which call it going downe to* hell, *not going downe to the* grave? *Here they must needes open the mystery of Antichrist working in their translations, and say, that so they should make hell a common place to all that departed in the old Testament, which they will not, no not in the most important places of our beleefe concerning our Saviour Christs descending into hell, and triumphing over the same. Yea therefore of purpose they will not, onely for to defeate that part of our Christian Creede.*

FVLK. 15. We cannot always take the word grave properly, when the Scripture useth it figuratively: but if we say, to goe downe to the grave, and to die is all one, you aske us why we follow not the words of the holy Scripture. I answer we doe, for the Scripture calleth it grave and not hell. Where is then your vaine clattering of the mystery of Antichrist, that wee must open? Because wee will not acknowledge that hereticall common place, invented by *Marcion* the heretike, wee purpose to defeat the article of Christs descending into hell. A monstrous slaunder, when wee doe openly confesse it, and his triumphing over hell in more triumphant manner then you determine it. For if he descended into that hell onely, in which were the soules of the faithfull, which was a place of rest, of comfort, of joy, and felicity, what triumph was it to overcome such an hell, which if you take away the hatefull name of hell, by your owne description, will prove rather an heaven then an hell? But wee beleeve that he triumphed over the hell of the damned, and over all the power of darknesse, which hee subdued by the vertue of his obedience and sacrifice, so that it should never bee able to claime or hold any of his elect, whom he had redeemed.

MART. 16. *As when the Prophet first*, Osee 13. *and afterward the Apostle*, 1 Corin. 15, *in the Greeke say thus*: Ero mors tua ô mors, morsus tuus ero Inferne. Vbi est, mors, stimulus tuus? Vbi est, Inferne, victoria tua? O death I will bee thy death; I will bee thy sting, O hell. Where is, O death, thy sting? where is, O hell, thy victory? *they translate in both places*: O grave, *in stead of* O hell. *What else can bee their meaning thereby, but to draw the Reader from the common sense of our Saviour Christs descending into hell, and conquering the same, and* bringing

bringing out the Fathers and just men triumphantly from thence into heaven? which sense hath always beene the common sense of the Catholike Church and holy Doctours, specially upon this place of the Prophet. And what a kinde of speech is this, and one of all tune, to make our Saviour Christ say, O grave I will be thy destruction? as though he had triumphed over the grave, and not over hell; or over the grave, that is, over death: and so the Prophet should say death twice, and hell not at all.

See S. Hier. Comment. in 13. Osee.

FVLK. 16. S. *Hierom*, whom you quote in the margent, to prove that all the Catholike Doctours understood this text of *Osee*, of Christs descending into hell, and thereby reprove our translation, which for hell saith grave, after he hath repeated the words of the Apostle, 1 *Cor.* 15. vpon this text thus he concludeth: *Itaque quod ille in resurrectionem interpretatus est Domini, nos aliter interpretari nec possumus nec audemus:* Therfore that which the Apostle hath interpreted of our Lords resurrection, we neither can nor dare interpret otherwise. You see therfore by *Hieromes* judgement, that in this text, which is proper of Christs resurrection, it is more proper to use the word of grave, then of hell. How vainly the same *Hierome* interpreteth the last words of this chapter, of spoyling the treasure of every vessell, that is desirable of Christs delivering out of hell the most precious vessells of the Saints, &c. I am not ignorant: but we speak of translation of the 14. *verse*, which being understood of Christs resurrection, it argueth, that the grave is spoken of, rather then hell. As for the repetition of one thing twice for vehemency, and certainties sake, is no inconvenient thing, but commonly used in the Scriptures.

MART. 17. *Why, my Masters, you that are so wonderfull precise Translatours, admit that our Saviour Christ descended not into hell beneath, as you say, yet I thinke you will grant that hee triumphed over hell, and was conqueroure of the same. Why then did it not please you to suffer the Prophet to say so at the least, rather then that he had conquest only of death and the grave? You abuse your ignorant Reader very impudently, and your owne selves very damnably, not onely in this, but in that you make* grave *and* death *all one, and so where the holy Scripture often joyneth together* death *and* hell, *as things different and distinct, you make them speake but one thing twice, idly and superfluously.*

FVLK. 17. For our faith of Christs triumphing over hell, I have spoken already sufficiently: but of the Prophets meaning beside the wordes themselves, the Apostle is best expounder, who referreth it to the resurrection, and his victory over death, which hee hath gained not for himselfe alone, but for all his elect. Where you say wee make grave and death all one, it is false: wee know they differ; but that one may bee signifyed by the other, without any idle or superfluous repetition in one verse, I referre mee to a whole hundred of examples, that may bee brought out of the Psalmes, the Prophets, and the Proverbes, where wordes of the same, like, or neere signification, are twice together repeated, to note the same matter, which none but a blasphemous dogge, will say to bee done idly or superfluously.

MART. 18. *But will you know that they should not confound them, but that* Mors *and* Infernus, *which are the wordes of the holy Scripture in all tongues, are distinct? Heare what Saint* Hierome *saith, or if you will not heare, because you are of them which* have stopped their eares, *let the indifferent Christian Reader hearken to this holy Doctour, and great Interpreter of the holy Scriptures, according to his singular knowledge in all the learned tongues. Vpon the foresaid place of the Prophet, after hee had spoken of our Saviour Christs descending into Hell, and overcomming of death, hee addeth:* Betweene death and hell this is the difference, that death is that whereby the soule is separated from the body; hell is the place where soules are included, either in rest, or else in paynes, according to the quality of their deserts. And that death is one thing, and hell is another, the Psalmist also declareth, saying, There is not in death that is mindfull of thee, but in hell who shall confesse to thee? And in another place, Let death come upon them, and let them goe downe into hell alive. *Thus farre Saint* Hierome.

Hier. in Osee cap. 13. Psal. 6.

FVLK. 18. Hee that by the grave understandeth a place to receive the bodyes of the dead, and figuratively death, doeth no more confound the wordes of death and the grave, then hee that by a cuppe, understandeth a vessell to receive drinke properly, and figuratively that drinke which is contained in such a vessell. Therefore that you cite out of *Hierome*, maketh nothing against us, for hee himselfe, although deceived by the Septuagints, or rather by the ambiguity of the word ᾅδης, which they use, in the signification of the Hebrew word שְׁאוֹל, yet by *Infernus* understandeth them that bee in *Inferno*, and the dead, as wee doe by the word grave oftentimes. As for his opinion of the godly soules in happy holt before Christs death, or his interpretation of any other part of Scripture, wee professe not to follow in our translations, but as neere as wee can the true signification of the wordes of holy Scripture, with such sense (if any thing bee doubtfull) as the proper circumstances

cumstances of every place will leade us unto, that we may attaine to the meaning of the holy Ghost.

MART. 19. *By which differences of death and hell, (whereof wee must often advertise the Reader) are meant two things, death, and the going downe of the soule into some receptacle of hell, in that state of the old Testament, at what time the holy Scriptures used this phrase so often. Now these impudent Translatours in all these places translate it grave, of purpose to confound it and death together, and to make it but one thing, which S. Hierome sheweth to bee different, in the very same sense that we have declared.* Bib. 1579.

FVLK. 19. The difference of *Mors* and *Infernus*, which *Hierome* maketh, cannot alwayes stand, as I have shewed of the hoare heads of *Iacob*, *Ioab*, and *Shemei*, which none but madde men will say, to have descended into a receptacle of soules; beside other places of Scripture, where *Sheol* must of necessity signify a place for the body. And even those places of the *Psalmes*, that Saint *Hierome* calleth to witnesse, doe make against his errour: for where *David* sayth, *Psalm.* 6. In hell who shall confesse unto thee? how can it bee true of the soules of the faithfull being in that holy hell *Abrahams* bosome? Did not *Abraham* confesse unto God, and acknowledge his mercy? Did not *Lazarus* the same? Did not all the holy soules departed, confesse God, in *Abrahams* bosome? Were all those blessed soules so unthankefull, that being carryed into that place of rest and comfort, none of them would confesse Gods benefits? It is plaine therefore, to the confusion of your errour, that *Sheol* in that place of *David* must needes signify the grave, in which no man doth confesse, prayse or give thankes unto God, of whom in death there is no remembrance. Therefore hee desireth life and restoring of health, that hee may prayse God in his Church or Congregation. Likewise in the *Psalme* 54. where hee prophecyeth unto the wicked a suddaine death, such as befell to *Chore*, *Dathan*, and *Abiram*, which went downe quicke into the grave: not into hell, whither come no bodies of men living, but the soules of men that are dead.

MART. 20. *But alasse, is it the very nature of the Hebrew, Greeke, or Latine, that forceth them so much to English it* grave, *rather then* hell? *We appeale to all Hebricians, Grecians, and Latinists in the world: first, if a man would aske, what is Hebrew or Greeke, or Latine for* hell; *whether they would not answer, these three words, as the very proper words to signifie it, even as* panis *signifieth bread: secondly, if a man would aske, what is Hebrew, or Greeke, or Latine for a* grave; *whether they would answer these words, and not three other, which they know are as proper words for* grave, *as* lac *is for* milke.

&c. שְׁאוֹל Infernus. קֶבֶר Sepulcrum.

FVLK. 20. The very nature of the Hebrew word שְׁאוֹל is most properly to signify a grave, or receptacle of dead bodies, as all that bee learned in that tongue doe know. About the Greeke and Latine tearmes, is not our question, and therefore you deale deceitefully, to handle them all three together. Although neither ᾅδης, nor *Infernus*, are so proper for hell, but that they may bee taken also sometimes for the grave, and so perhaps were meant by the Greeke and Latine Translatours in diverse places. You speake therefore as one voyde of all shame, to say they are as proper for hell, as *panis* for bread. Where you aske what is Hebrew, Greeke, or Latine, for hell: you must understand, that if you speake of a proper word for those invisible places, wherein the soules departed are either in joy or torments, I answer, there is no proper word for those places, either in Hebrew, Greeke, or Latine: for that which of all these tongues is translated Heaven, is the proper word for the sensible Skie, in which are the Sunne, Moone, and Starres, and by a figure is transferred to signify the place of Gods glorie, in which hee raigneth with the blessed spirits of Angels and men, above this sensible world. Paradise and *Abrahams* bosome, who is so childish, not, to acknowledge them to bee borrowed wordes, and not proper? So for the receptacle of the reprobate soules, in the Hebrew tongue *Topheth* or *Gehinnom*, which properly are the names of an abominable place of Idolatry, are used, and *Sheol* sometimes figuratively may signifie the same. In Greeke and Latine *Gehenna* is used for the same, which is borrowed of the Hebrew. Sometimes also the word ᾅδης in Greeke is taken for the place of the damned, and the kingdome of darkenesse. The Latine word *Infernus* is any low place. Wherefore I cannot marveile sufficiently at your impudencie, which affirme these three wordes שְׁאוֹל, ᾅδης, and *Infernus*, to bee as proper for our English word hell, as *panis* is for bread. That there be other wordes beside these in all the three tongues to signify a grave, I marveile to what purpose you tell us, except you would have ignorant folke suppose, that there cannot bee two Hebrew, Greeke, or Latine wordes for one thing.

MART. 21. *Tea, note and consider diligently what wee will say. Let them shew mee out of all the Bible one place, where it is certaine and agreed among all, that it must needes signify* grave, *let them shew mee in any one such place, that the holy Scripture useth any of those former three wordes for*

for grave. As when Abraham *bought a place of burial, whether hee bought* Infernum: *or when it is said the Kings of Israel were buried in the monuments or sepulchers of their fathers, whether it say,* in infernis patrum suorum. *So that not onely Divines by this observation, but Grammarians also and children may easily see, that the proper and naturall signification of the said words, is in English* hell, *and not* grave. Gen.c.49.

FVLK. 21. Wee note well your foolish subtilty, that will have us to shew you one place, where it is certaine, and agreed among all, that *Sheol* must needes signify grave. I am perswaded that you and such as you are, that have sold your selves to Antichrist, to maintayne his heresies with all impudencie, will agree to nothing that shall bee brought, though it bee never so plaine and certaine, that it must needes so signify. I have already shewed you three places, where the hoare head is said to goe downe into *Sheol*, that is, into the grave. For whither should the hoare head goe but into the grave? Nothing can bee more plaine to him that will agree to trueth, that *Sheol* in all such places is taken for the grave. But to omit these places, because I have spoken of them already; what say you to that place, *Numb.* 16. where the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the Rebells with their tents, and all their substance of cattell, and whatsoever they had: where the text saith, They went downe, and all that they had, alive (*sheolah*) into the pitte or grave. God made a greate grave or hole in the earth, to receive them all. Where no man will say that either the bodyes of these men, or their substance of tents, cattell, and stuffe, went into hell, as it is sure their soules went into torment. And if authority doe weigh more with you then good reason, heare what Saint *Augustine* writeth upon the same text, and how hee taketh your *Inferos* or *Infernum*, which in the Hebrew is *Sheol*, *Quæst. super Num.* « *lib. 4. cap. 29. Et descenderunt ipsi & omnia quæcunque sunt eis vivences ad inferos. Notandum secundum locum terrenum dictos esse inferos, hoc est, &c.* And they themselves descended, and all that they had, alive unto *Inferos*, the lower partes. It is to bee noted, that *Inferi* are spoken of an earthly place, that is in the low partes of the earth: for diversly and under manifold understanding, even as the sense of things which are in hand requireth, the name of *Inferi* is put in the Scriptures, and especially it is wont to bee taken for the dead. But forasmuch as it is said, that those descended alive *ad Inferos*, and by the very narration it appeareth sufficiently what was done; it is manifest, as I sayd, that the lower parts of the earth are tearmed by this word *Inferi*, in comparison of this upper part of the earth, in which wee live: Like as in comparison of the higher heaven, where the dwelling of the holy Angels is, the Scripture saith, that the sinfull Angells beeing thrust downe into the darkenesse of this ayre, are reserved as it were in prisons of a lower part or hell, to bee punished. Saint *Augustine* here doeth not onely understand this place of the grave or receptacle of bodies, but also sheweth that the Latine word *Inferi* or *Infernus*, doeth not always signify hell, as you made it of late, as proper for hell, as *panis* for bread. But because you shall not complaine of the singularity of this example, although you require but one, I will adde out of the *Psalme* 141. where the Prophet sayth, Our bones are scattered at the very brinke or mouth of (*Sheol*) the grave. How can you understand him to speake of hell? For the grave, and not hell, is a place for dead mens bones: as hee speaketh of the faithfull, by the wicked counted as good as dead and rotten, consumed to the bones. By these and many other examples, it is manifest, that the proper signification of *Sheol* in English, is a grave, and not hell. « « «

they make it (as every boy among the Iews doth well know) as proper a word for Hell, *as* panis *is for* bread, *and as improper for a grave (though so it may be vsed by a figure of speech) as* Cymba Charontis *is Latine for* broth.

FVLK. 26. If wee followed the Iewes in exposition of the Scriptures against Christ, wee were not so much to bee pitied, as to bee abhorred: but if wee be content to learne the propriety of Hebrew words of the learned Rabbines, as *Hierome* was glad to doe of his Rabbine, who as it appeareth by his scholler in some places, was not excellently learned, there is no cause why any man should pitty us, but them rather, that to cloake their ignorance in the Hebrew tongue, pretend as if it were more unlawfull to learne Hebrew of the Hebrew Rabbines, then Latine of *Quintilian* or *Priscian*, and Greeke of *Gaza*, *Suidas*, and such like. That you tell us of the Romish Rabbines converted from Iudaisme, to Papistry, is not worth a straw. For their argument of *Saules* and a witches opinion, that the dead might bee raysed, proveth nothing in the world, that they were in Hell. And the sonne of *Syrach* sheweth himselfe not to bee directed by the spirit of God, which affirmeth, *Samuel* did lift up his voyce after his death, out of the earth, contrary to the judgement of Catholike Doctors of the Church. For that the Scripture speaketh of *Samuel* raysed by the witch, is meant of a wicked spirit, counterfeiting the shape and similitude of *Samuel*. For the soules of the faithfull, and holy Prophets, bee not at the commandements of witches, but at rest with God, where they cannot bee disquieted. As for the authority of those unknowne Authours, that teach boyes to say, *Sheol* is as proper for Hell, as *panis* for bread, we may esteeme it to bee of as good credite, as *Charons* boate, *Plutos* pallace, and *Cerberus* three heads, &c.

MART. 26. *But what speake I of these? doe not the greatest and most ancient Rabbines (so to call them) she* Septuaginta *alwayes translate the Hebrew word, by the Greeke ᾅδης, which is properly hell? doe not the Talmudists, and Chaldee paraphrases, and* Rabbi Salomon Iarhi, *handling these places of the Psalmes,* Hee will deliver my soule from the hand of *Sheol, interprete it by* Gehinnom, *that is,* Gehenna, hell? *and yet the Calvinists bring this place for an example, that it signifyeth* grave. *Likewise upon this place,* Let all sinners be turned into *Sheol: the foresaid Rabbines interprete it by* Gehinnom, Hell. *Insomuch that in the Proverbs, and in* Iobe, *it is ioyned with* Abaddon. *Where* Rabbi Levi *according to the opinion of the Hebrewes, expoundeth* Sheol, *to be the lowest region of the world, a deepe place opposite to heaven, whereof it is written* If I descended into hell, thou art present: *and so doth* Rabbi Abraham *expound the same word in* chap. 2. Ionæ.

Greeb. lib. 3. de Trin.

Prov. 15. Iob. 26.

FVLK. 27. Although the Septuaginta doe alwayes translate *Sheol* by the word ᾅδης, yet doe they not thereby alwayes understand hell: as it is manifest in all those places, where the Scripture speaketh of a receptacle of dead bodyes. But now you will beare us downe with *Rabbines, Talmudists*, and Chaldee paraphrases. And first you say that all these, handling that verse of the 49. Psalme, Hee will deliver my soule from the hand of *Sheol*, interprete it by *Gehinnom*, that is, Hell. I graunt that *Rabbi Ioseph* using the liberty of a Paraphrast, rather then a Translatour, interpreteth the word by *Gehinnom*, that signifyeth Hell fire, and so the sense is true. For God delivered *David* from eternall damnation. But *Rabbi David Chimchi*, expounding the same place according to the proper signification of *Sheol*, saith, אסף ונכניא כראיתו &c. The Prophet said when hee saw the destruction of the soules of the wicked in their death: In the day in which my body shall goe downe to (*Sheol*) the grave, God shall deliver my soule from the hand of (*Sheol*) the grave, that my soule shall not perish with my body. You see therefore that all the Rabbines bee not of your side, no nor *Rabbi Salomon Iarchi*, whom you cite. For upon the 37. of *Genesis, verse.* 35. where *Iacob* saith, he will goe downe to the grave, mourning, thus he writeth, אבריישאולרי׳ במשוסר לשון קבר חוגזנו. Mourning to *Sheol*, according to the plaine and literall sense, the interpretation thereof is the grave, in my mourning I will bee buryed, and I will not bee comforted, all my dayes: but after the *Midrash*, or exposition, not according to the letter, it is hell. This signe was delivered by handes, or by tradition, from the mouth of his power, (that is from a divine oracle) if not one of my sonnes shall dye in my life time, I had confidence, that I should not see hell. By this saying it is manifest, that this Rabbine acknowledgeth the true and proper translation of this word *Sheol*, was to the grave, although after figurative, and sometimes fonde expositions, it was interpreted for hell. Likewise you say, but unduely, of this verse, *Psalm.* 9. *verse.* 18. Let all sinners bee turned to *Sheol*, for there the Chaldee Paraphrast retayneth the word *Sheol*, and doeth not give any other word for it, *David Chimchi* in- ישובו רשעים לשאולה לקבר, expounds, it according to the literall sense, Let the wicked bee turned into the grave, which is [illegible] as *Rabbi Salomon* saith, it may bee [illegible] Thus Ionas in the

Proverbs,

Proverbs, and *Iob* is ioyned with *Abaddon*, it hindreth it not to signifie the grave; where is the destruction and consumption of the body. And *Prov.* 15. *v.* 11. the Chaldee Paraphrast retaineth *Sheol*, which *Kabanaki* expoundeth thus, ושאול &c. It is said of *Sheol*, and *Abaddon*, that *Sheol* is the grave, חקבר and *Abaddon* is hell, which is deeper than the grave, &c. And although in *Iob* Rabbi Levi, and others expound *Sheol* for a secret place about the center of the earth, which should seeme to bee hell: yet they say not that this is the proper signification of the word *Sheol*. For in the 21. of *Iob. v.* 13. the Chaldee Paraphrast for *Sheol*, interpreteth *Kebureta*, the grave, and in the 14. *verse* 13. *beith kebureta*, the house of the grave, and 17. *v.* 12. and 15. the grave. In both which places *Rabbi Abraham Perisol* joyneth *Sheol*, and *Keber* together, both signifying the grave; and in the later *verse*, hee maketh *Iob* to say to his friends ארי יחבונניכון, The barres of lies with which you comfort mee, into the middest of the pit of the grave shall goe downe with mee when I die. By all which testimonies it is manifest, that *Sheol* is not the proper word for hell, the receptacle of soules, but for grave, the common dwelling house for mens bodies.

Prov. 15. Iob. 26.

But you will presse us yet further, with the authoritie of *Rabbi Abraham* upon *Ionas.* 2. Indeed in *Abraham Aben Esra*, I read as you say, but this is onely his opinion of the figuratiue sense of that place, for upon *Hosee. cap.* 13. *verse.* 14. hee expoundeth מידך thus, I haue beene a Redeemer of thy fathers, now I will bee a destruction of death which is to thee. And so doe *R. Shelomo Iarchi*, and *Rabbi David Chimchi*: yea, so doth Saint *Paul*, more worth than all the Rabbines that ever were, expound it.

MART. 28. *This being the opinion and interpretation of the Hebrewes, See the skill or honestie of* Beza *saying that* Sheol, *with the Hebrewes signifieth nothing but* grave. *Whereas indeed (to speake skilfully, uprightly, and not contentiously) it may signifie* grave *sometime secondarily, but* Hell, *principally and properly, as is manifest, for that there is no other word so often vsed and so familiarly in the Scriptures to signifie Hell, as this, and for that the Septuaginta doe alwayes interprete it by the Greeke word* ᾅδης.

FVLK. 28. The opinion of the Hebrues being as I haue rehearsed out of their owne words, see the skill or honestie of *Martin*, which dare open his mouth against *Beza* in this matter, and tell us that *Sheol* may secondarily signifie a grave, whereas it doth first and principally so signifie, howsoever the Septuaginta doe interpret it by ᾅδης, which signifieth an obscure darke place under the earth, and not hell properly.

MART. 29. *The which Greeke word is so notorious and peculiar for Hell, that the Paganes vse it also for* Pluto, *whom they feigned to be God of Hell, and not God of graues: and if they would stand with us in this point, wee might beate them with their owne kinde of reasoning, out of Poets and prophane writers, and out of all Lexicons. Vnlesse they will tell us (contrary to their custome) that we Christians must attend the Ecclesiasticall use of this word in the Bible, and in Christian writers, Acts 2. 27. and that in them it signifieth grave. For so* Beza *seemeth to say, that the Greeke Interpreters of the Bible, translated the Hebrew word aforesaid by this Greeke word, as signifying a darke place: whereas the Greeke Poets vsed it for that which the Latines called* Inferos, *that is,* hell. Which ambiguitie (*saith he*) of the word, made many erre, affirming Christs descending into Hell. So was LIMBVS builded, whereunto afterward PVRGATORIE was laide.

FVLK. 29. That *Pluto* of the Poets is feigned to bee the God of Hell, it was hereof that they imagined Hell to bee a place under the earth, which was his pallace, as earth was his kingdome: or else what becommeth of the triple division of all the world, If *Iupiter* having heaven, *Neptune* the Sea, *Pluto* should not haue the earth? who had his name of the riches inclosed in the earth, and was also called Ἀΐδης, or Ἅιδης as in *Homer* Il. 15. Ζεὺς δ' ὑπὸ πρόσσας Ἀΐδης εἰσήλυθεν ἠερόεντα. *Iupiter* and I, and *Pluto* the third that ruleth over the dead. Whereof it is put in the Genitiue case, after such prepositions as governe an Accusative or Dative, where εἰς is the house of *Pluto* is to bee understood. I might here cite divers places out of *Nonnus* the Christian Greeke Poet, who seemeth to use Ἀΐδης and Ἅιδης for the grave speaking of the resurrection of Christ, *Ioan.* 2. and of *Lazarus cap.* 11. But of the translation of the Greeke word is not our question, but of the Hebrew word *Sheol*, which the Septuaginta turning into ᾅδης meane a place generally to receive the dead, which sometimes is the grave of the bodies, sometimes hell of the soules.

MART. 30. *I see* Beza *his silinesse very well in this point. For here the man hath uttered all his heart, and the whole mysterie of his craftie meaning of this corrupt translation: that to avoyde these three things, Christ descending into Hell,* Limbus patrum, *and Purgatorie, hee and his companions wrest the foresaid words of the holy Scriptures to the signification of grave. But let the indifferent Christian Reader onely consider* Beza *his owne words in this place, point by point.*

FVLK. 30. *Beza* vseth no wilinesse or craft at all, for hee doth alwayes openly detest the dreames of Limbus and Purgatorie, and whatsoever may depend upon them. But let us see what you can gather out of his words.

MART. 31. *First he saith, that the Greeke Poets were wont to vse the Greeke word for Hell: secondly, that they which interpreted the Bible out of Hebrew into Greeke, vsed the very same word for that Hebrew word whereof we haue now disputed: thirdly, that the auncient fathers (for of them he speaketh, as a little before he expresseth) understood the said Greeke word for* Hell, *and thereby grew to these errours (as hee impudently affirmeth) of Christs descending into Hell, and of the place in Hell where the fathers rested expelling the comming of our Saviour, &c. Whereby the Reader doth easily see, that both the prophane and also the Ecclesiastical vse of the word is for Hell, and not for graue.* ibid. v. 24.

FVLK. 31. I looked for some great matter, when you beganne to consider so diligently from point to point: but I see wee shall haue nothing, but this cold collection, that both the prophane and Ecclesiasticall vse of this word שאול is for hell, and not for the graue. That it is vsed for hell, no man denieth: but that it is vsed onely for hell, *Beza* saith not, and I haue proved that it is not. As also it may bee proved by divers other places out of the Apocryphall writings, namely *Sap.* 16. *v.* 13. where it is translated for death by your owne Latine translatour, being the same verse, that is in the song of *Anna*, 1. *Sam.* 2. where *sheol* is vsed, and is repeated in that signification *Tob.* 13. *v.* 12. likewise *Sap.* 2. *v.* 1. where the ungodly that professe the mortalitie of the soule say, that none was knowne to returne from שאול, the word can signifie nothing but graue. For hell it cannot signifie in their speech, that beleeue no hell, and say plainely that their soules shall vanish like smoake, or light aire. Likewise in *Baruch.* 2. it is taken for the graue, where hee saith the dead which are in the שאול, shall not giue honour to God, where it is certaine that by that word is meant the graue, seeing the soules of the righteous that were in *Abrahams* bosome, did praise God, and moreover, hee maketh it plaine that hee speaketh of the dead bodies, when he saith their spirit is taken out of their bowels.

MART. 32. *And for the Latine word, it is the like case for all the world: and if a man will aske but his childe that commeth from the Grammar, what is* Infernus, *he will say* Hell, *and not* graue: *what is Latine for* graue? *He will answere* Sepulchrum, *or* monumentum. *But never* Infernus, *vnlesse one of these Calvinisticall Tranlatours taught him so, to deceiue his father.* Infernus, Inferi.

FVLK. 32. I hope they that bee wise will beleeue Saint *Augustine*, rather than you, that the word *Inferi*, which is the same that *Infernus*, hath divers and manifold understandings in the Scripture, as I haue declared before sect. 21. But with the Latine word *Infernus*, wee haue little to doe, which translate not out of Latine, but out of Hebrew or Greeke.

MART. 33. *Now then, to draw to a conclusion of this their corruption also in their English translation: whereas, the Hebrew, and Greeke, and Latine words doe most properly and vsually signifie Hell: and both Greeke, and Latine Interpreters precisely in every place vse for the Hebrew word, that one Greeke word, and that one Latine word, which by all custome of speaking and writing, signifie Hell: it had beene the part of sincere and true meaning translatours, to haue translated it also in English alwayes by the word* Hell: *and afterward to haue disputed of the meaning thereof, whether, and when it is to bee taken for Hell, or graue, or lake, or death, or any such thing. As in one place they haue done it very exactly and indifferently, namely when* Ionas *saith* (c. 2 v. 2.) *out of the Whales belly,* Out of the belly of hell, cried I, and thou heardest my voice. *So all translate it, and well, whatsoever it signifie in this place. They thinke that* Hell, *here signifieth nothing else but the Whales belly, and the affliction of* Ionas, *and so the word may signifie by a Metaphoricall speech, as when we say in English,* It is a hell to liue thus: *and* * *therefore no doubt they did here translate it so, to insinuate that in other places it might as well signifie* graue, *as here the Whales belly.* If they obiect vnto vs some Catholikes, that translate it *Sepulchrum*, as they doe: it is a fault in them also, but so farre lesse than in the Protestants, as chaunce meddley is in respect of wilfull murder. See their margin all annot. Ionæ. 2. Bib. 1577.

FVLK. 33. Your conclusion is as good as your premisses, because the Greeke and Latine Interpreters had before vs translated amisse, which gaue occasion to divers errours, therefore wee also knowing the true signification of the word, must haue followed them in wrong and doubtfull translation, and afterward debated the meaning of the severall places. But in the margent, you tell us, that such Catholikes as haue translated the word *sheol*, for a graue, haue also done amisse. Pardon us Master *Martine*, wee take you for no such learned Hebritian, that you should controll *Pagninus*, *Isidorus Clarius*, and all other Hebritians of this time upon such slender fleeceleese reasons, as you haue brought hetherto. And you shew an intollerable proud stomake, that being a man so little seene in the Hebrew tongue (as you shew your selfe to bee) you should condemne such graue and learned persons of your owne side, of rashnesse, or ignorance. For you make them in the case of chaunce-meddley, that haue translated *sheol* a graue. Thinke you the deputies of the Councell of *Trent* had no more discretion in perusing *Isidorus Clarius* correction

rection of the Bible, than to suffer him to change life and safetie into chance-medly and man-slaughter? You may in time to come, if you apply your studie, prooue learned in that language, wherein as yet you are but a smatterer, not worthy to bee heard against so many, so learned, so famous professors of the Hebrew tongue, Iewes and Christians, Protestants and Papists, authors of Grammars, Dictionaries, and translations. But in the second of *Ionas*, it pleaseth you well, that our *Geneua* Bible translateth this word hell, out of the belly of hell, &c. but you like not that they should interpret it a metaphoricall hell, or the extremitie of affliction, whereinto the Prophet was brought: where you make it no doubt what they would insinuate, you shew your selfe more bold to affirme, than ready or able to proue.

MART. 34. *But then they should haue translated it also* hell *in other places, as they did in this, and afterward haue interpreted it* graue *in their Commentaries, and not presumptuously to straiten and limit the Word of the holy Ghost to their private sense and interpretation, and to preiudice the ancient and learned holy Fathers, which looke farre more deeply and spiritually into this Prophecie, than to* Ionas, *or the Whale,* * *our Saviour himselfe also applying it to his owne person, and to his being in the heart of the earth three dayes and three nights. And therefore Saint* Hierome *saith,* This belly of hell, according to the storie, is the Whales belly, but it may much better bee referred to the person of Christ, which vnder the name of *David*, singeth in the Psalme, Thou shalt not leaue my soule in hell: *who was in hell aliue*, and free among the dead. *And that which our Saviour saith,* The Sonne of man shall bee in the heart of the earth, *hee doth interpret of his soule in hell*: for as the heart is in the midst of the body, so is hell said to bee in the midst of the earth. Matt. 12. *Comment. in* 2. *Ionæ.* Psal. 15. *In inferno.* Psal. 87.

FVLK. 34. They haue in other places translated it according to the proprietie of the word, and if in this place they had done so likewise, I see not what fault they had committed. Certaine it is, that the Whales belly did rather resemble a graue, wherein *Ionas* seemed to bee buried, than hell the receptacle of separated soules. It is the office of a Translator not so much to regard what other haue written vpon the place hee translateth, bee they ancient, bee they godly, bee they learned, as what sense the interpretation of the words will best beare. Without preiudice therefore of any mans credit, the truth in this case must bee sought out.

That you report out of *Hierome* vpon this place, sheweth, that both the Hebrew word *Sheol*, and the Latine *Infernus*, are not proper and peculiar for hell, as in other places you tell vs. That Saint *Hierome* interpreteth the saying of Christ, *Matth.* 12. *v.* 40. of his being in the heart of the earth, to bee meant of his being in hell, which is said to bee in the middest of the earth, it is confuted by the words of our Saviour Christ, who saith, that hee shall bee there three dayes, and three nights, that is, all the time of his death, which is true of his body in the graue, but not of his soule in hell: for both hee said hee would be that day in Paradise, and you your selues hold, that hee made no tarriance in hell. Beside that it is a phantasticall opinion, to limit hell into the middest of the earth, which is rather a place without the sensible world, than any dungeon within the earth.

MART. 35. *Thus then presupposing (as we must) that* Ionas *speaketh in the person of our Saviour Christ, the principall sense is not of the Whales belly, but of that hell whither our Saviour Christ descended, and from whence hee deliuered the Fathers of the old Testament, himselfe ascending into heauen, as their King and generall Captaine, before them, and opening the way of heauen vnto them, as is signified in another Prophet; and was the first, that entred heauen.* Mich. 2. 13.

FVLK. 35. That which *Ionas* spake, was first true of his owne person, and then of Christ, as *Ionas* was in this a resemblance of him. But by this similitude of Christ remaining so many dayes and nights in the heart of the earth, as *Ionas* did in the Whales belly, it is manifest that hee speaketh of his body remayning in the graue, not of his soule tarrying in hell. Wherefore the descending of Christ into *Limbus Patrum*, hath no manner of hold, either of the saying of Christ in the Gospell, *Matth.* 12. or of *Ionas* in his prayer, *Ion.* 2.

MART. 36. *Against all which truths, and every point thereof, these Translators are so watchfull and warie, that where the Apostle saith, Christ* began, *and* dedicated *vnto vs the way into heauen, they say in their English translations with full consent, nothing else but* Hee prepared. *Why are they falser here than their Masters*, Calvin, Beza, Illyricus, *who reade,* Dedicavit? *Is there nothing in the Greeke word but bare preparation? Where bee these Etymologists now, that can straine and wring other words to the vttermost aduantage of their heresie, and here are content for the like aduantage to dissemble the force of this word, which by all vse and propertie signifieth to make new, to begin a thing, to bee the first author, to dedicate; as Saint* Augustine *might haue taught them, and their Lexicons, and the Scriptures in many places. This translation (no doubt) is not done sincerely and indifferently of them, but for their owne deceitfull purpose, as it all the rest. When S.* Paul *speaketh of preparation onely, they know right well that hee vseth the vsuall* Heb 10. 20. ἐγκαίνισε. *Initiauit.* προητοίμασε. *Præparauit.* *Aug. trall. 48. in Ioan.*

word to prepare: as, Hee hath prepared them a Citie: *and whereſoever it ſignified preparation onely, let them bring us one example where it is expreſſed by the other Greeke word, which now wee ſpeake of.* Heb. 11. 16. ἑτοίμασεν.

FVLK. 36. I grant the tranſlation had beene more proper, and agreeable to the Greeke word, to haue ſaid, which hee hath dedicated, or by dedication prepared. But here is no fraud againſt any truth or errour of yours: for the Apoſtle ſpeaketh not of the way by which wee aſcend immediately to heaven, but of the way by which wee haue free acceſſe to God through faith, without the veiles and ceremonies of the Law, as it is manifeſt by his exhortation. And whereas you ſaid before, that Chriſt aſcended into heaven, to thoſe whom hee had brought out of hell, you muſt tell us then, where they remained all thoſe forty dayes that were betweene his reſurrection and aſcenſion, except you will make two aſcenſions of Chriſt into heaven, one in ſoule alone, the other in body and ſoule, which hath not beene heard of in the Church before. For that his ſoule was firſt received into heaven or Paradiſe immediately after his death, it proveth not an aſcenſion, ſeeing the ſame was common to him with other Saints. Againe, ſeeing the myſterie of our redemption is divided into the death and reſurrection of Chriſt, and that by his death wee are delivered from ſinnes, by his reſurrection wee are iuſtified; if you will not allow his death to haue purchaſed equall redemption to the Fathers of the old Teſtament and us, but meaſure the vertue thereof by the inſtance of time, in which it was actually performed, you muſt ſtay your priſoners from entring into the kingdome of heaven, at leaſt untill his reſurrection; for none can enter into the kingdome of heaven, but iuſtified perſons. Seeing therefore that iuſtification dependeth upon his reſurrection, you muſt either grant that it was communicated to the Fathers in their time before his incarnation, or elſe you muſt ſtay them from entring into heaven before they were iuſtified by his reſurrection. The place of *Mich.* 2. that you quote, is nothing to the purpoſe of Chriſts aſcending: for there the Prophet threateneth the Iſraelites with the violence of their enemies the Chaldees, whom God himſelfe would proſper againſt them, to haue the victorie, and to driue them into captivitie.

MARY. 37. *But it is of more importance, which followeth, and appertaining altogether to this controverſie,* Heb. 5. v. 7. *your tranſlation is thus, in the very Engliſh Bible that now is read in your Churches:* Which in dayes of his fleſh offered up prayers with ſtrong crying, unto him that was able to ſaue him from death, and was heard in that which hee feared. *Is the Greeke here,* In that which he feared? *You know that no Grammar nor Lexicon doth allow you this tranſlation: but either thus,* for reverence, *or as one of your owne Engliſh Bibles hath it,* becauſe of his reverence. Of the yeere 1577. Againſt Chriſts deſcending into Hell. ἀπὸ τῆς εὐλαβείας.

FVLK. 37. Your firſt quarrell againſt the trueſt tranſlation of that word ἀπὸ τῆς εὐλαβείας, *Heb.* 5. is that it ſaith, in that which hee feared, whereas the Greeke is from feare, or out of feare, which afterward you confeſſe, though diſtant in word, yet to bee agreeable in ſenſe. The ſecond, that in the margent our tranſlation is againſt Chriſts deſcending into hell. How ſo, I pray you? Doe you according to your tranſlation expound that word of Chriſts deſcending into hell? No verily. But wee doe expound it of his deſcending into hell, therefore our tranſlation is to proue Chriſts deſcending into hell: and if our expoſition were not true, yet even your opinion of Chriſts deſcent were nothing hindred thereby. You will ſay, that by our expoſition, wee exclude his deſcent after his death: wee doe indeed in ſuch ſort as your errour teacheth, altogether without the Scripture. For if there had beene an hiſtorie of Chriſts going into hell, and delivering the Patriarkes and others the faithfull from thence, all the Evangeliſts would not haue omitted ſo notable a matter, and that alſo an article of our beleefe.

MART. 38. *How is it then, that in your latter Engliſh Bibles you changed your former tranſlation, from better to worſe? or who taught you ſo to tranſlate it? Forſooth the Heretike* Beza, *whoſe tranſlation you follow for the moſt part in your latter Bibles, though here, in ſenſe rather than in word. And who taught* Beza? *Hee ſaith,* Calvin *was the firſt that ever found out this interpretation. And why? Surely for defenſe of no leſſe blaſphemy than this, that our Saviour Ieſus Chriſt upon the Croſſe was horribly afraid of damnation, that hee was in the very ſorrowes and torments of the damned, and that this was his deſcending into hell, and that otherwiſe hee deſcended not. Let the Reader note theſe new teachers upon this place, and iudge to what wicked end this tranſlation tendeth.* Ex metu. Calv. Catech. & Inſtit. l. 2. c. 16.

FVLK. 38. If wee haue in the latter reformed an errour eſcaped in the former, what skilleth it by whom wee were admoniſhed ſo to correct it? But *Beza* you ſay affirmeth, that *Calvin* was the firſt that ever found out this interpretation. It appeareth you were never well beaten for lying, it is ſuch a common fault with you. *Beza* ſpeaking of the Interpreters of this age, ſaith that *Calvin* (as hee thinketh) was the firſt that ſhewed the true and naturall

meaning of this place; hee ſaith not, the firſt that ever found it: yea cleane contrariwiſe he ſaith, *Denique omnes dubium ſit, &c.* Finally that it ſhould not be doubtfull, but that ſome of the ancient Fathers alſo haue interpreted this place even ſo. *Nazianzenus Conc. de fil.* 2. doth plainely number ἀδηδία this feare among the infirmities of Chriſts manhood. As for that which you call a blaſphemie, is a holy and comfortable true doctrine, that Chriſt for the redemption of our ſoules, ſuffered the wrath of God in his ſoule, as thoſe teares, and that ſtrong cry declareth, in which he complained according to the ſenſe of his humanitie, that he was forſaken of God.

MARY. 39. *A wonderfull thing: when all antiquitie with a generall and full conſent hath in that place of the holy Scripture read thus, that Chriſt was heard (of his Father) for his reverence, (according as our Saviour himſelfe alſo ſaith in the raiſing of* Lazarus, *and ſignifieth in his long prayer,* Ioh. 17.) *how blaſphemous and preſumptuous then ſtrike ſhould hee ſo make part, thus to alter it; that hee was heard in that which hee feared, that is, that hee was delivered from damnation and the eternall paines of hell, which hee was ſore afraid of. To the maintenance of which blaſphemie,* Beza *will ſeeme to force the Greeke thus: Firſt (ſaith hee)* δέος *doth not here ſignifie reverence or pietie, but feare, and ſuch a feare which hee calleth* pavorem & conſternationem animi, *that is, dreadfulneſſe and aſtoniſhment of minde, and other like words, to inſinuate an exceeding horrour and feare in our Saviour Chriſt. For confutation whereof, wee might eaſily bring the common uſe of this Greeke word in the holy Scriptures, to ſignifie not every feare, but that religious feare which is in the beſt men, ioyned with godlineſſe, holineſſe, and devotion, as when in the Acts they that buried Saint Steven, are called* Viri timorati, *devout men, ſuch as feared God.* Ioh. 12. 42. ἐπὶ τῇ εὐλαβείᾳ.

FVLK. 39. How know you, that all antiquitie hath ſo read? If wee had the Commentaries of many of the ancient Fathers upon this text, wee might perhaps prone unto you, that they read otherwiſe. *Nazianzenus* (as I ſhewed before) among Chriſts infirmities, reckoneth this feare. *Primaſius* although hee expoundeth it of reverence, yet alleadgeth out of *Caſſiodorus*, that the word is taken ſometime for loue, ſometimes for feare. *Theodorus* alſo interpreteth this place of Chriſts feare, according to his humane nature, ſhewing that hee feared death, which Saint *Paul* feared not, both to ſhew himſelfe a man, and to haue experience of all our infirmities without ſinne. But where you ſay, that *Calvin* maketh him to feare damnation, and the eternall paines of hell, it is falſe. *Calvin* ſaith plainely, his feare came not of diſtruſt, but of the ſenſe of his humane nature, for bearing the indgement of God, which without vehement endevour could not bee overcome. Therefore was the aſtoniſhment, the teares, the ſtrong crie; the drops of blood, the Angell needfull to comfort him, the laſt extreme conflict, in which hee cried, My God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken mee? As for the ſignification of the Greeke word δέος, although it bee ſo often taken for pietie and religion, yet it is alſo taken for feare, as *Act.* 23. where Saint *Luke* ſaith, the Tribune was greatly afraid, leſt *Paul* ſhould haue beene rent in peeces, betweene the Phariſees and Saddukes, hee vſeth this word εὐλαβεῖτο, for being afraid, which was of no pietie or religious feare in him, that was a Pagan, but a naturall and civill feare, leſt a priſoner being a Roman, of whom hee had charge, ſhould bee violently murdered amongſt them. Act 8. δέος ἐλαμβανε.

MART. 40. *But wee need not goe farre, for* Beza *will helpe us himſelfe, who telleth us in another place the very ſame. His words bee theſe:* εὐλάβεια ſignificat non quemvis timorem, ſed cum reverentia potius quam cum animi trepidatione coniunctum, Latini religionem vocant: *That is,* εὐλάβεια doth not ſignifie every feare, but that which is ioyned with reverence, rather than with aſtoniſhment of minde; the Latines doe call it religion, or religious feare. *If this bee the true ſignification of* εὐλάβεια, *as* Beza *himſelfe confeſſeth, why doth hee not ſo tranſlate it in the foreſaid place to the Hebrewes? Why forſaketh hee the old approved Latine tranſlation, and generall conſent of all ancient Interpreters, and tranſlateth it,* that feare or aſtoniſhment of minde, *which hee ſaith the word doth not ſignifie?* Annot. in Luk. 2. v. 25.

FALK. 40. You haue great leiſure thus to triſle, or rather intolerable malice thus to cavill. *Beza* in the place by you cited, ſpeaketh of the word εὐλάβεια, when it is taken for religion, for then it is rather ioyned with reverence, than with aſtoniſhment.

MART. 41. *And marke that in his foreſaid annotation upon S.* Luke, *he telleth not a peculiar ſignification of the Greeke word in that place, as though in ſome other places it might haue another ſignification, but hee telleth generally what the very nature of the Greeke word is, that is, that it ſignifieth not every feare, but a feare ioyned with reverence. And hee ſaid truly: and they ſhall hardly give an inſtance, where it ſignifieth that feare of aſtoniſhment, which both hee and they tranſlate in the foreſaid place of S. Paul. Such a force hath hereſie, to leade a man even contrary to his owne knowledge, to falſifie Gods holy word.*

FVLK. 41. Any reaſonable man reading the note upon the word εὐλαβεῖς, religious, vſed by Saint Luke ſhewb

Luke, of *Simeon*, will underſtand *Beza* to ſpeake of the ſignification of that word, as it is taken in that place; for hee ſpeaketh againſt the barbarous word *Timoratus*, vſed by the vulgar Interpreter, which ſignifieth, if it haue any ſignification, one made afraid, rather than fearing God, with loue and reuerence. But where you ſay, wee ſhall hardly giue an inſtance, where the word ſignifieth that feare of aſtoniſhment, which they tranſlate, If you would haue taken paines to reade *Bezaes* annotations your ſelfe, vpon this text in queſtion, you ſhould haue found, that hee bringeth many inſtances out of *Ariſtotle*, *Sophocles*, *Plutarch*, *Nazianzene*, and Saint *Luke*, *Act.* 23. If you had remembred what Saint *Marke* writeth of our Saviour Chriſt, *Mark.* 14. *v.* 33. it ſhould not haue beene ſo ſtrange a matter vnto you, to heare that our Saviour Chriſt with great aſtoniſhment, and terrour of minde, was afraid of death, where hee vſeth the word ἐκθαμβεῖσθαι, and ἀδημονεῖν, which was not for bodily paine, or bodily death, (which not onely thouſands of holy Martyrs haue ioyfully embraced, but infinite wicked perſons haue contemned, but for the feeling of Gods wrath, which was infinitely more heavy vpon his ſoule, than any torments were vpon his body.

MART. 42. *But Beza ſaith further to this purpoſe (much more againſt his skill in the Greeke tongue, if hee had any at all) that ἀπὸ the preposition cannot beare this ſenſe*, for which or in reſpect whereof, *and therefore hee tranſlateth the Greeke into Latine thus*, Exauditus eſt, ex metu, Hee was heard from feare, *not* for feare, *or* for his reuerence. *And becauſe* from feare *is a hard ſpeech, and darke; that ſeemeth to bee the cauſe why our Engliſh Tranſlators ſay*, In that which he feared, *farre from* Beza *in word, but agreeably in ſenſe.*

FVLK. 42. When *Beza* hath ſhewed his skill in the Greeke tongue, not onely in his tranſlation, and annotations, but alſo in divers Greeke Epigrams, which hee hath ſet forth, who but one ſtarke madde with malice, and blinde with conceit of his owne ſlender skill, would doubt whether *Beza* had any skill at all in the Greeke tongue? As for that hee ſaith of the ſignification of the preposition ἀπὸ, hee ſpeaketh in reſpect of the propertie of the Greeke tongue; for yet you bring no examples, but Hebraiſmes out of the Scripture, for that ſignification of the preposition.

MART. 43. *But for this matter wee ſend them to* Flaccus Illyricus, *a Captaine Lutheran, who diſputeth this very point againſt the Calviniſts, and teacheth them that nothing is more common, than that ſignification of ἀπὸ: for proofe whereof, wee alſo referre them to theſe places of the holy Scripture,* Matt. 13. Luk. 22. *and* 24. Act. 12. Pſal. 87. *and* Machab. 5. 21. *where ἀπὸ with a genitive, and διὰ with an accuſative, ſignifie all one, which* Beza *denieth. Gentle Reader, beare with theſe tedious Grammatications, fitter to bee handled in Latine, but neceſſary in this caſe alſo, good for them that underſtand, and for the reſt an occaſion to aske of them that haue skill in the Greeke tongue, whether wee accuſe our adverſaries iuſtly or no, of falſe tranſlating the holy Scriptures.*

Flac. Illyric.

ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς.
ἀπὸ τῆς λύπης.
ἀπὸ παλαιστικῆς.
ἀπὸ τῆς ἐξουσίας.
διὰ τὸ μεγαλον εἶναι τὰς προφάσεις.

FVLK. 43. And wee by the ſame authoritie, ſend you to *Bezaes* anſwer, in his laſt edition of his annotations. And yet the Reader muſt know, that *Beza* did not ſimply deny, that the preposition might haue ſuch ſenſe, but hee ſaid, *Non facilè mihi perſuaſerim*, I cannot eaſily perſwade my ſelfe, that any example can bee brought, wherein ἀπὸ is ſo vſed. And in all theſe examples that you haue brought, it ſignifieth rather *pre*, which is ἀπὸ than *propter*, διὰ, as your vulgar Tranſlator obſerveth the difference, 2 *Mach.* 5. *v.* 27. tranſlating *pra ſuperbia*, and *propter elationem mentis*. But *Beza* requireth an example, ἀπὸ, taken for διὰ, ὑπὲρ or πρὸ, that may anſwere to the vulgar Latine, *proreuerentia*: for who would tranſlate in Saint *Matthew* 13. ἀπὸ χαρᾶς, *pro gaudio, propter gaudium*, or *ſecundum gaudium*, or ἀπὸ τῆς λύπης, *pro dolore*, and ſo of the reſt: but of theſe let *Beza* himſelfe giue account. As for theſe tedious Grammaticatiōs, which you confeſſe to haue beene fitter to bee handled in Latine, it ſeemeth you vttered in Engliſh, for that of many ignorant you might bee thought to bring ſome great learning out of the Hebrew and Greeke tongues againſt vs, whereas the learned, if you had written in Latine, of other Nations as well as ours, might haue beene witneſſes of your fond trifling, and quarrelling againſt our tranſlations. As for the neceſſary cauſe you pretend, that the vnlearned may aske them that haue skill in Greeke, is very ridiculous: for neither can they haue it hand alwayes ſuch as bee able to reſolue them, neither if they bee of your faction, will they aske any indifferent mans iudgement, but onely ſuch as will avouch before the ignorant, that all which you write is good and perfect.

MART. 44. *And wee beſeech them to giue vs a good reaſon, why they profeſſing to follow preciſely the Greeke, doe not obſerue truely the Greeke points, in ſuch place as concerneth this preſent controverſie. For the place in the Apocalypſe, which they alleadge of our Saviour Chriſt ſuffering from the beginning (thereby to inferre that the iuſt men of the old Teſtament might enter heaven then, as well as after his viſible and actuall death) according to the Greeke points, ſaith thus*, All that dwell

dwell vpon the earth, ſhall worſhippe him (*the beaſt*) whoſe names haue not beene written in the booke of life of the Lambe ſlaine, from the beginning of the world. *Where it is evident, that the Greeke text ſaith not the Lambe ſlaine from the beginning, but that the names of thoſe Antichriſtian Idolaters were not written in Gods eternall booke of predeſtination, from the beginning, as it is alſo moſt plaine without all ambiguitie, in the* 17. *Chapter, verſ.* 8. *If in a place of no controverſie they had not beene curious in points of the Greeke, they might haue great reaſon ſometimes to alter the ſenſe.*

FVLK. 44. How faine would you obſcure the light of that excellent teſtimonie, even contrary to your owne vulgar Latine tranſlation? that you might not haue ſuch a fiſtfull ſtroke againſt your *Limbus patrum*? You require a reaſon, why wee keepe not the Greeke points, *Apoc.* 13. I anſwere, wee keepe thoſe points, which the moſt ancient written copies haue, which the *Complutenſis Editio* hath, and which the beſt Greeke printes now keep. If you would know a reaſon why wee follow not them that point otherwiſe, I anſwere you, the exposition of the words, is againſt that pointing. For except Saint *Iohn* had meant that the Lambe was ſlaine from the beginning of the world, hee would not haue placed thoſe words, from the beginning of the world, next to thoſe words, the Lambe which is ſlaine, but next the word written. And therefore *Arctas* that could not underſtand how the Lambe was ſlaine from the beginning of the world is forced to imagine *Hyſterologon* in this text, where none needeth, the ſenſe being good and plaine without it; as the words doe lye. Whoſe names are not written in the booke of life of the Lambe, that hath beene ſlaine ſince the beginning of the world. And although it bee true, that the names of the Antichriſtian Idolaters, were not written in Gods eternall booke of predeſtination, from the beginning, as it is ſaid *Apoc.* 17. *v.* 8. Yet is that no reaſon, why this alſo ſhould not be true, that the Lambe was ſlaine ſince the beginning of the world, ſeeing without violence you can not diſtract ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου, from the lambe ſlaine whom it doth immediately follow.

MART. 45. *But if in points of controverſie betweene vs, they will ſay, divers pointing is of no importance, they know the contrary by the example of auncient heretikes, which vſed this meane alſo to ſerue their falſe heretical purpoſe. If they ſay, our vulgar Latine ſenſe pointeth it ſo, let them profeſſe before God and their conſcience, that they doe it of reverence to the ſaid auncient latine text, or becauſe it is indifferent, and not for any other cauſe, and for this one place wee will admit their anſwere.*

FVLK. 45. Wee ſay that wrong pointing may greatly alter the ſenſe, but good compoſition and placing of words in a ſentence is a good rule to direct pointing, where it is either lacking, or falſly ſigned. Wee refuſe not the teſtimonie of the vulgar Latine, where it agreeth with the truth of the Greeke or Hebrew, yea before God and our conſciences, wee reverence it, as a monument of ſome antiquity, from which wee neither doe, nor are willing to diſſent, except the ſame diſſent from the originall text. Otherwiſe the truth of this aſſertion, that Chriſt was ſlaine from the beginning of the world, hath not onely teſtimonie of the ancient fathers, but alſo may bee confirmed out of the Scripture. For by the obedience of Chriſt Saint *Paul Rom.* 5. teacheth that many are iuſtified, meaning all the elect of God, who except Chriſts death had beene effectuall to them, before hee ſuffered actually on the croſſe, muſt haue gone, not into *Limbo patrum*, but into hell *Diabolorum*, which is the place appointed for all them that are not iuſtified freely by the grace of God, through the redemption of Chriſt Ieſus, whom God before hath ſet foorth, to bee a propitiatorie in his blood, *Rom.* 3. *v.* 24. &c. The title of this chapter tureateth a diſcoverie of hereticall tranſlations againſt Purgatorie eſpecially: but in the whole diſcourſe thereof, which is a ſhamefull long one, containing 45. ſections, there is not one place noted againſt Purgatorie, *Amphora cœpit inſtitui, currente rota cur urceus exit?*

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CHAP. VIII.

Hereticall tranſlation againſt IVSTIFICATION.

ABout the article of iuſtification, as it hath many branches, and their errour therein be manifold, ſo are their Engliſh tranſlations accordingly many wayes falſe and hereticall. Firſt, againſt iuſtification by good workes and by keeping the commandements, they ſuppreſſe the very name of iuſtification in all ſuch places where the word ſignifieth the Commandements or the Law of God, which is both in the old and new Teſtament moſt common and vſuall, namely in the bookes of Moſes, *in the* Pſalme 118. *that beginneth thus,* Beati immaculati: *in the* Pſalme 147. verſ. 19. 1 Mach. 1. verſ. 51. *and cap.* 2. verſ. 21. Luk. 1. verſ. 6. Rom. 2. v. 26. *In all which places and the like, where the Greeke ſignifieth* iuſtices *and* iuſtifications *moſt exactly, according as our vulgar latine tranſlateth,* iuſtitias & iuſtificationes: *there the Engliſh tranſlations ſay ioyntly and with one conſent,* ordinances, *or* ſtatutes. *For example,* Rom. 2. If the uncircumciſion keepe the ORDINANCES of the lawe, *ſhall it not bee counted for circumciſion? And* Luk. 1. 6. They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commaundements and ORDINANCES of the Lord, blameleſſe. *Why tranſlate you it* ordinances, *and avoide the tearme,* iuſtifications? *is it becauſe you would follow the Greeke? I beſeech you is not* Δίκαιος, *iuſt,* δικαιῶ, *to bee iuſtified,* δικαιώματα, *iuſtifications or iuſtices? In the old Teſtament you might perhaps pretend, that you follow the Hebrew word, therefore there you tranſlate,* ſtatutes, *or* ordinances. *But even there alſo, are not the ſeventie Greeke Interpreters ſufficient to teach you the ſignification of the Hebrew word: who alwayes interpret it* δικαιώματα, *in Engliſh, iuſtifications?*

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δικαιώματα.

τὰ δικαιώματα

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ἐν δικαιώμασι

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THeſe matters were driven ſo thinne in the firſt chapter, that you ſhall ſooner preſſe out blood, than any more probable matter. For the old Teſtament, which wee tranſlate out of the Hebrew, you your ſelfe doe ſet forth our anſwere, that wee giue the Engliſh of *Chukim*, when wee ſay, ordinances or ſtatutes, and not of the Greeke word δικαιώματα, which of the Septuaginta is vſed in the ſame ſenſe for precepts, and commandements, as you your ſelfe confeſſe cap. 2. ſect. 50. that very often in the Scripture it ſignifieth commaundements. But the Septuaginta, you ſay, are ſufficient to teach us the interpretation of the Hebrew word, who alwayes interpret it δικαιώματα. If they had alwayes interpreted it ſo, it is not ſufficient to teach us: for then there needed none other tranſlation, but according to theirs, then muſt you depart from your vulgar tranſlation, which in many things departeth from them. But where, you ſay they alwayes interpret the Hebrew word *Chukim*, by δικαιώματα, it is falſe. For *Exod.* 18. *v.* 20. they tranſlate it προστάγματα, *Precepta*, which your vulgar tranſlation calleth *Ceremonias*, ceremonies, as it doth alſo *Gen.* 26. *v.* 5. where the Septuaginta tranſlate δικαιώματα: by which you ſee, that iuſtification, is not alwayes the Engliſh for the Greeke word, which the Septuaginta doe vſe. Alſo *Num.* 9. *v.* 3. ſo (*Chuketh* they tranſlate νόμιμα the law, which the vulgar Latine calleth *Ceremonias*, ceremonies, and for the Hebrew word *Miſphatim*, they giue σύγκρισιν, comparation, the vulgar Latine iuſtification, by which you may ſee, how your tranſlatour vſeth even the Latine word, that you make ſo much adoe about. Likewiſe in the fourteenth verſe of the ſame Chapter, the Septuaginta tranſlate *Chuketh*, twiſe together νόμον, and that which the vulgar Latine calleth iuſtification of the paſſeover, the Greeke calleth σύνταξιν, the order of the paſchall, *Deut.* 4. your vulgar Latine turneth *Chukim*, thriſe *Ceremonias*, ceremonies. And *Deut.* 5. twiſe, and *Deut.* 6. twiſe, *Deut.* 7. once, and ſo commonly almoſt in every chapter. But in the *chap.* 11. *v.* 32. the Greeke for *Chukim* hath προστάγματα, whereas in the beginning of the Chapter, hee had δικαιώματα, the Latine in both *Ceremonias*, ceremonies. By which it is evident what the Greekes and Latines meant by thoſe words, *chap.* 20. for this Hebrew word, and in another the Greeke hath nothing but ἐντολὰς commaundements. So hath hee 1. *Reg.* 2. *v.* 3. for חק ויתולאו commaundements. Alſo 1. *Reg.* 8. *verſ.* 58. for *Chukim*, hee hath προστάγματα, and for *Miſphatim*, he

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hee hath δικαιώματα, as he hath it twiſe in the next verſe, where *Salomon* prayeth that God will defend his cauſe, and the cauſe of his people Iſrael, as the cauſe ſhall require. More examples might I bring, but for tedioufneſſe, to convince the bold raſhneſſe of this quarreller, but theſe may ſuffice all indifferent Readers, and anſwere ſufficiently for us: within the new Teſtament, we tranſlate δικαιώματα, ordinances, or ſtatutes, ſeeing it is proved, both by the Septuaginta which calleth the ſame Hebrew word, not onely iuſtifications, but often commandements, ſtatutes, precepts, iudgements, and by the vulgar Latine Interpreter, which commonly calleth it ceremonies or precepts.

MART. 2. *But bee it, that you may controll them in the Hebrew, which none but fooles will graunt unto you: in the new Teſtament, what pretenſe have you? doe you there alſo tranſlate the Hebrew word, or rather the Greeke? the Greeke undoubtedly you ſhould tranſlate. What reaſon then can you have, why you doe not? none other ſurely, than that which* Beza *giveth for himſelfe, ſaying, that hee reiected the word,* iuſtifications, (*notwithſtanding it expreſſed the Greeke,* word for word, *notwithſtanding the ſeventie Greeke Interpreters, vſed it to ſignifie the whole law, and in Latine it bee commonly tranſlated,* iuſtifications) *notwithſtanding all this, for this onely cauſe (ſaith hee) did I reiect it, to avoide the cavillations that might bee made by this word, againſt iuſtification by faith. As if he ſhould ſay, This word truely tranſlated, according to the Greeke, might miniſter great occaſion to prove by ſo many places of Scripture, that mans iuſtification is not by faith only, but alſo by keeping the law, and obſerving the commandements, which therefore are called according to the Greeke and Latine,* iuſtifications, *becauſe they concurre to iuſtification, and make a man iuſt, as by Saint* Lukes *words alſo is well ſignified, which have this alluſion, that they were both iuſt, becauſe they walked in all the iuſtifications of our Lord. Which they of purpoſe ſuppreſſe by other words.* Anno. in 1. Luc.

FVLK. 2. None but fooles conſidering what I haue brought of the vſage of that word δικαιώματα, will iudge that it ſignifieth onely iuſtifications: and all wiſe men may ſee that wee haue good warrant to tranſlate it otherwiſe in the Greeke Teſtament, where it muſt needes haueau other ſignification. The concurrence of workes with faith to iuſtification before God, which the Apoſtle doth exclude *Rom.* 3. wee may not admit. But iuſtification by workes, as Saint *Iames* teacheth, wee doe acknowledge. I hope you will not ſay, that your Latine tranſlator againſt iuſtification by workes, tranſlated the word ſo often ceremonies, or that ceremonies of the law doe concurre to iuſtification by faith. The commandements indeed are called iuſtifications, becauſe the workes of the law, if a man keepe it wholly, are able to iuſtifie. Not that every ceremony or obſervation of any peece of the law, is a iuſtification, or maketh a man iuſt: which you may better ſay, upon the etymologie of the word, than that every particular obſervation of the law, or good worke, doth concurre with faith unto iuſtification.

MART. 3. *And hereof alſo it riſeth, that when hee cannot poſſibly avoyde the word in his tranſlation (as* Apoc. 19. 8. Buſſinum enim iuſtificationes ſunt ſanctorum, The ſilke is the iuſtifications of Saints:) *there hee helpeth the matter with this commentarie, That* iuſtifications, *are* thoſe good workes which bee the teſtimonies of a liuely faith. *But our Engliſh tranſlatours haue another way to avoide the word even in their tranſlation. For they ſay here,* the righteouſneſſe of Saints: *becauſe they could not ſay,* ordinances of Saints: *and they would not ſay,* iuſtifications of Saints: *knowing very well (by* Bezaes *owne commentarie) that this word includeth the good workes of Saints: which workes if they ſhould in tranſlating call their iuſtifications, it would goe ſore againſt iuſtification by faith onely. Therefore doe they tranſlate in ſtead thereof,* ordinances, *and,* ſtatutes, *where they can, which are tearmes furtheſt of from iuſtification: and where they cannot, there they ſay,* righteouſneſſe, *making it alſo the plurall number, whereas the more proper Greeke word for righteouſneſſe is* δικαίωσις (Dan. 6. 22.) *which there ſome of them tranſlate* ungiltineſſe: *becauſe they will not tranſlate exactly, if you would hire them.* τὰ δικαιώματα. Beza Anno in Apoc 19.

FVLK. 2. When δικαιώματα Apoc. 19. are tranſlated *iuſtifications*, they ſignifie iuſt workes, as I haue already proved the ſignification of the word to beare, beſide that it is ſo vſed by *Ariſtotle* in his *Ethicks*, who of iuſtification before God (whereof wee ſpeake) underſtood never a whit. Therefore, if in ſteade of righteouſneſſe, which is the ſingular number, it were tranſlated righteous or iuſt workes, it were not amiſſe in mine opinion. Although by righteouſneſſe in that place, is nothing meant, but good or righteous workes, as *Bezaes* note doth tell you.

MART. 4. *And therefore as for,* iuſtice, *and,* iuſtifications, *they ſay* righteouſneſſe: *as for,* iuſt, *they tranſlate,* righteous, *and by this meanes,* Ioſeph was a righteous man, *rather than a iuſt man:* and Zacharie *and* Elizabeth were both righteous before God, *rather than iuſt: becauſe where a man is called iuſt, it ſoundeth that hee is ſo indeed, and not by imputation onely: as a wiſe man, is underſtood to be wiſe indeed, and not onely ſo imputed. Therefore doe they more gladly and more often ſay,* righteous men, *rather than,* iuſt men, *and when they doe ſay,* iuſt men, as Bib. of the yeere 1577. in ſt approved. Matth 1. 19. Luc. 1. 6.

as sometime they doe least they might seeme wilfull inexcusably: there they understand, iust by imputation, and not in deed, as it is to bee seene in Bezaes *Annotations upon the Epistle to the Romanes. Note also that they put the word,* iust, *when faith is ioyned withall, as* Rom. 1. The iust shall liue by faith, *to signifie that iustification is by faith. But if workes bee ioyned withall, and keeping the commandements, as in the place alleaged* Luc. 1. *there they say,* righteous, *to suppresse iustification by workes.*

FVLK. 4. This is a marvellous difference, never heard of (I thinke) in the English tongue before, betweene iust and righteous, iustice and righteousnesse. I am sure there is none of our translatours, no nor any Professor of iustification by faith onely, that esteemeth it the worth of one haire, whether you say in any place of Scripture iust or righteous, iustice or righteousnesse: and therefore freely they haue vsed sometimes the one word, sometimes the other. Therefore, it is a monstrous falshood, that you faine them to obserue this distinction, that they ioyne just with faith, and righteous with workes. Doe they not translate *Rom. 2. ver. 13.* the hearers of the law are not righteous before God, but the doers of the law shall bee justified? Haue you not againe, the righteousnesse of God is made manifest without the law, &c. by the faith of Iesus Christ? And where you read the just shall liue by faith, haue you not immediately, the righteousnesse of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall liue by faith? Who then but the Devill, which hath his name of slaundering, would here invent a distinction of just and righteous.

FVLK. 5. *And certaine it is, if there were no sinister meaning, they would in no place avoide to say, iust- iustice, iustification, where both the Greeke and Latine are so, word for word, as for example,* 2. Tim. 4. 8. *In all their Bibles,* Henceforth there is laide up for me a crowne of RIGHTEOVSNES, which the Lord the RIGHTEOVS iudge shall GIVE me at that day. And againe 2. *Thess.* 1. Reioyce in tribulation which is a token of the RIGHTEOVS IVDGEMENT of God, that you may bee counted worthy of the kingdome of God for which yee suffer. For it is a RIGHTEOVS THING with God, to recompence tribulation to them that trouble you: and to you that are troubled, rest with us, in the revelation of our Lord IESVS from heaven. *And againe,* Heb. 6. 10. God is not VNRIGHTEOVS to forget your good worke and labour, &c. *These are very pregnant places to discover their false purpose in concealing the word,* iustice, *in all their Bibles. For if they will say, that iustice is not an vsuall English word in this sense, and therefore they say,* righteousnesse: *yet I trow,* iust, *and* vniust, *are vsuall and well knowne. Why then would they not say as the least, in the places alleaged,* God the IVST iudge, a token of the IVDGEMENT of God, It is a IVST thing with God, God is not VNIVST to forget &c? *Why is it not at the least in one of their English Bibles, being so both in Greeke and Latine?*

τ' δικαιοσύνης. ὁ δίκαιος κρίτης ἀποδώσει, &c. τῆς δικαίας κρίσεως. δίκαιον ἔστι. ὁ θὸς ἄδικος. Non enim iniustus est Deus.

FVLK. 5. Certaine it is, that no Englishman knoweth the difference betweene iust and righteous, iniust and unrighteous, saving that righteousnesse and righteous are the more familiar English words. And that wee meane no fraude betweene iustice and righteousnesse, to apply the one to faith, the other to workes, read *Rom.* 10. *v.* 34. 5. and 6. of the *Geneua* translation, where you shall see, the righteousnesse of the law, and the righteousnesse of faith. Read also against the impudent lie, in the same translation *Luc.* 1. *Zacharie* and *Elizabeth* were both iust, *Cap.* 2. *Simeon* was iust. *Mathew* the first, *Ioseph* a iust man: and elsewhere ofte entimes, and without any difference in the world, from the word righteous. Who ever heard a difference made, betweene a iust iudge and a righteous iudge, this trifling is too too shamefull abusing of mens patience, that shall vouchsafe to read these blotted papers.

MART. 6. *Vnderstand gentle Reader, and marke well, that if Saint* Pauls *words were truely translated thus,* A crowne of IVSTICE is laide up for mee, which our Lord the IVST iudge will RENDER unto mee at that day, *and so in the other places: it would inferre, that men are iustly crowned in heaven for their good workes upon earth, and that it is Gods* iustice *so to doe, and that hee will doe so, because hee is* a iust iudge, *and because he will shew his* Iust iudgement, *and he will not forget so to doe, because he is not iniust as the auncient fathers (namely the Greeke doctors S.* Chrysostome, Theodoret, *and* Oecumenius *upon these places) doe interpret and expound. Insomuch that* Oecumenius *saith thus upon the foresaid place to the Thessalonians,* ὅσα ἐν &c. See here, that to suffer for Christ procureth the kingdome of heaven according to IVST IVDGEMENT, and not according to grace. *Which least the Aduersarie might take in the worse part, as though it were onely Gods iustice or iust iudgement, and not his fauour or grace also, S.* Augustine *excellently declareth how it is both the one and the other: to wit, his grace and fauour and mercy, in making us by his grace to liue, and beleeue well, and so to bee worthy of heaven: his iustice and iust iudgement, to render and repay for those workes which himselfe wrought in us, life everlasting. Which hee expresseth thus:* How should hee render

The Scriptures most evident for iustification by workes against onely faith.

Psal. 57. Si vtique est fructus iusto, vtique est Deum iudicans ecce in terra.

χρ' δικαιοσύνης. Sequuntur alia, ἃ οὐ χρ' ἐν-

render or repay as a iust iudge, vnlesse hee had given it as a mercifull Father? *Where Saint* Augustine *vrgeth the words of* repaying *as due, and of being* A IVST IVDGE *therefore. Both which the said Translators corrupt, not onely saying,* righteous iudge, *for* iust iudge, *but that he will giue a crowne, which is of a thing not due, for that which is in the Greeke,* Hee will render or repay, *which is of a thing due and deserued, and hath relation to workes going before, for the which the crowne is repayed. Hee said not (saith* Theophylact *upon this place)* he will giue, *but,* he will render or repay, *as a certaine debt. For hee being iust, will define and limit the reward according to the Labours. The crowne therefore is due debt, because of the Iudges iustice. So saith hee.* Aug. de gra. & lib. arb. c. 6. ἀποδώσει.

FVLK. 6. Whatsoeuer you may cavill upon the words iust and iustice, you may doe the same with as great advantage, upon the words righteous and righteousnesse. That God as a iust Iudge rewardeth good workes of them that are iustified freely by his grace, by faith without workes, with a crowne of iustice, it proueth not either iustification by workes, or the merite or worthinesse of mens workes, but all dependeth upon the grace of God, who promiseth this reward of his meere mercy, and of the worthinesse and merits of Christ, which is our iustice, whereby wee being iustified before God, our workes also, which hee hath given us, are rewarded of his iustice, yet in respect of Christs merits, and not in respect of the worthinesse of the workes. Againe, God is not vnmindfull of his promise, to reward our workes, for then hee should bee iniust: hee is iust therefore to performe whatsoever hee hath promised, though wee nothing deserue it. Neither hath *Clay, sathanas*, or *Theidwrst*, any other meaning. That you cite out of *Oecumenius* a late writer in comparison, is blasphemous against the grace of God; neither is Saint *Augustine*, that lived 500. yeeres before him, a sufficient Interpreter of his saying, to excuse him. With *Augustine* wee say, God crowneth his gifts, not our merits. And as he acknoledgeth Gods mercy, and also his iustice, in rewarding our workes, so doe wee. Where *iudicium* is translated, hee will giue, I confesse it had beene more proper, and agreeable to the Greeke, to haue said, hee will render, or repay, which yet is wholly of mercy in respect of us, or our deserving, but of iustice in respect of his promises, and of Christs merits, unto which is rendred and repayed that which hee deserved for us. The Crowne therefore is due debt, because it is promised to us for Christs sake, not because any workes of ours are able to purchase it. In Psal. 70. In Psal. 101.

MART 7. *Which speeches being most true, as being the expresse words of holy Scripture, yet wee know how odiously the Aduersaries may and doe misconstrue them to the ignorant, as though wee challenged heaven by our owne workes, and as though we made God bound to us: which we doe not, God forbid. But because he hath prepared good workes for us (as the Apostle saith) to walke in them, and doth by his grace cause us to doe them, and hath promised life everlasting for them, and teacheth us in all his holy Scriptures, that to doe them is the way to heaven; therefore not presuming upon our owne workes as our owne, or as of our selues, but upon the good workes wrought through Gods grace by us his silly instruments, wee haue great confidence (as the Apostle speaketh) and are assured that these workes proceeding of his grace, bee so acceptable to him, that they are esteemed, and be worthy and meritorious of the kingdome of heaven. Against which truth, let us see further their heretical corruptions.* Eph. 2. v. 10. Heb. 10.

FVLK. 7. If you would abide by your first protestation, wee should not need to contend much about this question. But after you haue in the beginning magnified the grace and mercy of God, and abased your owne merits, you come backe againe with a fubill compasse, to establish your owne freewill, the worthinesse of your workes, and your merite of the kingdome of heaven. First, you say God telleth us in all his holy Scriptures, that to doe good workes, is the way to heaven. Indeed to fulfill the Law, is to deserue heaven: but whosoever is guilty of sinne, must seeke another way, than by good workes to come to heaven, namely to Iesus Christ, who is the onely way to heaven, the truth, and the life, by whose blood, when hee is purged from his sinne, and reconciled unto God, and the kingdome of heaven purchased for him, then hee hath the way of good workes appointed him to walke in, toward the same. Secondly, you say you presume not upon your owne workes, as your owne, or as of your selues, but upon the good workes wrought by Gods grace, by you his silly instruments, you haue great confidence. Thus while you would seeme to flie from Pelagianisme, you fall into flat Phariseisme: for you trust that you are righteous in your selues, though not as of your selues. Such was the Pharisie of whom Christ telleth the parable, which ascribing all his workes to the grace of God, had confidence in them, that hee was iust before God by them. God I thanke thee (saith the Pharisie. Hee acknowledgeth the grace of God, as author of all his workes: yet against such as hee was, Christ telleth that parable. And whereas you call the Apostle, *Heb.* 10. to witnesse of your errour, you doe him great wrong, for hee speaketh not Luk. 18.

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of any confidence to bee had upon good workes, wrought by the grace of God by us; but in the new covenant of remission of sinnes, by the sacrifice of Christs death, by whom wee haue accesse to God, that wee may bee accepeable to him; not for any meritorious workes wrought by us, but by the onely oblation of his body once for all, by which hee hath made perfect for ever those that are sanctified.

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CHAP. IX.

Hereticall translation against MERITS, or MERITORIOVS WORKS and the REVVARD for the same.

HEn they translate (Rom. 8. 18.) *thus*, I am certainely perswaded, that the afflictions of this time, ARE NOT WORTHY OF THE GLORIE which shall bee shewed upon us; *doe they not meane to signifie to the Reader, and must it not needs so sound in his eares, that the tribulations of this life, bee they never so great, though suffered for Christ, yet doe not merit nor deserue the heavenly glory? But in the Greeke it is farre otherwise. I will not stand upon the first words,* I am certainely perswaded, *which is a farre greater asseveration, than the Apostle vseth, and I marvell how they could so translate that Greeke word, but that they were disposed, not onely to translate the Apostles words falsly against meritorious workes, but also to avouch and affirme the same lustily, with much more vehemencie of words, than the Apostle speaketh. Well, let us pardon them this fault, and examine the words following. Where the Greeke saith not, as they translate with full consent in all their English Bibles,* The afflictions are not worthy of the glory, &c. *but thus,* The afflictions of this time, are not equall, correspondent, or comparable to the glory to come; * *because the afflictions are short, the glory is eternall; the afflictions small and few, in comparison; the glory great and abundant a-bone measure.*

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οὐκ ἄξια πρὸς τὴν μέλλουσαν δόξαν. Non sunt condigna ad futuram gloriam. S. Chrysostome upon this place.

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ALthough an invincible argument against merits, and desert of good workes, may bee drawne out of this text, yet the meaning of the Translatours is to shew no more, than the Apostle saith, that the heavenly glory is incomparably greater than all the tribulations of this life. And this the Apostle speaketh, not doubtingly, as our English word (I suppose) doth signifie, when a man may bee deceived in his supposall, but hee avoucheth it constantly, as a thing which being well considered, with the reasons thereof, hee concludeth of it with certainetie: and so doth λογίζωμαι signifie in this place, and in divers other, by the iudgement of better Grecians, than *Gregory Martin* will bee these seven yeeres; as *Rom.* 3. 28. where the Apostle having discussed the controversie of iustification by faith, or workes, concludeth, as of a certainetie, λογιζόμεθα γὰρ, wee determine therefore, that a man is iustified by faith, without the workes of the Law. Likewise *Rom.* 6. v. 11. after hee hath proved, that iustification is necessary to all them that shall, or haue put on the iustice of Christ, hee saith with great asseveration unto the Romans, λογίζεσθε ἑαυτοὺς. Make you full account therefore, that you are dead to sinne, and not uncertainely thinke or suppose it so to bee. Therefore for the translation of λογίζομαι, in this place, wee will accept no pardon of you, it is better translated than your wit or learning serveth you to understand. Now let us come to the other words, ἄξια πρὸς τὴν μέλλουσαν δόξαν, are not worthy of the glory: where you say, it should bee, not equall, correspondent, or comparable to the glory. Verily those words wee use; haue none other sense in this place, than the words which wee supply us withall, but our words doe expresse the most vsuall signification of the Greeke word ἄξιος, even as your vulgar Latine doth, calling it in the same sense *condigna*, which you in your owne translation dare not render, equall, correspondent, or comparable, but condigne; lest following the sense, you might bee accused to forsake the word: even so wee thinke it best, where the vsuall signification of the word will beare the sense in our English, to retaine the same, and not to change it.

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MART. 2. *This is the Greeke phrase, and the Apostles meaning, which wee need not greatly to prove, because their owne Doctors, Calvin and Beza, doe so interpret it; and therefore a wonder is were that the Geneva English Bibles also should forsake their Masters, and follow the errour of the other English Bibles, but that they thought the more vices the better. In the meane time, the people seeth no other translation, and thinketh it is the Apostles very words. But* Beza *himselfe telleth them the contrary, translating thus:* Statuo minime esse pares quæ præsenti tempore perpetimur, futuræ gloriæ nobis revelandæ: *that is,* I am of this opinion, that the things which wee suffer in this present time, are not equall to the glory that shall bee revealed to us. *And in his commentarie, thus:* Saint *Pauls* discourse and matter handled in this place, declare, that hee speaketh not of the value or price of the afflictions which wee suffer for Christ, but rather by comparing their qualitie and quantitie, with life everlasting, hee gathereth that wee shall bee infinitely more happy with Christ, than wee are miserable here. Therefore did hee use the * Greeke word rightly, and properly, which the Grammarians say is spoken of such things, as being poised or weighed, are found of one weight. *Thus farre* Beza.

* ἄξια.

FVLK. 2. Wee contend not, as it seemeth at this time, about the meaning of the place, but about the true translation of the words. If you can proue therefore, that the Greeke word ἄξιος doth not signifie worthy, or that this English word worthy cannot expresse the meaning of the Apostle in this text, your accutation is iust; but if you can proue neither of both, you multiply words, as your manner is, without matter, to no purpose, but to weary the Reader. And wisely you translate *Bezaes* Latine word *Statuo*, I am of opinion, which signifieth more truely, I determine, or as our translation hath, I am certainely perswaded, and not, I am of an opinion, whereof there is no certaine knowledge, for an opinion may be false, and is of uncertainties.

MART. 3. *If then a comparison only be signified, why doe they not so translate it in English, that it may be taken for a comparison in our English phrase? For they know very well, that if a man should say in English, according as they translate, Good workes are* not worthy *of heaven, this man is* not worthy *of my favour, he is* not worthy *of such a living, of so great praises; every English man understandeth it thus, that they* deserue not *heaven, and that such a man* deserveth not *this or that. Even so must the Reader needs take it in this place, and they must needs haue intended that he should so take it. For though the Greeke phrase may signifie a comparison, being so uttered, yet not the English: and if it might, yet obscurely, and ambiguously: and if it might, yet* ἄξιον αὐτὸν. Prov. 3. *herethey doe falsly translate so, because here the Greeke phrase is otherwise, and therefore should otherwise bee Englished: for it is not* ἄξιος τῆς δόξης, *which is, as they translate,* worthy of the glory, *but* ἄξια πρὸς τὴν δόξαν, *which cannot be so translated. For if it might, then these Greeke phrases were alone, and might be vsed indifferently. And then I must desire them to turne mee this into Greeke,* Hee is not worthy of thankes: *and if they turne it by the Apostles phrase in this place,* οὐκ ἄξιός ἐστι πρὸς τὴν χάριτα, *to all Grecians they shall bee ridiculous. And yet this is as well turned out of English into Greeke, as they haue turned the other out of Greeke into English.*

FVLK. 3. Verily I cannot see, nor any wise man else, I thinke, what this English word worthinesse doth signifie, but a comparison of equalitie in price, value, goodnesse, excellencie, or such like. And even in those English phrases that you bring for example, Good workes are not worthy of heaven, the meaning is, There is not an equalitie of excellencie in good workes and heaven: or, good workes compared to heaven, are not equall in value. And even so: This man is not worthy of my favour; The goodnesse of this man is not so great, as the goodnesse of my favour. And so of the rest. And where you say, every English man understandeth it thus, that they deserue not heaven, and such a man deserveth not this, &c. I grant they may of worthinesse gather desert, in such as may deserue, and so may they of the comparison of equalitie, conclude desert in the like case. For to deserue, is by doing, to make himselfe equall in good or evill to that reward or punishment which is valued with such doing. Therefore whether you say worthy, or equall, it is all one: and in this text by either of both, merite or desert is necessarily excluded. For if the heavenly glory bee incomparably greater, than the afflictions of this life, it followeth of necessitie, that the afflictions of this life deserue not, that is, make not an equalitie of excellencie with heavenly glory. But the Greeke phrase (you say) is otherwise, for ἄξιος is not ioyned with a genitive case, but with an accusative, and a preposition. Indeede this latter construction of ἄξιος is not so vsuall, and doth more fully set forth the comparison, but the same also is set forth by the genitive case, as you your selfe cannot deny. Now our English phrase would not beare, that wee should say, worthy to the glory, and therefore wee said worthy of the glory. But if that were good, you say, the Greeke phrases were all one, and might bee vsed indifferently. I see no great difference

ference betweene the Greeke phrases, and yet it followeth not, that they may bee vsed indifferently: for vnvsuall phrases, are not to bee vsed as indifferently, as common phrases. And therefore your example of turning English into Greeke, is not all one with turning Greeke into English. If I translate out of Greeke into English, I must obserue the English phrase as neere as I can; and so if I translate into Greeke, must I haue respect to the vsuall Greeke phrase. And to speake of your ridiculous translation out of English into Greeke, I thinke hee that should say, ἄξιος χάριτος, for worthy of thankes, should deserue no great commendation; but hee that should say; ἄξιος πρὸς τὸν χάριν τῆς βασιλείας, for vvorthy of the Kings favour, though it be no vsuall phrase, I see not why hee should bee ridiculous. And if you should translate these words into English, Νέρων ἄξιος ἦν πρὸς τὴν βασιλείαν, would you not, or might you not translate it thus? *Nero* was not worthy of the kingdome. Therefore wee haue not done amisse, to translate, worthy of the glory.

MART. 4. ... *Marry, if they would expresse a comparison of equalitie or inequalitie betweene thing and thing, then this is the proper Greeke phrase thereof, and much more proper for this purpose, than by* ἄξιος, *and a genitiue case: which notwithstanding is often so vsed in Scriptures, by way of comparison, as* Proverb 3. *concerning the praise of wisdome, where Saint* Augustine *to expresse the comparison, readeth thus*; Omne pretiosum non est illi dignum: S. Hierome *according to the Hebrew thus*; Omnia quæ desiderantur non valent huic comparari, *or* adæquari: *and* Eccles. 26. *wee haue the very like speech proceeding of the said Greeke word* ἄξιος, Omnis ponderatio non est digna continentis animæ: *which the English Bibles thus*; There is no weight to bee compared vnto a minde that can rule it selfe, *or* with a continent minde.

The Greeke ἄξιος signifieth a comparison

πᾶν τίμιον οὐκ ἄξιον ψυχῆς.

בל־מתוס לא ישוובח

FVLK. 4. You cannot vse the word ἄξιος, but it will include a comparison, whether it bee with a genitiue case, as in the examples you bring, or with an accusatiue, as in this text of Saint *Paul*: and even so the English word (worthy) doth comprehend an equalitie in good or evill. Wherefore the sense is all one, whether you say in this text, equall, or worthy: but that the vsuall signification of ἄξιος is worthy, as no man will deny, that is not past all shame.

MART. 5. *And if* ἄξιος *with a genitiue case signifie a comparison, and themselues so translate it in all their Bibles, should not* ἄξιος *in the Apostles phrase much more bee so translated? I appeale to their own consciences. Againe, if here in Eccl: iasticus they say not according to the Greeke words,* There is no weight worthy of a continent minde, *because they would by an English phrase expresse the comparison; is it not more than evident, that when they translate the Apostle by the very same words,* worthy of the glory, &c. *they know it cannot, and they meane it should not, signifie a comparison? I cannot sufficiently expresse, but onely to the learned and skilfull Reader, their partiall and heretical dealing. Briefly, I say they translate,* ἐν ἄξιος ἰσχυρὸς ψυχῆς, Not to bee compared with a continent minde, *being in Greeke word for word*, Not worthy of a continent minde: *and contrariwise they translate in Saint* Paul, ἐν ἄξια πρὸς τὴν μέλλουσαν δόξαν, Not worthy of the glory to come, *being in the Greeke*, Not to be compared to the glory to come; *according to the very like Latine phrase by* dignus, Eccles. 6. Amico fideli nulla est comparatio, & non est DIGNA ponderatio auri & argenti CONTRA BONITATEM FIDEI, *that is, according to their owne translation*, A faithfull friend hath no peere, weight of gold and silver is not to bee compared to the goodnesse of his faith.

ἄξια πρὸς τὴν δόξαν.

ἄξιος ἰσχυρὸς ψυχῆς.

FVLK. 5. If the English word (worthy) did not signifie a comparison, as well as the Greeke word ἄξιος, it were somewhat that you say; but seeing one signifieth as much as the other, there is no more favour in your disputation, than in an egge without salt. When wee say, there is no weight of gold to bee compared to a continent minde, it is all one as if wee said, worthy of a continent minde, for wee meant, to bee compared in goodnesse, price, excellencie, &c. And therefore you speake out of measure falsly and impudently, when you say, wee meane not that the word (worthy) in this text of Saint *Paul* should signifie a comparison, for it is not possible that it should signifie otherwise. Doth not the *Geneva* note in the margent say, or of like value? If you bee so blinde, that you cannot see a comparison in the word worthy, at the least shore up your eyes, and behold it in those words, of like or equall value: for all comparison is either in quantitie, or qualitie. And where you say, that you cannot expresse your conceit, but onely to the learned, there is none so meanely learned, but they may well laugh at your foolish and unlearned trifling.

How good workes merit life everlasting, though one incomparably exceed the other.

MART. 6. *Now if they will say, though their translation of S. Pauls words be not so exact and commodious, yet the sense and meaning is all one (for if these present afflictions be not equall or comparable to the glory to come, then neither are they worthy of it, nor can deserue or merit it) let the Christian Reader marke the difference. First, their* Beza *and* Calvin *telleth them, that the Apostle speaketh*

*speaketh of the one, and not of the other. Secondly, the passions and afflictions that Christ our Saviour suffered all his life, were not comparable to the eternall glory which hee obtained thereby: yet did hee thereby deserue and merite eternall glory, not onely for himselfe, but for all the world: yea by the least affliction hee suffered, did he deserue all that. Vnlesse you will deny also that hee merited and deserued his glory, which your opinion a man might very well gather by * some of your false translations, but that you would thinke vs too suspicious, which perhaps we will examine hereafter. Thirdly, the present pleasure of adultrie during a mans life, is not comparable to the eternall torments of hell fire: and yet it doth merit and deserue the same. Fourthly, the Apostle by making an incomparable difference of the glory to come with the afflictions of this time, doth (as Saint* Chrysostome *saith) exhort them the more vehemently and more them to sustaine all things the more willingly: but if he said as they translate, The afflictions are not worthy of heaven, you are neuer the neerer heauen for them, onely beleeue: this had not beene to exhort them, but to discourage them. Fifthly, the Apostle when hee will elsewhere encourage them to suffer, saith plainely,* Our tribulation which presently is for a moment and light, WORKETH above measure exceedingly, an eternall weight of glory in us.

* Heb. 2. in the new Testament of the yeare 1580. & Bib. 1579

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FVLK. 6. Wee say our translation, both in word, and sense, is the same in English, that Saint *Paul* did write in Greeke. As for the argument, against merit, or desert which doth follow thereof, wee affirme that it is not necessarily gathered of the words equall, or comparable, or correspondent, as of the word, worthy. But to ouerthrow this argument, you haue fiue reasons. The first is of the authoritie of *Beza*, and *Calvine*, which you say telleth us, that the Apostle speaketh of the one, and not of the other. To this I answere, that they both affirme the consequence against merits out of this text, although it bee not the Apostles direct purpose, to abase the merite of workes, by comparison of the excellencie of the glory. To your second argument, I answere, that though the afflictions that Christ our Saviour suffered, were not comparable in respect of the length of time, with the eternall glory that hee obtained thereby: yet in respect of the excellencie of his person, and the perfection of his obedience, they were comparable, and of equall value to deserue eternall glory according to the iustice of God, by which one mans disobedience was sufficient, to eternall condemnation, *Rom.* 5. What the least of his afflictions separated from all the rest, was in value, I haue not learned out of the Scripture, onely I thinke, hee suffered nothing superfluously, nor lesse than was needfull to answere the iustice of God. Your other fourle surmises, I omit, untill you expresse them. To your third argument, I say, that one act of adultery is worthy of damnation, and deserueth eternall torment, not by comparison of the short pleasure, with infinite paine: but because it is a sinne committed against the maiestie of the eternall God: and therefore is worthy of eternall punishment. For the sinne is to bee measured after the excellencie of the person, against whom it is committed. Therefore that word, which being spoken against a poore man, is a light fault, as to say hee is a knaue, the same being spoken against a Lord, is an hainous offence, and deserueth the pillory, but being spoken against the King, is high treason, and is worthy of death. Seeing therefore the eternall Maiestie of God is contemned in every sinne, that sinne doth iustly deserue eternall torments. Fourthly, it is true, that the Apostle doth exhort vs cheerefully to abide the small and momentarie afflictions of this life, in respect that they shall bee rewarded with incomparable glory. But hereof it followeth not, that the glory is deserued, by short and small sufferings, but is given of the bountifull liberalitie of God, to them that for his sake patiently suffer such small afflictions. Therefore, if it bee an incouragement for a man to labour, to heare that hee shall bee paid his hire, as much as his worke deserueth: it is a much greater incouragement for him to heare, that hee shall receiue a thousand times more than his labour deserueth. The words you adde, (you are neuer the neerer heauen, onely beleeue) are yours, and none of ours: for wee say with the Apostle, wee must suffer with Christ, if wee will reigne with him, and the patient suffering of the faithfull, is nothing repugnant to the iustification before God, by faith onely. To the last argument of the Apostles authoritie, I answere, our patient suffering worketh infinite weight of glory, not by the worthinesse, merite, or desert of our suffering, but by the bountifull liberalitie of God, who hath promised so incomparable reward, to small tribulation, suffered for his sake. Wherefore all your fiue reasons notwithstanding, our translation is found and true.

MART. 7. *See you not a comparison betweene short and eternall, light tribulation, and exceeding weight of glory: and yet that one also worketh the other, that is, causeth, purchaseth, and deserueth the other? For, like as the little seede being not comparable to the great tree, yet causeth it & bringeth it forth: so our tribulations and good workes otherwise incomparable to eternall glory, by the vertue of Gods grace working in vs, worketh, purchaseth, and causeth the said glory. For*

so they know very well the Greeke word importeth: though here also they translate it most falsely, prepareth, *Bib. ann. 1577.* See this Greek word, 2 Cor. 7. thrise. Where themselues translate it, causeth, worketh, v. 10. 11.

FVLK. 7. Wee see the comparison well, but wee see not, that worketh or causeth, is all one with purchaseth and deserveth. Your comparison of seede, and tribulation, is not like. For in the seede is the formall cause of the greate tree, so is not the formall cause of eternall glory in our tribulation. But as if an Emperour for one dayes valiant service in warre, doe giue unto his sonne one of his kingdomes, wee may truely say, that dayes service wrought him this great reward, or caused him to bee advanced to this kingdome: but wee cannot say truely, it purchased or deserved a kingdome: for then every one that served as well as hee deserved the like reward: so is the reward of eternall life, which is the gift of God, incomparably greater than our tribulation, not by the desert of the sufferer, but by liberalitie of the giver. That translation, that vseth the word of preparing, is not so proper, according to the word, but it differeth not much in sense, shewing how those afflictions doe worke or cause, namely by preparing, and making us conformable to the sufferings of Christ.

MART. 8. *Lastly, for most manifest evidence, that these present tribulations and other good workes are meritorious and worthy of the ioyes to come, though not comparable to the same: you shall heare the holy Doctors say both in one passage or sentence. Saint* Cyprian *thus*: O what manner of day shall come, my brethren, when our Lord shall recount the *merits* of every one, and pay us the reward or stipend of faith and devotion? Eph. 56. *here are merits and the reward for the same. It followeth in the said Doctor*, What glory shall it bee, and how great ioy, to bee admitted to see God, so to bee honoured that thou receiue the ioy of eternall life with Christ thy Lord God, to receiue there that which neither eye hath seene, nor eare hath heard, nor hath ascended into the heart of man, for, that wee shall receiue greater things, than here either wee doe, or suffer, the Apostle pronounceth, saying, The passions of this time are not condigne or comparable to the glory to come. *Here wee see, that the stipend or reward of the merites aforesaid, are incomparably greater than the said merits.* Ep. 56. num. 3. Singulorum merita.

FVLK. 8. For lacke of Scriptures, you flye to the Doctors, to finde merits, in whom nevertheless being Catholike, and sound Doctors, you shall sooner finde the word *Meritum*, than your meaning of it. The place of *Cyprian*, I marvell why you geld, except it bee to ioyne the reward that hee speaketh of, with the word merits, which hee vseth, either generally for workes, as it is often vsed in the auncient writers: or if hee meane thereby deserts, hee speaketh but of examination onely of all mens deserts, that hee may giue to the wicked that they haue deserved, and to the godly that which hee hath promised, therefore hee calleth it the reward of their faith and devotion. His words are these: *O dies ille qualis & quantus aduenies, fratres dilectissimi, cum ceperit populum suum dominus recensere, & diuina cognitionis examine singulorum merita recognoscere, mittere in gehennam nocentes & persecutores nostros, flamma penalis perpetuo ardore damnare, nobis verò mercedem fidei & deuotionis exolvere.* O that day what manner a one and how great shall it come, my deareſt beloved brethren, when the Lord shall beginne to recount his people and by examination of his divine knowledge consider the merits of every one, to send into hell fire the guiltie, and to condemne our persecutors with perpetuall burning of penall flame? but unto us to pay the reward of faith and devotion. The reward of faith is not that which beliefe deserveth: but which it looketh for, according to Gods promise, whereunto it leaneth. For in respect of desert of Gods favour, hee saith, and bringeth divers texts for proofe: *Fidem tantum prodesse, & tantum nos posse quantum credimus.* That faith onely doth profit, and that so much wee can doe, how much wee beleeue. Wherefore, wee see not in *Cyprian* the incomparable glory to be a reward of deserts. Ad Quirin. l. 2. c. 42. Ser. 37. de Sanctis. Premia meritorum.

MART 9. *Likewise Saint* Augustine: The exceeding goodnesse of God hath provided this, that the labours should soone bee ended, but the rewards of the MERITES should endure without end: the Apostle testifying, THE PASSIONS OF THIS TIME ARE NOT COMPARABLE &c. For wee shall receiue greater blisse, than are the afflictions of all passions whatsoever. *Thus wee see plainely, that short tribulations are true merits of endlesse glory, though not comparable to the same: which truth you impugne by your false and heretical translation. But let us see further your dealing in the selfe same controversie, to make it plainer that you bend your translations against it, more than the text of the Scripture doth permit you.*

FVLK. 9. A man may see you are driven to extreame shifts, when you will seeke *Premia meritorum*, in Saint *Augustine*, and can finde it no where, but among the *Sermons de sanctis*, which beare no credit of *Augustines* workes: but of some later gatherer. The true *Augustine* in *Psal.* 70. *Con.* 1. thus writeth. *Nihil es per te, Domine inuenis, tua peccata sunt, merita*

tua dona sunt, supplicium tibi debetur, & tuæ iniquitates merito, sua dona coronabit non merita tua. Thou art nothing by thy selfe, call upon God, thine are the sinnes, the merites are Gods, to thee punishment is due, and when the reward shall come, hee will crowne his gifts not thy merites. Finally *Augustine* in nothing is more earnest than in denying the reward which is of grace, to bee the ist respect of merite or worthinesse of workes.

MART. 10. *In the booke of* Wisedome, *where there is honourable mention of the merits of Saints and their rewards in heaven, you translate the holy Scripture thus*: God hath proved them, and findeth them MEETE FOR HIMSELFE. *To omit here that you vse the prefixe sense, wherein the Greeke they are greater reasons (God knoweth why, onely this wee know, that it is no true nor sincere translation) but to touche at smaller faults, why say you here in all your Bibles, that God findeth his Saints and holy seruants* meete for himselfe, *and not*, worthy of himselfe? *See your partiality, and bee ashamed.* ἀξίους εὗρεν. Dignos se. indeget. super.

FVLK. 10. The booke of *Wisedome* written by *Philo* the Iew, as Saint *Hierome* thinketh, is no holy Canonicall Scripture, to confirme the credite of any article of beliefe. Therefore whether hee thought that mens merites were worthy of the favour and grace of God, and the reward of eternall life, or no, it is not materiall. But somewhat it is that you say, that our translatours, for ἀξίους, haue not translated worthy, but meete. For my part, I wish they had retained the vsuall signification of that word, and said worthy of himselfe, onely to take away your cavill. For otherwise in the sense, there is no difference, if that hee saith bee true, none is meete for God, but they that are worthy of him which are not meete or worthy of themselues, but made such by grace, not for merite of their workes, but by the righteousnesse of Christ, imputed to them by faith. This if the Wiseman meaneth not, but that their vertues were such as deserved Gods favour and eternall life, wee may boldly reject him, as going against the wisedome of God revealed in the Canonicall Scriptures.

MART. 11. *In the Apostles places before examined, you said negatively, that the afflictions of this time were* NOT WORTHY OF *the glory to come, the Greeke not bearing that translation: but here, when you should say affirmatively, and that word for word after the Greeke, that God found them* worthy of himselfe, *here you say*, meete for himselfe, *avoyding the terme*, worthy, *because merite is included therein. So that when you will in your translation deny merits, then* condignæ ad, *signifieth* worthy of: *when you should in your translation affirme merits, then* Dignus *with an ablative case doth not signifie*, worthy of. *No marvell if such wilfulnesse will not set the word* merit, *or that which is equivalent thereto, in all the Scripture. For when you doe see it, and should translate it, you suppresse it by another word. But this is a case worthy of examination, whether the Scripture haue the word* merit, *or the equivalent thereof. For wee will force them even by their owne translations, to confesse that it is found there, and that they should translate it accordingly often when they doe not, yea, that if wee did not see it in the vulgar Latine translation yet they must needs see it and finde it in the Greeke.* ἀξίους ἐαυτῆ. Condignæ ad gloriam. Dignos se. Merit of good workes plainly proved by the Scripture.

FVLK. 11. In the Canonicall Scripture it seemeth the translators had a religious care, to keepe both the propertie of the words, and the true meaning of the holy Ghost. In the Apocryphall bookes, they had a wise consideration; to translate them according to the best meaning, that their words would beare. Now whether you say, worthy of God, or meete for God: you must understand this meetenesse, or worthinesse, to bee of grace, and not of merite: or else the saying is blasphemous against the grace of God. For merite is not necessarily included in worthinesse. The Kings sonne is worthy to succeede his father, by right of inheritance, not by merit of vertue alwayes. A stranger may bee worthy of the Kings service, which never deserved the Kings entertainement, but for such good qualities, as are in him. But after this tedious trifling, it would some what awake our spirits, if you could (as you threaten in the margent) proue the merit of good workes plainely by the Scriptures: either by the word merit, which you can never doe, or by any thing that is equivalent unto it: and to force us by our owne translations to confesse, that it is found there, if not in the vulgar Latine yet in the Greeke.

MART. 12. *First when they translate the forsaid place thus*, The afflictions of this time are not worthy of the glory to come: *they meane this*, deserue not the glory to come, *for to that purpose they doe so translate it, as hath beene declared. Againe, when it is said*, The workeman is worthy of his hire or wages: *what is meant, but that hee deserveth his wages? And more plainely* Tob. 9. *they translate thus*: Brother *Azarias*, if I should giue my selfe to bee thy seruant, I shall not deserue thy providence. *And such like. If these in these places, both the Greeke and the Latine signifie*, to bee worthy of, *or*, not to bee worthy of, to deserue, *or*, not to deserue: *then they must allow us the same signification and vertue of the same words in other like places. Namely* Apoc. 5. *of our Saviours merits, thus*: The Lambe that was killed, ἐξίους ἐστὶν. Digna accipere virtutem. Nos ex condigno non promeruimus. ἀξίους ἐστὶν.

IS WORTHY to receiue power, and riches, &c. *What is that to say, but,* DESERVETH to receiue? *For so I trust they will allow vs to say of our Sauiour, that hee indeed deserued. Againe, of the damned, thus:* Thou hast giuen them blood to drinke, for they ARE WORTHY, *vz.* THEY HAVE DESERVED, *is it not all one? Lastly of the elect, thus:* They shall walke with me in white, because they are worthy, *Apoc. 3. that is, because* they deserue it. *And so in the place before by them corrupted,* God found them worthy of him: *that is, such as* deserued *to be with him in eternall glory. Thus by their owne translation of* ἀξιόω *and* dignus, *are plainely deduced, worthinesse, desert, and merite of Saints; one of the Scriptures.* Apoc. 16. ἐστιν. ἵνα ἀξιωθῶσι. Digni sint. ἀξίους ἑαυτῶν, Dignos se.

FVLK. 16. Your first foundation is false, therefore all your building falleth to the ground. For when wee translate that text thus: The afflictions of this time are not worthy of the glory to come, wee meane not thus: deserue not the glory to come, but even as you doe, they are not equall or comparable: but thereof it followeth, that they deserue not, for to deserue, is to doe a thing equall unto the reward: the afflictions bee not equall, therefore they deserue not. But when it is said the workeman is worthy of his hire, wee acknowledge that hee deserveth his wages, yet wee should not doe well to translate it, that hee deserveth his hire: because worthinesse may bee where there is no desert. Gold is worthy to bee esteemed before silver, and yet there is no merite, or desert of gold, if wee speake properly. That of *Tob. 9.* is not in the Greeke, but in some Bibles translated out of Latine according to the vsuall phrase of English, rather than to the propertie of the word, where it is said *Apoc. 5.* The Lambe, that was killed, is worthy to receiue power, and riches, though wee will not contend of the deserts of Christ, yet wee may bee bold to say, that in respect of the godhead, hee was worthy of all honour and glory from everlasting, before hee had created any thing: and therefore worthines doth not alway import desert, as no worthinesse doth no desert. Likewise, when it is said of the wicked, *Apoc. 16.* they are worthy to drinke blood, it is true, that they deserved that plague, because their cruell workes were iustly recompenced with that punishment: but yet some may be worthy of their punishment, that haue not deserved it. The sonne of a Traytor, is worthy to beare the punishment of his fathers attainder; yet hee hath not alwayes deserved it by his owne deedes. Therefore it is not all one: they are worthy, and they haue deserved. The infants of the reprobate, as soone as they haue life, are worthy of eternall damnation, and yet they haue not deserved the same, by their owne deedes. Therefore where it is said of the Elect, They shall walke with mee in white, because they are worthy, it is not meant, that they haue deserved by their owne workes, to walke with Christ: but because they are made worthy by Christ, who hath given them grace, not to defile their garments, who also shall giue them the reward of white garments, that is, of innocencie, which no man can deserue, because no man is cleare from sinne, but onely by forgiuenesse of sinnes, in the bloud of Christ. Therefore you have performed nothing lesse, than your promise, which was to proue the equivalent of merite, out of the Scripture, and to force us, by our translation, to confesse the same. For worthinesse doth not alwayes argue or enforce desert, as desert doth worthinesse, worthinesse being a more generall word, than merit or desert.

MART. 13. *But to proceede one steppe further, we proue it also to be in the Scriptures, thus. Themselues translate thus,* Heb. 10. 29. Of how much sorer punishment shall hee be worthy, which treadeth under foote the Sonne of God? *though one of their Bibles of the yeere 1562. very falsly and corruptly, leaveth out the words,* worthy of, *saying thus,* How much sorer shall hee be punished, &c. *Fearing no doubt by translating the Greeke word sincerely, this consequence that now I shall inferre, to wit, If the Greeke word here, by their owne translation, signifie* to be worthy of, *or,* to deserue, *being spoken of paines and punishment deserued: then must they grant us the same word so to signifie elsewhere in the new Testament, when it is spoken of deserving heaven, and the kingdome of God, as in these places, Luc. 21.* Watch therefore, all times praying, that you, MAY BE WORTHY to stand before the sonne of man, *and chap. 20.* THEY THAT ARE WORTHY to attaine to that world, and to the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are married, *and 2. Thess. 1.* That you may BE WORTHY of the kingdome of God, for which also yee suffer. ἀξιωθῆναι, & καταξιωθῆναι, signifie deserue. πόσῳ χείρονος ἀξιωθήσεται τιμωρίας. ἵνα καταξιωθῶσι. οἱ καταξιωθέντες. εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι ὑμᾶς τῆς βασιλείας.

FVLK. 13. You thinke to haue great advantage at our translation of the word ἀξιωθήσεται, *Heb. 10. shall bee worthy*: which is true according to the sense, but not so proper for the word, which signifieth rather to bee iudged, or accounted worthy, whether hee bee worthy indeed, or not. And so it should haue beene translated, if the nature of the word had beene exactly weighed. But the translators looked rather to the purpose of the Apostle, which is by all meanes to terrifie such contemners and backe-sliders, of whom hee speaketh. The Greeke word therefore doth not signifie to deserue, but to bee iudged worthy, al-

though it is true, that those of whom the Apostle there speaketh, deserved extreame paines of damnation. And even so it signifieth in all other places, as *Luk. 20.* καταξιωθέντες, they that shall bee counted worthy to attaine to that world, and *Luk. 21.* ἵνα καταξιωθῆτε, that you may be counted worthy, and *2. Thess. 1.* καταξιωθῆναι, that you may bee counted worthy. And so the word doth signifie in other places, without controversie, as *Luk. 7.* the Centurion said, Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἄξιος, I account not my selfe worthy, and *1 Tim. 5.* The Elders that governe well, ἀξιούσθωσαν, let them bee counted worthy of double honour, for it is the imperatiue mood, therefore it is a fault in our translation, to make it the indicatiue: for we cannot say, let them bee worthy, or let them be made worthy, but let them bee iudged, reputed, or accounted worthy.

MART 14. *Thus you should translate in all these places, according to your translation of the former place to the Hebrewes; or as the least wise you should haue this sense and meaning, as the old vulgar Latine hath, translating in all these places,* counted worthy, *but meaning worthy indeed: as when it is said,* Abraham *was reputed iust, it is meant, hee was iust indeed. If you also haue this meaning in your translations, which here follow the vulgar Latine, then wee appeale to your selues, whether to bee counted worthy, and to bee worthy, and to deserue, and to merite, bee not all one: and so here also* Merit *is deduced. But if you meane according to your heresie, to signifie by translating* counted worthy, *that they are not indeed worthy, then your purpose is heretical, and translation false, and repugnant to your translating the same word in other places, as is declared, and now further we will declare.* Qui digni habentur. Vt digni habeantur.

FVLK. 14. I haue shewed you how wee should translate that word in any place, wheresoever it is read, even as the vulgar Latine hath in the places by you noted, and in those three texts, *Luk. 20. 21. 2. Thess. 1.* wee meane not falsly counted worthy, but worthy indeed, as when it is said, that *Abraham* was reputed iust, wee acknowledge that hee was truely so reputed, and that hee was iust indeed. But where you appeale to our consciences, whether to bee counted worthy, and to be worthy, and to deserue, and to merit, bee not all one; I answer you plainely, and according to my conscience, they bee not: but even as *Abraham* was reputed iust, and was iust indeed, not by desert, but by faith; so in those three texts, the faithfull are counted worthy, and are worthy indeed, not by their merite, and desert, but for Iesus Christs sake: for herein your heresie is greatly deceived, to imagine, that hee which is iust by Christ, by faith, or by imputation, is not truely iust, or not iust indeed. For Christ, faith, and imputation, are not contrary, or opposed to trueth, but to merit or desert of the partie, that is iust by Christ, by faith, or by imputation, and so wee say of them that are accounted worthy for Christs sake, and not for their owne merits.

MART. 15. *They whom God doth make worthy, they are truely and indeed worthy: are they not? But by your owne translation of the same word in the actiue voice, God doth make them worthy. Therefore in the passiue voice it must also signifie to be made, or to be indeed worthy. For example. 2.* Thess. 1. 11. *you translate thus,* Wee also pray for you, THAT OVR GOD MAY MAKE YOV WORTHY of this calling: *according to which translation, why did you not also in the selfe same chapter, a little before, translate thus?* That you MAY BE MADE WORTHY (*and so be worthy*) of the kingdome of God, for which also you suffer. *You know the case is like in both places, and in the Greeke Doctors you specially should know (by your observation of reading them in Greeke) that they according to the vse of holy Scripture, very often vse also this word, both actiuely, and passiuely,* to make worthy, *and* to bee made, *or* to bee worthy. *See the Greeke Liturgies.* ἀξιῶσαι, to make worthy, ἀξιωθῆναι, to be made, or to be worthy. ἵνα ὑμᾶς ἀξιώσῃ τῆς κλήσεως. εἰς τὸ καταξιωθῆναι ὑμᾶς τῆς βασιλείας. ἀξιῶσαι. ἀξιωθῆναι.

FVLK. 15. They must needs bee worthy, whom God maketh worthy: but then are they not worthy by their merites or deserts, but by his grace in Iesus Christ, and so our Translatours meane, when they say, *2 Thess. 1. 11.* that our God may make you worthy of this calling, although the dearer translation had beene, that God may account you worthy, as the vulgar Latine hath, *vt dignetur*, for *dignor* is not to make worthy, but to vouchsafe, or to account worthy. Wherefore you doe vainely here snatch at a word, contrary to the meaning both of the Translator, and of the text: for those whom God maketh worthy, are not worthy by their desert, but by his grace accepting them. How the Greeke Doctors vse the word, it is not now the question, but how it signifieth in the Scripture: although I see not how you proue that the Doctors vse it, to make worthy, or to bee made worthy by desert.

MART. 16. *Which S.* Chrysostome, *to put all out of doubt, explaineth thus in other words;* That hee make us worthy of the kingdome of heaven, Ser. 1. de orando Deo. *And upon the Epistle to Titus, cap. 3. in the same sense passiuely,* God grant wee may all BE MADE WORTHY (*or be worthy*) of the good things promised to them that loue him. *And in another place of the said Doctor it must needs signifie to be worthy, as when he saith,* In Coloss. 1. No man liveth

liveth such a trade of life, that hee is worthy of the kingdome, but all is his gift: *for to say thus*, No man so liveth, that hee can bee counted worthy of the kingdome of heaven, *is false, is against the Protestants owne opinion, which (say they) are counted worthy, that are not. Againe, to say*, No man so liveth, that hee can bee made worthy, *is false, because God can make the worst man worthy. It remaineth then to say*, No man so liveth, that hee is worthy: *which a little before hee declareth thus*, No man by his owne proper merites obtaineth the kingdome of heaven, *that is, as his owne, and of himselfe, without the grace of God. And yet wee must shew further out of the Scriptures, that God maketh us worthy, and so wee are indeed worthy, and here also wee must convince you of false and partiall interpretation.* ἀπὸ κατῳδωμάτων ἰδιοτῶν.

FVLK. 16. Saint *Chrysostome* putteth not the matter any whit out of doubt, for your side: for hee doth not expound this text of 2. *Thess.* 1. but onely in the latter end of his Sermon prayeth, that God having mercy upon us all, will make us worthy of his kingdome. Where you might haue seene, if you had not beene blinde with frowardnesse, that God maketh us worthy by his mercy, not by our merites. That ἀξιωθῆναι in his prayer, upon the third to *Titus*, is taken to bee made worthy, rather than to bee accounted worthy, you haue no proofe, but your owne authoritie: although for God to make worthy by his mercy, and to account worthy, is all one in effect. The third place, *in Epist. ad Col. cap.* 1. is altogether against you: where hee saith, no man liveth such a trade of life, that hee may bee iudged or accounted worthy of that kingdome, but all is the gift of God; is not his meaning plaine, that no man can bee accounted worthy by workes or merits, but altogether by the grace and gift of God?

With this distinction therefore, which is plaine, even by those words which you cite, that *Chrysostome* maketh, ἀξιωθῆναι, without any inconvenience, may signifie in this place, to bee accounted worthy. No man by his owne proper merits obtaineth the kingdome of heaven (saith he) but even as a lot is rather by hap and chance, so it is here: meaning that God giveth his kingdome no more according to mans deserts, than lots doe fall to men by chance, which yet God disposeth as it pleaseth them. Finally, the whole discourse of the Doctor being against mans merits, vsing the word in the same place so often of Gods dignation, vouchsafing or accounting worthy, you had great scarcitie of examples out of the Doctors, that bring this place to proue that ἀξιωθῆναι signifieth to bee made worthy by merit, and not by meere mercy.

MART. 17. *The Greeke word* ἱκανὸς *(I pray you) what doth it signifie? You must answer that it signifieth not only* meet, *but also* worthy: *for so* Beza *teacheth you, and so you translate*, Matt. 3. 11. *and* cap. 1. *and* 1 Cor. 15. 9. I am not worthy, *in all three places. And why (I pray you) did you not likewise follow the old Latine Interpreter one step further, saying*, Giving thankes to God the Father, THAT HATH MADE VS WORTHY, *but translating rather thus*, which hath made us meet to bee partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light. *Here was the place where you should haue shewed your sincerity, and haue said that God maketh us worthy of heavenly blisse: because you know if* ἱκανὸς *bee* worthy, *then* ἱκανῶσαι *is* to make worthy. *But you are like to* Beza *your Master, who (as though all interpretation of words were at his commandement) saith, here and here, and so forth*, I haue followed the old Latine Interpreter, *translating it* worthy: *but in such and such a place (meaning this for one)* I chose rather to say, MEET. *But that both hee and you should here also haue translated* worthy, *the Greeke Fathers shall teach you, if wee bee not worthy, or able to controll so mighty Grecians, as you pretend to bee when you crow upon your owne dunghill, otherwise in your translations shewing small skill, or great malice.* ἱκανὸν εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς. τὸ ἱκανώσαντι ἡμᾶς εἰς τὴν μερίδα. Col. 1. v. 12. *Annot. in 3. Matt. no. Test. 1556.* *Idoneum dicere malui.*

FVLK. 17. If you bee not able to draw merit out of the word ἀξιόω which properly signifieth worthy; you shall haue somewhat adoe to wring it out of the word ἱκανὸς, which properly signifieth apt or meete, and sometime sufficient, according to which latter signification, *Beza* in three places translateth *dignus*, because *sufficient* is no Latine word in that sense to bee vsed. But now you aske, why wee went not a step further, to translate τῷ ἱκανώσαντι, *Colossi.* 1. *vers.* 12. which hath made us worthy. I answer you, first there is no reason that a word which hath divers significations, should alwayes bee translated after one. Secondly, when a word hath one most vsuall signification, and two or three other significations not so vsuall, by translating it once or twice according to the sense of the place, after one of the best vsuall significations, wee are not bound to giue ouer the most common and vsuall signification, when the sense of the place requireth it. Thirdly, when a verbe is derived of a noune that hath divers significations, it signifieth most commonly after the most vsuall signification, as ἀξιόω, sometime signifieth cheape, wee must not thereof conclude, that ἀξιόω signifieth to make cheape: so ἱκανὸς signifieth sometime great, or much, you may as well say, that ἱκανὸω signifieth to magnifie, to make great, or to multiply, which none but a mad man would say: and yet you thinke

thinke you haue made a great argument, when you say, if ἱκανὸς bee worthy, than ἱκανῶσαι is to make worthy. It remaineth therefore, that seeing the most vsuall signification of ἱκανὸς is apt or meete, the true and best signification of ἱκανὸς is to make apt or meete, which wee haue followed in our translation. But if you will still contend that ἱκανὸς is all one with ἀξιόω, then you must tell us, as you require us often, whether ἱκανὸς ἐστὶ τοῦ θανάτου, bee as good Greeke, as ἀξιόω τοῦ θανάτου, if you will say, worthy of death. *Beza* therefore followeth not his pleasure; where hee chuseth to say, for ἱκανὸς, *idoneum*, but the nature of the word, and the vsuall signification thereof, compared with the sense of the place. And if wee should follow your vulgar Latine translation, and say, that God hath made us worthy to bee partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, you are never the neere for your merites: for God maketh us worthy by his grace, and by the righteousnesse and holinesse of Christ, which is imputed to us being incorporated to him, and made liuely members of his mysticall body. How vainely you charge the Translators with bragging, unskilfulnesse, and malice, they that are learned can iudge, and God will one day revenge it.

MART. 18. *The Greeke Fathers (I say) interpret the Apostles word here:* καταξίωσον ἡμᾶς, ἢ ἐκλεξάμενος ἡμᾶς ἱκανὸς ἐποίησε, *that is, hath made us worthy, and given us the grace to bee worthy. And S. Basil* in orat. Liturg. *making both Greeke words all one, saith* THOV HAST MADE VS WORTHIE to bee Ministers of thy holy Altar. *And anon after,* MAKE VS WORTHY for this ministerie. *And Saint* Chrysostome *upon the Apostles place,* God doth not only giue us societie with the Saints, but maketh us also worthy to receiue so great dignitie. *And here is a goodly consideration of the goodnesse of God toward us, that doth indeed by his grace make us worthy of so great things, who otherwise are most unworthy, vile, and abiect. Which making of us worthy, is expressed by the said Greeke words, more than by the Latine* meteri, *because it declareth whence our merit and worthinesse proceedeth, to wit, of God. Both which S.* Chrysostome *expresseth excellently thus:* When hee brought in Publicans to the kingdome of heaven, hee defamed not the kingdome of heaven, but magnified it also with great honours, shewing that there is such a Lord of the kingdome of heaven, which hath made even unworthy persons to bee so much better, that they should deserue even the glory of that dignitie. *And Oecumenius saith*, that it is Gods glory, * TO MAKE HIS SERVANTS WORTHY of such good things: and that it is their glory, * TO HAVE BEENE MADE WORTHY of such things, *in* 2 *Thess.* 1. Oecum. in cap. 14. καταξίωσον ἡμᾶς τοῦ παρόντος ἁγιασμοῦ. Hom. de cruce & latrone. Vt etiam illum dignitatis gloriam mereremur. * ἀξιῶσαι. * ἠξιῶθαι.

FVLK. 18. If the Greeke Fathers did so interpret the Apostles words, yet your merit is to seeke, as I haue said. For I will not contend, whether God make us worthy, but whether hee make us worthy by desert of our good workes, or by his mercy and grace, in the redemption of his Sonne. But let us see what the Fathers say to the matter. First *Oecumenius* words are flat against you, if they bee truely translated, καταξίωσον, hee hath counted us worthy, and hath freely granted unto us to bee meete. See you not, that all our worthinesse and meetnesse dependeth of his grace, and free acceptation? The Liturgie intituled of *Basil*, although it haue a much younger author, maketh never a whit more for you. The Minister prayeth that God would account him worthy, or make him meete for the ministerie. And if you should in both places translate, that God maketh worthy, you cannot proue merite thereby, but contrariwise it soundeth against merite, for God maketh us not worthy by our deserts, but by the worthinesse of Christ. *Chrysostome* also, as I haue shewed before upon this place, doth utterly condemne your opinion of merites, for hee saith, Such are the things that are given, that hee hath not onely given them, but also made us able to receiue them. Againe, hee hath not onely given us the honour, but also strength to embrace it. What is our strength? What is our abilitie to receiue the gifts of God, but faith in the merites of Christ? The place of *Chrysostome*, *Hom. de cruce & latrone*, is not to bee understood of deserving by workes, but by the grace of God, and remission of their sinnes, which maketh men meete and worthy of his glory; as the example of the Publican, iustified onely by remission of his sinnes, and of the harlot saued by faith, which hee vseth, doth plainely declare. And yet sanctification, and the fruits of good life, are not excluded from the persons iustified and saued, but onely merite or desert of workes, according to which, as the same *Chrysostome* saith, *in Epist. Col.* 1. wee must say, wee are unprofitable servants, when wee haue done all that is commanded us. But this is no place to handle controversies of Religion, but translations of the Scripture. The word ἀξιόω, except you bring us better evidence than yet wee see any, in all places where wee reade it, wee may translate it *dignari*, which is to vouchsafe or account worthy. Luk. 18. Luk. 7.

MART. 19. *Thus wee see how the holy Scripture vseth equivalent words to signifie merit, which you suppresse as much as you can. So likewise wee might tell you of other words and phrases that do plainely*

plainely import and signifie merit: *as when it is said*, Eccles. 16. Every man shall finde according to his workes. *Budee both your Master and ours in the Greeke tongue, telleth us, that the Greeke word* ἐυρίσκειν *(to finde) is properly to receive for the which a man hath given or laboured. And to requite you with some prophane authoritie (because you delight much in that kinde) the whole Oration of* Demosthenes πρὸς Λεπτίνην, *will tell you the same. Now, to receive for that which a man hath laboured or wrought, what doth it else presuppose, but merit and desert? It is a common phrase of the Scripture, that God will iudge and reward or repay according to every mans workes. Doth not this include merit and demerit of workes? But I wot not how, nor wherefore, in this case you translate sometime* deeds, *for* workes, *saying*, Who will reward every man according to his deeds. *And againe*, You see then how that of deeds a man is iustified, and not of faith onely.

ΧΡ πε ἔργα αὐτῶν ἐυρίσκειν. λαβεῖν ἀντὶ ὧν τις ἔλαβεν ἢ ἐκτήσατο ἐυρίσκειν λέγεται. Eccles. 16. Psal. 61. Apoc. 22. ΧΡ πε ἔργα αὐτοῦ &c. ἐξ ἔργων.

FVLK. 19. Wee doe not yet see, that the holy Scriptures vsed any word equivalent to *merit*, whereby it might bee gathered, that wee are iustified or saved by merit of good workes. But you haue other words and phrases, that doe plainely import and signifie merite, as in *Ecclesiasticus* 16. Every man shall finde according to his workes. Where you put us in minde, what our Master *Budee* writeth of the proper signification of ἐυρίσκω, that is, to deserue, bringing example therefore out of *Demosthenes* Oration πρὸς Λεπτίνην. But I pray you doth not our Master affirme this to bee the onely signification of that verbe? Where hee bringeth you the example out of *Gregory*, of *Saul*, which seeking his fathers Asses, βασιλείαν ηὗρεν, found a kingdome, doth hee meane that by seeking his fathers Asses, hee deserved a kingdome? Againe, the example hee bringeth out of Saint *Luke*, Εὗρες γὰρ χάριν παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, Thou hast found favour or grace with God; doth hee understand, that the Virgin MARY deserved the grace of God? But you obiect, that it is a common phrase of the Scripture, that God will iudge or reward, or repay to every man according to his workes. It is true, but not to every one according to his merits, for then all should bee damned, for all haue deserved death; and no man should bee saved, for no man meriteth salvation. But God rendreth to the faithfull according to their workes, when hee freely giveth for Christs sake eternall life to them, that by perseverance of good workes (as the Apostle saith) seeke glory, honour, and incorruption. Their workes therefore are the fruits of his grace, not the merits or deserts of his grace, by which wee are saved, *Ephes.* 2 But here againe, you quarrell, that for workes, wee say sometimes deeds, as though they were not all one. Or if they bee not, why doe you, 1 *Cor.* 5. translate, *Qui hoc opus fecit*, that hath done this deed?

MART. 20. *I know you will tell us, that you use to say* deeds *or* workes *indifferently, as also you may say, that you put no difference betweene* iust *and* righteous, meet *and* worthy, *but use both indifferently. To the ignorant this is a faire answer, and shall soone perswade them: but they that see further, must needs suspect you, till you giue a good reason of your doing. For, the controversie being of faith and* workes, *of* iustice *and* iustification *by workes, of the* worthinesse *or* value *of workes, why doe you not precisely keepe these tearmes pertaining to the controversie, the Greeke words being alwayes pregnant in that signification? Why should you once translate the Greeke* ἔργα, deeds, *rather than* workes? *You know it is properly* workes, *as* πράξεις deeds. *It were very good in matters of controversie to bee precise.* Beza *maketh it a great fault in the old vulgar Latine Translator, that hee expresseth one Greeke word in Latine divers wayes. You chop and change significations here and there as you list, and you thinke you satisfie the Reader marvellous well, if sometime you say* Idoll, *and not alwayes* Images; *sometime* iust, *and not alwayes* righteous: *and if in other places you say* workes, *or if one Bible hath* workes, *where another hath* deeds, *you thinke this is very well, and will answer all the matter sufficiently. God and your conscience bee Iudge herein, and let the wise Reader consider it deepely. The least thing that we demand the reason of, rather than charge you with all, is, why your Church Bible saith in the places before alleadged*, The righteous iudgement of God, which will reward every man according to his deeds; *and*, Man is iustified by deeds, and not by faith onely: *whereas you know the Greeke is more pregnant for us than so, and the matter of controversie would better appeare on our side, if you said thus*: The IVST iudgement of God, which will reward every man according to his WORKES: *and*, Man is iustified by workes, and not by faith onely.

Preface. in no. Test. 1556. δικαιοκρισία, ἔργα. ἐξ ἔργων.

FVLK. 20. If you could tell us what advantage our doctrine might haue, by translating deedes rather than workes, it might bee suspected why some translations use the one, rather than the other: but seeing you cannot imagine, nor any man else, what it should availe us, to use the one rather than the other, it may bee reasonably thought, that the Translators meant no subtiltie, especially when in places of like apparance for our affertion, they use the word deeds also: as *Galat.* 2. v. 16. A man is not iustified by the deeds of the Law,

law, but by faith of Iesus Christ, where the Greeke word is ἔργων as well as in Saint *Iames*. But where you say that πράξεις is proper for deedes, you were best call the second booke of Saint *Luke*, The deedes of the Apostles. The fault that *Beza* findeth with the vulgar Latine translation is, that in divers places, hee translateth one word divers wayes, and them differing. For otherwise to translate for ξίφος sometimes *Gladius*, and sometimes *Ensis*, it were no fault, no more than it is in us to use the words iustice and righteousnesse, workes and deedes, faith and beliefe, trust and confidence, &c. And you your selues in such words doe often use the same libertie.

MART. 21. *But will you not yet see merite and meritorious workes in the Scripture? I maruell your skill in the Greeke teacheth you nothing in this point. Saint* Iohn *saith*: Looke to your selues, that you lose not the things that you haue wrought, but that you may receiue a full reward. *Me thinketh, in these words the equivalent of merite is easily seene of any man that is not wilfully blinde. But you should see further than the common sort. For you know that the Greeke here signifieth, not onely that which wee worke, but that which we worke for. As in the Greeke phrase of working for a mans living, and as you translate* Io. 6. v. 27. LABOVR NOT FOR THE MEATE that perisheth, *but* for that meate which endureth unto life everlasting. *Such* labourers God hired to worke in his vineyard, and* the* workeman is worthy of his hire. *So that the Apostle in the former words exhorteth to perseverance, that wee lose not the reward or pay for which we worke, and which by working wee merit and deserue.*

2. Epist. v. 8. ἃ εἰργάσατε. ἐργάσασθαι τὸν βίον. ἐργάζεσθαι τῆς βρώσεως. * ἐργάτης. Matth. 20. ᵐ ἐργάτης. Luc. 10.

FVLK. 21. You fare with us, as a merry fellow did with his friends, of whom *Erasmus* telleth, who affirming that hee saw in the skie a fierie Dragon, with often asking them if they did not see it, hee induced them at length, every one to confesse they saw it, least they should haue beene thought to bee purblinde. But in good earnest, and in my conscience, I see no more merite in the Scriptures, than I did before. Yea I haue this argument more, to perswade mee that it is not found in the Scriptures, because the chiefest patrones thereof, having taken such paines to finde it, are now as farre from it, as ever they were. But to the matter, I say there is no merite included in the saying of Saint *Iohn*, although you rehearse it in the second person, after the vulgar Latine translation, and not after the Greeke, which is in the first person, and may bee referred to the reward of the Apostles, which shall bee full, if they whom they haue converted to the faith, doe persevere unto the end. But make it as strong for your part as you can, the full reward is given according to the most bountifull promise of God, to our good workes, of his meere mercy and grace, and not by desert of our workes. And the parable of the labourers, whom God hired into his vineyard, declareth most evidently, that the reward is of grace, not of merite. For if it were of merite, they that came first earely in the morning, should haue received more, as their labour was greater, than they which came at the last houre. Where our Saviour Christ saith, the workeman is worthy of his hire, hee teacheth his Disciples, that they may lawfully take meate and drinke of them to whom they preach, according to the common saying, or Proverbe. But thereof it followeth not, that every one which worketh in Gods vineyard, is worthy for his workes sake, and by desert of his labour, of eternall glory, for hee promiseth greater reward to his workemen, a thousand folde and more, than their labour doth deserue. So that yet wee see not, that wee merite and deserue by working, although wee receiue reward for our worke, or according to our workes. *Vnde mihi tantum meriti* (saith a godly father) *cui indulgentia est pro corona?* whence should I haue so great merite when pardon or mercy is my crowne.

Matth. 20. Luc. 10.

MART. 22. *Againe* Beza *telleth us, that* ἀντιμισθία *signifieth* mereedem quæ meritis respondet, *that is, a reward answerable to the merits. And wee finde many words in the Scripture like unto this,* μισθός, ἀπόδοσις, * μισθαποδοσία, μισθαποδότης, *which are on Gods part, who is the rewarder and recompenser. And on our part wee haue (as the Apostle saith,* Heb. 10. *and* 4.) great confidence, confidence (*saith Photius a notable Greeke father*) of our workes, confidence of our faith, of our tentations, of our patience, &c. *Yea wee haue* ἀντιμισθίους *&* ἀντιμισθίας *in the Scripture, which must needs signifie as much as* Bezaes ἀντιμισθία. *By the one, it said*, In keeping thy commandements is great reward. *Againe*, You shall receiue THE RETRIBVTION of inheritance, *Col.* 3. *vers.* 24. *And* 2. *Thessal.* 1. *v.* 6. *Gods repaying iust and retributions of Hell or Heaven for good and evill deserts, is expressed by the same word. And by the other, it said*, I haue inclined my heart to keepe thy iustifications (*or commandements*) *alwayes* FOR REVVARD.

Ambros. ad virg. in ex. cast. Annot in Ro. c. 1 v 27. ἀντιμισθία. * Heb. 10. & 11. μισθαποδότης. τῶν ἀπ' αὐτ ἔργων, &c. Post. apud Oecum. in Heb. 10. ef 18. ἀντιμισθίας πολλὰ. ἀντιμισθίαν δὲ ἀντιμισθίαν.

FVLK. 22. If you can finde ἀντιμισθία in the Scripture, you convince us of merit by *Bezaes* iudgement. Therefore, tell us I pray you, in what booke and chapter wee shall finde it. First you tell us, that you finde many words like unto it. Yea, but neither the same, nor any that is equivalent. For rendring of reward, which all your wordes doe signifie, may bee according to promise by grace: and not by desert. The confidence of our workes, that

Photius

Photius speaketh of, muſt bee underſtood as they are teſtimonies of Gods ſanctifying ſpirit, or elſe it is contrary to the Scripture. The parable told againſt them that truſted in themſelues, that they are righteous, whereas wee muſt confeſſe, that wee are unprofitable ſeruants in all our obedience, and beſt workes that wee doe. Yea but you haue ἀνταποδόσεις and ἀντιμισθίας in the Scripture, which muſt needs ſignifie as much as *Bezaes* ἀντιμισθία. Wee will yeeld to this neceſſitie: If a man promiſe a labourer twentie ſhillings for every dayes worke, the rendring of this wages may bee called ἀνταπόδοσις or ἀντιμισθία, and yet no man will ſay, that a dayes labour deſerueth twenty ſhillings. That there is great reward promiſed for them that keepe Gods commandements, wee confeſſe, but this reward is either of merite, if they perfectly keepe all Gods commaundements, which noe man doth: or of mercie, if being iuſtified by faith through remiſſion of their ſinnes, they endeauour according to the meaſure of Gods grace, given unto them, to keepe Gods commaundements in ſome part, as God giueth ſtrength. In the teſtimonie of Saint *Paul*, the word of inheritance following immediately after the word of reward, or retribution excludeth merits: for the inheritance dependeth of Gods free adoption, by which hee maketh us his ſonnes, that hee may giue us that inheritance, which wee can never deſerue. In the other place the Apoſtle promiſeth reward of glory, to them that ſuffer for Chriſts name: which God having promiſed of his meere mercie to giue us, and the ſame being purchaſed for us by the merites of our Saviour Chriſt: it is as iuſt before God to render unto us, as to repay the wicked with eternall condemnation, according to their merits. So that the merits of Chriſt, and his ſatisfaction, plead for us in all rewardes, and not the merites of our good workes, which yet are not ours, but Gods gifts in us. That you alledge out of the *Pſalme*, followeth afterward to bee conſidered. Col. 3.

MART. 23. *But all this will not ſuffice you. For whereſoeuer you can poſſibly, you will haue an euaſion. And therefore in this later place you runne to the ambiguitie of the Hebrew word, and tranſlate thus,* I haue applyed my heart to fulfill thy ſtatutes alwayes, EVEN VNTO THE END. עקב *Alas my Maſters, are not the ſeuentie Greeke Interpreters ſufficient to determine the ambiguitie of this word? Is not Saint* Hierome, *in his tranſlation according to the Hebrew: are not all the ancient fathers both Greeke and Latine? It is ambignous (ſay you) and therefore you take your libertie. You doe ſo indeed, and that like Princes. For in another place, where the Greeke hath determined, you follow it with all your heart, ſaying,* fall downe before his foote-ſtoole, becauſe hee is holy: *whereas the ambiguitie of the Hebrew, would haue borne you to ſay, as in the vulgar Latine,* becauſe it is holy, *and ſo it maketh for holineſſe of places, which you cannot abide.* ὅτι ἅγιος ἐστι. קדוש הוא

FVLK. 23. You needs not bee halfe ſo earneſt, for the word of reward, in that *verſe* of the *Pſalme*, which wee tranſlate unto the end: for if it were granted unto you, that for which you make ſo much of it, the merite of good workes will never bee eſtabliſhed by it. For reward, as I haue often ſaid, and plainely proued, doth not of neceſſitie import the merite or deſert of him that is rewarded: but oftentimes the liberality and bountifulneſſe of the rewarder, which for ſmall labour giveth wonderfull great reward. Now concerning the tranſlation of this word *yekebh*, the Seventie Interpreters, nor yet Saint *Hierome* are ſufficient to determine the ambiguitie in this place, more than in an hundred other places, where our tranſlations depart from their iudgement. But it is ſtill free for men of every age, to uſe the gift of knowledge, and interpretation of tongues, unto the exact finding out of the true meaning of the holy Ghoſt in the Scriptures. Neither doe wee ioyne with them, onely for advantage, as you fondly charge us, but as I haue ſhewed you reaſon in the example you bring, ſo is there reaſon alſo to bee ſhewed, whereſoever wee either ioyne with them, or depart from them. Where you ſay, wee can not abide holineſſe of places, it is falſe, for wee doe acknowledge the holineſſe of all places which you can prooue, that God hath ſanctified, as hee did the Arke, the temple, the tabernacle, &c. עקב V.

MART. 24. *But you uſe (you ſay) the ambiguitie of the Hebrew. Take heede that your libertie in taking all advantages, againſt the common and approved interpretation of the whole Church, be not very ſuſpicious. For if it doe ſignifie alſo reward, as (you know) it doth very commonly, and your ſelfe ſo tranſlate it, (Pſal. 18. v. 11.) when you cannot chuſe: and if the Septuaginta doe here ſo tranſlate it in Greeke, and* Saint* Hierome *in his Latine tranſlation, according to the Hebrew, and the ancient fathers in their commentaries: what vpſtart new Maſters are you that ſet all theſe to ſchoole againe, and teach the world a new tranſlation? If you will ſay, you follow our owne great Hebricians, Sanctes Pagninus. Why did you follow him in his tranſlation, rather than in his Lexicon called* Theſaurus, *where he interpreteth it as the whole Church did before him? Why did you follow him (or* Benedictus Arias *either) in this place, and doe not follow them in the ſelfe ſame*

* Propter aeternam retributionem ſcz. vitae aeternae, ut eam mereri percipere in commune.

ſome caſe, a little before tranſlating that very Hebrew word, which is in this place, propter retributionem, for reward? *So that you follow nothing, neither judgement nor learning, in Hebrew or Greeke, but onely your owne errour and hereſie, which is, that wee may not doe well in reſpect of reward, or for reward, and therefore becauſe the holy Prophet* Dauid *ſaid of himſelfe the contrary, that he did bend his whole heart to keepe Gods Commandements* for reward, *you make him ſay another thing.* Pſal. 118. v. 112. עקב

FVLK. 24. If *Sanctes Pagninus, Benedictus Arias, and Iſidorus Clarius*, bee upſtart new Maſters in your judgement, becauſe they depart here from the Septuaginta, and Saint *Hierome*, wee poore men muſt looke for ſmall favour at your handes. But becauſe you ſay wee follow nothing, neither judgement nor learning, in Hebrew or Greeke, but onely our owne errour and hereſie: I will ſet downe the judgement of *Iſidorus Clarius*, upon this place, who tranſlateth it, as all the Hebricians of this age doe, and yeeldeth his reaſons in theſe wordes. *Inclinaui Cor meum.*] *Accommodaui animum meum, ut opere praſtem præcepta tua, &c.* " I haue inclined my heart.] I haue applyed my minde, that in worke or deede I might performe thy Commaundements, even unto the end of my life. For that word, *propter retributionem*, for rewarde, the Hebrew wordes haue not: and truely it is to bee taken away, for it is too ſervile a thing, and not worthy of ſo great a Prophet, to give diligence to Gods commaundements for reward, or hope of retribution. For that is the part of an hireling, and of him which is unworthy the name of a Sonne: neither can hee bee worthily called a Chriſtian man, that ſerveth Chriſt with his minde. For what? if God ſhould ſay ſo, that hee would not reward us with any other retribution, ſeeing for this one thing that wee are created by him, wee can never ſatisfy this debt, ſhall we refuſe to ſerve him? Therefore wee are bound to ſerve him with our whole minde, although hee had decreed to thruſt us into Hell-fire, both for that which wee owe him, and for that wee live onely that time which wee beſtow in well doing, for they which give over themſelves to all wicked workes, by no meanes can bee ſaid to live. Yet there may bee an interpretation of the Hebrew wordes, without ſuch offence, ſo that it may bee ſaid, for ever is the reward, as elſe-where wee reade, in keeping of them is great reward. For by this meanes it is ſignifyed, that the fruite indeede of keeping Gods Law is very great, but yet that retribution is not the end and ſcope, but the love of God. Let all indifferent Readers judge by this, what juſt cauſe you have thus to raile, not onely upon our Tranſlatours; but alſo upon all learned Papiſts, that have tranſlated even ſo. And let the ignorant judge, what knowledge yon have in the Hebrew tongue, which urge the falſe tranſlation of the Seventy againſt the opinion and tranſlation of all the learned Hebricians of this age, both Papiſts and Proteſtants: although it were no hard thing to prove, that the Greeke text of the Pſalmes, which now wee have, is none of the Seventies tranſlation, as even *Lindanus* might teach you, *de opt. gen. lib. 3. cap. 6.*

MART. 25. *And to this purpoſe perhaps it is, (for other cauſe I cannot geſſe) that you make ſuch a marvellous tranſpoſition of wordes in your tranſlation.* (Math. 19.) *ſaying thus:* When the Sonne of man ſhall ſit in the throne of his majeſty, ye that have followed me in the regeneration, ſhall ſit alſo upon twelve ſeats. *Whereas the order of theſe wordes, both in the Greeke and the Latine, is this:* You that have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Sonne of man ſhall ſit in his majeſty, you alſo ſhall ſit upon twelve ſeates. *To follow Chriſt in the regeneration, is not eaſily underſtood what it ſhould meane: but to ſit with Chriſt in the regeneration, that is, in the reſurrection, upon twelve ſeates, that is familiar and every mans interpretation, and concerneth the great reward that they ſhall then have, which here follow Chriſt, as the Apoſtles did.*

FVLK. 25. You looke for faults very narrowly, that can eſpy but a *comma* wanting, although it be no impious ſenſe to follow Chriſt in the regeneration; for the world by Chriſt was after a ſort renewed, when the cauſe of the reſtauration thereof was performed; as for the reward, of which you have ſuch a ſervile care, is expreſſed in ſitting upon twelve ſeates, to judge the tribes of Iſrael. Wherefore there was no neede, that you ſhould feare the loſſe of your reward, by this tranſpoſition.

MART. 26. *The like tranſpoſition of wordes is in ſome of your Bibles* (Heb. 2. v. 9) *thus.* Wee ſee IESVS crowned with glory and honour, which was a little inferiour to the Angells, through the ſuffering of death. *Whereas both in Greeke and Latine, the order of the wordes is thus:* Him that was made a little inferiour to Angells, wee ſee IESVS, through the paſſion of death, crowned with honour and glory. *In this latter the Apoſtle ſaith that Chriſt was crowned for his ſuffering death, and ſo by his death merited his glory. But by your tranſlation, hee ſaith that Chriſt was made inferiour to Angells by his ſuffering death, that is,* (ſaith Beza) For to ſuffer death: *and taking it ſo, that hee was made inferiour to Angells, that he might die, then the other ſenſe is cleane excluded, that for ſuffering death he was crowned with glory: and this is one* Nat. Teſt. 1580. Vt mori poſſet.

*place among other, whereby it may very well be gathered that *some of you thinke that Christ himselfe did not merite his owne glory and exaltation. So obstinately are you set against merits and meritorious workes. To the which purpose also you take away mans free-will, as having no habilitie to worke toward his owne salvation.*

* See Calvine in Epist. ad Philip.

FVLK. 26. Whether wee say, Christ was crowned for his suffering, or Christ was made inferiour to the Angells through his suffering, the sense of either of both is good and godly, and may stand with the place, neither doeth the one of them exclude the other: although but one onely can bee the sense of the place. And if this bee the place, by which you may gather, that some of us doe thinke, that Christ merited not his owne glory, it is not worth a strawe. Wee hold that Christ for himselfe needed not to merite, because hee was the Lord of glory, but that hee merited for us, to bee exalted in our nature, for our salvation, it is so farre off that wee deny, that our whole comfort resteth in his merites, and in his glory, which he hath deserved for us, wee hope to bee glorifyed for ever. When you make your transition to the next Chapter, you say wee take away mans free-will, as having none ability to worke, by which it seemeth, that you doe not onely allow to man the freedome of his will, but also power to worke whatsoever hee will: so that hee shall not onely have free-will, but also a strength by the same to worke towardes his owne salvation.

MARTIN

CHAP. V.

Hereticall translation against FREE-WILL.

AGainst free-will your corruptions be these. Ioh. 1. 12. *where it is said,* As many as received him, he gave them power to be made the sonnes of God: *some of your translations say, hee gave them* prerogative *to bee the sonnes of God,* Bezi dignity. *Who protesteth that whereas in other places often hee translated this Greeke word,* power *and* authority, *here hee refused both, indeed against free-will, which hee saith the Sophists would proove out of this place, reprehending* Erasmus *for following them in his translation. But where-as the Greeke word is indifferent to signify* dignity, *or* liberty, *hee that will translate either of these, restrayneth the sense of the holy Ghost and determineth it to be his owne fancie. If you may translate,* dignity: *may not wee as well translate it* liberty? *Yes surely. For you know it signifyeth the one as well as the other both in prophane and divine writers. And you can well call to minde* αὐτεξούσιον, *and* τὸ αὐτεξούσιον, *whence they are derived, and that the Apostle calleth a mans liberty of his owne will,* ἐξουσίαν περὶ τοῦ ἰδίου θελήματος. *Now then if* potestas *in Latine, and power in English, bee words also indifferent to signify both dignity and liberty, translate so in the name of God, and leave the text of the Scripture indifferent as wee doe: and for the sense whether of the two it doeth here rather signifie, or whether it doeth not signifie both (as no doubt it doeth, and the Fathers so expound it) let that bee examined otherwise. It is a common fault with you and intolerable, by your translation to abridge the sense of the holy Ghost to one particular understanding, and to defeate the exposition of so many Fathers, that expound it in another sense and signification. As is plaine in this example also following,*

Ἐξουσίαν. No. Test. 1580.

Vt liceret filios Dei fieri.

1 Cor. 7. 37.

FVLKE.

SEeing you confesse that the Greeke word signifyeth not onely power, but also dignity, and that in this place it signifyeth both, it can bee no corruption, but the best and truest interpretation, to translate ἐξουσίαν, dignity, for that includeth power, whereas power may bee severed from dignity. Where you would have us use a word, that is ambiguous, when the sense is cleare by your owne confession, you bewray your owne corrupt affection, which desire to have the Scriptures so ambiguously or doubtfully translated, that the ignorant might receive no benefit of certain understanding by them. When a word hath divers significations, a wise translator must weigh, which of them agreeth with the text in hand, and that to use: but not to seeke ambiguous wordes, that may bring the matter in doubt, when the meaning to him is certaine. As here you say,

say there is no doubt but it signifyeth both, and yet you quarrell at our translation, which comprehendeth both, and urge the word of power, from which dignity may bee severed, whereas from dignity, power or ability or licence cannot be divided.

MART. 2. *The Apostle (1 Cor. 15. 10.) saith thus:* I laboured more abundantly then all they; yet not I, but the grace of God with me, *which may have this sense,* not I, but the grace of God which is with mee, *as S.* Hierome *sometime expounded it: or this,* not I, but the grace of God, which laboured with mee. *And by this latter is most evidently signified, that the grace of God, and the Apostle, both laboured together, and not onely grace, as though the Apostle had done nothing, like unto a block, forced only; but that the grace of God did so concurre, as the principall agent, with all his labours, that his free-will wrought withall. Against which truth and most approved interpretation of this place, you translate according to the former sense onely, making it the very text, and so excluding all other senses and commentaries, as your Masters* Calvin *and* Beza *taught you, who would not have taught you, if you were wise, to doe that which neither they nor you can justify. They reprehend first the vulgar Latine Interpreter, for neglecting the Greeke article, and secondly them that by occasion thereof, would by this place prove free-will. By which their commentary, they doe plainely declare their intent and purpose in their translation, to bee directly against free-will.*

ἐγὼ δὲ οὐκ

FVLK. 2. Saint *Hierome* favouring this translation of ours, as he doeth in diverse places, *lib. 2. adversus Iovin. Gratia Dei qua in me est, & lib. 2. adversus Pelag. & ad Principem, Gratia Dei qua mecum est,* The grace of God which is in mee, or which is with mee. I marvell why you count it among hereticall corruptions, except you take Saint *Hierome* for an heretike. By the latter, you say it is signified, that the grace of God, and the Apostle, both laboured together, although it bee no proper speech to say, the grace of God laboureth, yet that you would have, is expressed before, where Saint *Paul* saith, I have laboured more then they all, which none but a blocke would understand, that hee was forced like a block. The grace of God useth no violence, but frameth the will of man to obedience and service of God. But that Saint *Paul* had of himselfe no free-will to performe this labour, but that it was altogether of the grace of God, which gave him this will, he confesseth more plainely, then that it can be denyed, where he saith, Not I: whereby he meaneth, not that he was onely helped by the grace of God, and did it not alone; but that he did nothing by his owne strength, but altogether by the grace of God, which made him willing, which of nature was unwilling to set forth the Gospell, yea by froward zeale became a blasphemer and a persecutour thereof. Which grace gave him not onely a will to promote the Gospel, but inspired him also with divine knowledge, by revelation, without studie or hearing of other men: which gave him also strength to overcome so many difficulties, that no labour nor travell, nor persecution, nor continuance of time, did make him weary, or faint in his labour. All this (I say) he doeth ascribe wholly unto the grace of God. And this sense doeth not make *Paul* a blocke, nor enforced by violence, but a willing, prompt, and painefull labourer. But if you meane that S. *Paul* had a free-will, and strength of himselfe, which onely was holpen by the grace of God, then is your sense abominable Pelagianisme, heresie worthy to be trodden under feete by all Christians, and of *Calvine* and *Beza* most justly reprehended, who are utter enemies to free-will, that derogateth any thing from the grace of Christ, without whom we can do nothing: which text always choked the Pelagians, and so doeth their halfe-faced brethren, the Papists.

Ioh. 15. v. 5.

MART. 3. *But concerning the Greeke article omitted in translation, if they were but Grammarians in both tongues, they might know that the Greeke article many times cannot be expressed in Latine, and that this is one felicity and prerogative of the Greeke phrase, above the Latine, to speake more briefely, commodiously, and significantly by the article. What needs me goe to* Terence, *and* Homer, *as they are wont? Is not the Scripture full of such speeches?* Iacobus Zebedæi, Iacobus Alphæi, Iudas Iacobi, Maria Cleophæ, *and the like. Are not all these sincerely translated into Latine, though the Greeke article bee not expressed? Can you expresse the article, but you must adde more then the article, and so adde to the text, as you doe very boldly in such speeches throughout the new Testament, yea you doe it when there is no article in the Greeke, as* Io. 5. 36. *and* 1 ep. Io. 2. 2. *you sometime of an heretical purpose, as* Eph. 3. By whom wee have boldnesse, and entrance with the confidence which is by the faith of him, *or,* in him, *as it is in other your Bibles. You say,* confidence which is by faith, *as though there were no confidence by workes. You know the Greeke heareth not that translation, unlesse there were an article after* confidence, *which is not, but you adde it to the text heretically, as also* Beza *doeth the like,* (Rom. 8. 2.) *and your Geneva English Testaments after him, for the heresie of imputative justice, as in his annotations hee plainely deduceth, saying confidently,* I doubt not but a Greeke article must bee understood, *and therefore (forsooth) put into the text also. How doeth the same in Saint* Iames 2. verse 20. *still debating the case in his annotations why hee doeth so,*

(witnesse:) (sinnes) Bib. 1562.

No. Test. 1580. ἐν πεποιθήσει, διὰ τὴν πίστιν.

τῆς δικαιοσύνης (τοῦ) ἁγίου (ἁγίου)

and when he hath concluded in his fancie, that this or that is the ſenſe, he purſueth it ſo in the text, and tranſlateth accordingly. No marvell now if they reprehend the vulgar Latine interpreter, for not tranſlating the Greeke article in the place which wee beganne to treat of, when they finde articles lacking in the Greeke text it ſelfe, and boldly adde them for their purpoſe in their tranſlation: whereas the vulgar Latine interpretation is in all theſe places ſo ſincere, that it neither addeth nor diminiſheth, nor goeth one jot from the Greeke.

Fvlk. 3. Concerning the omiſſion of the Greeke article, which *Calvine* and *Beza* reprove in the old Tranſlatour, you make many wordes to no purpoſe: for they reprove him not for omitting it, where either it cannot, or it needs not bee expreſſed, but in this place, where both it may, and meete it is, that it ſhould bee expreſſed. But wee (you ſay) to expreſſe the article, doe adde more then is in the text: yet in trueth wee adde nothing, but that which is neceſſarily to be underſtood, as when wee ſay *Iames* the ſonne of *Zebedee*, where you had rather ſay *Iames* of *Zebedee*, as though you were ſo preciſe, that for neceſſary underſtanding, you would not adde a word to the text, and yet you doe very often, yea ſometimes where no neede is: as *Act.* 8. where the Latine is *Curaverunt Stephanum*, you tranſlate it, they tooke order for *Stephens* funerall. Doeth *Curare* ſignify to take order for a funerall? So likewiſe *Luke* 10. *Pœnituerent* they had done penance. But to anſwer for our owne doings, *Ioh.* 5. *verſ.* 36. where Chriſt ſaith, I have a greater witneſſe then *Johns* witneſſe, why may not the article τοῦ bee referred rather to μαρτυρίαν, that is of neceſſity to bee underſtood, then to ἰωάννου? In the other place, 1 *John.* 2, *verſe* 2. the word ſinnes muſt needes be underſtood in the pronoune adjective *ours*. In the third text, where you accuſe the Tranſlatours of hereticall purpoſe, the ſenſe is all one, whether you adde the article or no. For when the Apoſtle ſaith, by Chriſt wee have boldneſſe, and entrance with confidence by faith, how can you underſtand confidence by workes? and whether there bee confidence by workes or no there can none be proved by this place. Where *Beza* underſtandeth an article, *Rom* 8. whom our Engliſh tranſlation doeth follow, it is onely to make that plaine, which otherwiſe is neceſſarily to bee underſtood. For there is no difference betweene theſe ſayings, The Law of the ſpirit of life in Chriſt Ieſus, and this, The Law of the ſpirit of life, which is in Chriſt Ieſus, hath delivered mee from the law of ſinne and death. The article or relative therefore declareth no more, but that the Law of the ſpirit of life is in Chriſt Ieſus, which delivereth us. For both the text ſaith, in Chriſt Ieſus, and it cannot bee in any other to deliver us: for hee ſaith not, The Law of the ſpirit of life in us, but in Chriſt Ieſus; and the next verſe following doeth manifeſtly confirme the ſame, as every man may ſee that will conſider it. Likewiſe *Iames* the ſecond, Wilt thou know, O thou vaine man, that faith without works is dead? If you ſay, the faith which is without good workes is dead, is not that the meaning of the Apoſtle? Where he addeth immediately that *Abraham* was juſtifyed by ſuch a faith, as was fruitfull of good workes. And when hee bringeth example of Devills faith, is it not manifeſt hee ſpeaketh of ſuch a faith, as is utterly voyde of all good workes? Where you ſay, that *Beza* putteth the article into the text, and tranſlateth it accordingly, you doe moſt ſhamefully belye him: for to the originall text hee addeth none of his owne collection, but in his tranſlation onely, where hee judgeth that according to the ſenſe of the place, it muſt of neceſſity bee underſtood: which if it bee a fault in articles, it muſt bee ſo in other wordes alſo, for like cauſe added. Then anſwer to your owne tranſlations, where beſide thoſe that I have noted before, which ſeeme to proceed of ſome Popiſh purpoſe, you have added to your Latine authenticall text: As in theſe examples, *Math.* 8. *Quid nobis & tibi?* What is betweene us? *Cap.* 9. *Confide*, have a good heart. *Cap.* 22. *Malè perdet*, hee will bring to noughr. *Marke* 2. *Poſt dies*, after ſome dayes. *Accumberet*, hee ſate at meate. *Luke* 17. *Ab illo*, more then hee. *Joh.* 12. *Diſcumbentibus*, them that ſate at the table. *Non quia de egenis pertinebat ad eum*, not becauſe he cared for the poore. *Act.* 9. *Ecce ego Domine*, Loe here I am Lord. *Cap.* 10. *Guſtare*, to take ſomewhat. *Cap.* 17. *Colentibus*, that ſerved God. *Nobiliores eorum, quæ ſunt Theſſalonica*, more noble then they, that are at Theſſalonica. *Re.* 1. *Vocatis ſanctis*, called to bee Saints, &c.

Mart. 4. *But you will ſay in the place to the Corinthians, there is a Greeke article, and therefore there you doe well to expreſſe it. I anſwer, firſt: the article may then bee expreſſed in tranſlation, when there can be but one ſenſe of the ſame. Secondly, that not only it may but it muſt be expreſſed, when we cannot otherwiſe give the ſenſe of the place, as* Mat. 1. 6 Ex ea quæ fuit Uriæ: *where you ſee the vulgar Interpretor omitteth it not, but knoweth the force and ſignification thereof very well. Marry in the place of S. Paul, which wee now ſpeake of, where the ſenſe is doubtfull, and the Latine expreſſeth the Greeke ſufficiently otherwiſe, hee leaveth it alſo doubtfull and indifferent, not abridging it as you doe, ſaying,* the grace of God which is with mee: *nor as* Calvine, Gratia quæ mihi aderat; *nor as* Illyricus, Gratia quæ mihi adeſt: *which two latter are more abſurd then yours, becauſe they omit and neglect altogether the force of the preposition* cum, *which you expreſſe*

Non ego, ſed gratia Dei mecum.

ὂν ἐ τῷ Θεῷ.

ἡ χάρις ἡ σὺν ἐμοί.

expreſſe ſaying, with mee. But becauſe you ſay, which is with me, *you meane heretically, as who ſhey doe, to take away the Apoſtles cooperation and labouring together with the grace of God, by his free-will, which is by the article and the preposition moſt evidently ſignified.*

Fvlk. 4. You take upon you to preſcribe rules of tranſlation, as though you were Prince of the Critici or *Areopagita*. But all reaſonable men will confeſſe that the article is ſo often to bee expreſſed, as it may, and maketh any thing to the ſenſe and underſtanding of the place. But as for your rule, that it is not to be expreſſed in tranſlation, when there may be more ſenſes then one of the ſame, is ſo good a rule, that by the ſame reaſon, and by equity thereof, whenſoever any word commeth in the text, that may have more ſenſes then one, we muſt skip it over, and not tranſlate it at all, and ſo wee ſhall leave out five hundred words in the new Teſtament. A better rule I take it to be, in all ſuch caſes, to examine what is moſt agreeable to the common phraſe of the tongue, and the ſcope of the text in hand, according to which (I ſay) the verbe ſubſtantive is both more uſuall, and alſo more probable to be underſtood in this text, 1 *Cor.* 15: then the participle συνεργῶν.

Mart. 5. *And here I appeale to all that have skill in Greeke ſpeeches and phraſes, whether the Apoſtles wordes in Greeke ſound not thus: I laboured more abundantly then all they: yet not I; but the grace of God (that laboured) with me. Underſtanding not the participle of Sum, but of the verbe going before, as in the like caſe when our Saviour ſaith,* It is not you that ſpeake, but the holy Ghoſt that ſpeaketh in you. *If hee had ſpoken ſhort thus, but the holy Ghoſt in you, you perhaps would tranſlate as you doe here,* the holy Ghoſt, Which Is In You. *But you ſee the verbe going before is rather repeated:* Not you ſpeake, but the holy Ghoſt That Speaketh In You. *Even ſo,* Not I laboured, but the grace of God labouring with me, *or,* Which Laboured With Me. *So prayeth the wiſe man,* Sap. 9. 10. *Send wiſedome out of thy holy heavens, that ſhe may be with mee,* and labour with mee, *as your ſelves tranſlate,* Bib. 1577.

(συνεργοῦντος τοῦ Θεοῦ) (ἀ οὐκ ἐμοὶ ἀλλὰ τοῦ συνόντος μοι) (συνεργοῦντος) (ὃ οὐκ ἐμοὶ ἀλλὰ τὸ ἐν ἐμοὶ οἰκοῦν.) (συνπαρῆν) et mecum laboret.

Fvlk. 5. And I likewiſe appeale not onely to all that have skill in Greeke ſpeeches and phraſes, but to all them, whoſe eares are acuſtomed to reaſonable ſpeeches, whether it bee like that the Apoſtle would underſtand that participle, whereof (perhaps) there is no verbe: for whose ſhall wee reade συνῶν? Secondly, whether bee would underſtand the participle of another verbe adjective, then went before, for before hee ſaid ἐκοπίασα. Thirdly, whether he were ſo deſirous to ſet forth his owne cooperation with the grace of God, that he would expreſſe it with two prepoſitions, one in appoſition, the other in compoſition. Fourthly, whether he meant to attribute any thing to himſelfe, when as it were correcting that which hee ſaid of labouring, he ſaith, yet not I, but the grace of God. Fifthly, whether he purpoſed to chalenge any merite of the labour to himſelfe, or make his labour any thing ſeparable from the grace of God, when he ſaid before, by the grace of God I am that I am. Laſt of all, whether his words being reſolved, if this participle be added, they contayne not a ridiculous tautology, or vaine repetition. I have laboured more then they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which laboured together with me hath laboured. To conclude in your example which you feigne: Becauſe you can find none to anſwer your phantaſie, if the words were as you ſuppoſe, ἡ χάρις ἡ σὺν ἐμοὶ συνῶν, wee would and muſt, if wee did well, tranſlate it thus: It is not you that ſpeake, but the holy Ghoſt which is in you, and ſo underſtand, ſpeaketh. The ſaying of *Paule*, or whoſoever eloquent Iew that was, which gathered that booke of Wiſedome, is not of ſuch importance, that we need to ſeeke any interpretation thereof, although it is certaine, that by wiſedome, he meaneth not the ſonne of God, the wiſedome of the Father, but divine knowledge and underſtanding, which is a gift of his ſpirit, whereof he ſpeaketh by a rhetoricall *Proſopopœia*, or fiction of perſon.

Θεοῦ συνεργοί. S. Auguſtine. Cooperarij, & 2 Cor. 6. 1. συνεργοῦντες. συγκαταβάσεως Χριστοῦ. Eph 2. v. 5. The Engliſh Tranſlatours are aſhamed of their Maſter.

Mart. 6. *And ſo the Apoſtle calleth himſelfe and his fellows Preachers Gods conjutors, collaborers or ſuch as labour and worke with God, which alſo you falſly tranſlate, Gods labourers, to take away all cooperation: and in ſome of your Bibles moſt fooliſhly and previſely, as though you had ſworne not to tranſlate the Greeke. We together are Gods labourers. As well might you tranſlate (Ro.* 8. 17.) *that we together are Chriſts heires, for that which the Apoſtle ſaith, coheires, or joyne heires with him: the phraſe and ſpeech (as you know) in Greeke being all one. So doeth* Beza *moſt falſly tranſlate,* Vna vivificavit nos per Chriſtum, *for that which is plaine in the Greeke,* He hath quickned us together with Chriſt. *Where the Engliſh Bibles leave alſo the Greeke, and follow our vulgar Latine tranſlation, rather then* Beza, *who goeth ſo wide from the Greeke, that for ſhame they dare not follow him. Fye upon ſuch hypocriſy and pretenſed holines of God, that you will not ſpeake in the ſame ſort as the Scripture ſpeaketh, but rather will teach the holy Ghoſt how to ſpeake, in not tranſlating as hee ſpeaketh. As though theſe phraſes of Scripture, men are Gods coadjutors, coworkers with his grace, reyſed with Chriſt, coheires with him, compartakers of glory with him, were all ſpoken to the diſhonour of God and Chriſt, and as though theſe*

these being the speeches of the holy Ghost himselfe, needed your reformation in your English translations. Otherwise if you meane well, and would say as we say, that whatsoever good wee doe, wee doe it by Gods grace, and yet worke the same by our free-will together with Gods grace, as the mover, and helper, and director of our will; why doe you not translate in the foresaid place of S. Paul accordingly?

FVLK. 6. Saint *Paul* saith, 1 *Corinth.* 3. 9. that he and *Apollo* are θεῦ συνεργοι, joyned together in the worke and businesse of God; hee saith not that they are helpers of God, for God needeth no helpe. A helper is of him that lacketh strength, which is blasphemous to say of God. Therefore even *Faber Stapulensis* (as *Beza* telleth you) reproveth that tearme *adjutores*, which your vulgar Translatour useth, and you your selfe in favour of your heresy of free-will, doe not translate, but fly to the Greeke word συνεργοι, and say *Coadjutors*, which if you would expresse in English, signifyeth fellow-helpers of God. The word *Cooperarij*, which Saint *Augustine* useth (as *Beza* also telleth you) may bee referred to the joynt labour of the Ministers, in severall offices of planting and watering, and although it bee referred to God, that hee as the Lord and Master, and they as the servants, altogether by his grace and strength, doe worke together, the sense is not evill, yet not proper for this place; because the Apostle doeth not here set out the dignity of the Ministers, but abaseth their labour, and submitteth all to God. For hee had to doe with them, that did attribute too much unto the Ministers worke, with whom it was unseasonable to extoll their labours, and make them coadjutours or fellow-helpers of God. But contrarywise hee ascribeth the fruite of all their labours to God, and to take away the Schismes that were among them, by depending of one Minister more then another, declareth that they all together are Gods labourers, Gods husbandmen, &c. In the other place, 2 *Corinth.* 6. *vers.* 1. συνεργουντες, it is more proper to say, that the Apostles joyned their labours unto Christ offering his grace, that it should not bee received in vaine. Where nevertheless the strength of mans free-will is not avouched, but the grace of God, who worketh by his Ministers, giving them strength to labour, and fruite to their labours. Next followeth an open outcrye against *Beza*, for false translation, and our Translatours, for being ashamed to follow him. If wee mislike *Bezaes* translation, are wee by and by ashamed to follow him? and if his translation bee false, as you affirme, and wee ashamed to follow him in falsehood, doe wee deserve to bee defyed as Hypocrites, because wee preferre the truth before the credite of our Master, as you call him? O how glad you are, when you have never so small an occasion to set abroade the tayles of your railing and reviling oration. But let us see whether *Beza* deserve so much blame, as you charge him withall. *Beza* having translated (as hee thought) most neere to the Apostles meaning, *Ephes.* 2. *vers.* 5. in his annotation upon the place, thus writeth: *Convivificavit, &c.* The vulgar and *Erasmus* translate, hee hath quickened us together with Christ, which sense I doe in no wise reprehend. But yet nothing shall bee detracted from the selfe same matter, and perhaps it may bee said more aptly, that the preposition συν, in this place, is used rather to declare the uniting together of the Gentiles, and Iewes in one Christ: after which manner, the word συναυξησις, which signifyeth to bee builded together, is afterward used, *verse* 22. This is *Bezaes* judgement, not contrary to the common translation, and ours, but agreeing in the sense thereof, and comprehending a further matter, whereof the Apostle in that Chapter speaketh. But our Translatours thought best to follow the plaine and common understanding, not for shame of *Beza*, or his translation, but for desire of sincerity and plainenesse. Contrariwise, where your vulgar Translatour is sometimes so barbarous, that his phrase hath no sense according to the text, it may well bee thought you were ashamed to follow him, least you should have beene ridiculous to all men. As you translate *Tiberatus*, religious, oftentimes: *Non quia de gente pertinebat ad eum*, which in English is, not because of the poore it pertayned to him, but you have translated, not because hee cared for the poore. *Via Sabbathi*, the first of the Sabbath. *Sabbathi habens iter*, having the journey of a Sabbath, you translate, distant a Sabbaths journey. Yea you are bold to correct your text, and for *Italia*, to say *Attalia*. *Ad abluendacrimina*, which is, to wash away the crimes, you say, to cleere himselfe of the crime. *Cum multa ambitione* which is, with much ambition, you say, with great pompe. *Exhortentur*, which is a dehortation, you translate, may bee exhorted, *Ad reverentiam vobis*, which is, for reverence to you, you say, to your shame: and such like. I doe not blame you that you are ashamed to follow your vulgar Latine text in these phrases, but that you are not ashamed to allow that translation, as the onely authenticall text, which no man for shame will follow in many places. To conclude, our meaning for free-will is, that wee confesse it at all times to bee free from constraint, but never free to imbrace that which is good indeede, but onely when it is reformed by the grace of God: who also in all good things that wee take in hand,

Ioh. 12. Ioh. 21. Act. 1. Act. 14. Act. 25. Ibid. 1 Cor. 14. 1 Cor. 15.

hand, doeth not onely make us willing, but also giveth all the strength wee have to performe them. If this bee your meaning (as I am afrayd it is not) by your tearmes of working and helping, and directing, (as though it could goe alone with a little helpe and direction) we joyne with you: but if you thinke you can doe any thing that good is, without the grace of God, like to *Pelagius Calestius*, and other like Heretikes of the Devills blacke-guard, we leave you.

MAR. 7. *You say moreover in some of your Bibles, thus:* So lyeth it not then in a mans will or running, but in the mercy of God. *Whatsoever you meane, you know this translation is very diffonant, and wide from the Apostles wordes, and not true in sense; for salvation is in willing and running: according to that famous saying of Saint* Augustine, He that made thee without thee will not justifie thee without thee; *that is, against thy will, or unlesse thou be willing, and the Apostle saith,* No man is crowned, unlesse he fight lawfully. *And againe,* So runne THAT YOV MAY obtaine. *And againe,* The doers of the Law shall be justifyed. *And our Saviour,* If thou wilt enter into life, keepe the Commandements. *We see then, that it is so willing, and running, and doing: but to will, or runne, or doe, are not of man, but of Gods mercy, and so the Apostle speaketh,* It is not of the willer, nor runner, but of God that hath mercy. *And it is much to be marvelled, why you said not,* It lyeth not in the willer, nor in the runner: *which is neere to the Apostles wordes, but so farre off,* in a mans will and running.

Bib. 1562 & S. Iohns, 1578. Aug. Serm. 1. de verb. Apost. 2. Timoth. 2. 1 Cor. 9. Rom. 2. Mat. 19.

FVLK. 7. The translation you reprehend, I graunt is not proper for the wordes, and therefore is reformed in the latter translations, yet in sense it is all one, for salvation lyeth not in the will, or running of man, but in the mercy of God: even as Saint *Iohn* saith, the children of God are not made of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but they are borne of God. But thus you reason against it, Wee are not saved, except wee will, and runne, *ergo*, salvation lyeth in willing and running. I deny your argument, which is as good as this; wee are not saved from sinne, except wee have committed sinne, *ergo*, salvation from sinne, lyeth in committing sinne. The famous place of *Augustine*, is a famous corruption of Papists, to establish the strength of free-will, cleane contrary to Saint *Augustines* minde, where a poynt interrogative is changed into a periode: for in ancient written Coppies, it is read with interrogation. *Qui ergo fecit te sine te, non te justificat sine te?* Hee therefore that made thee without thee, doeth he not justify thee without thee? And the whole discourse of the Father, both before and after, requireth that reading. For thus hee writeth, *Si hominem te fecit Deus, & justum te facit, melius aliquid facit, quam fecit Deus, sed sine te fecit Deus. Non enim adhibuisti aliquem consensum, ut te faceret Deus. Quo modo consentiebas qui non eras? Qui ergo fecit te sine te, non te justificat sine te? Ergo fecit nescientem, justificat volentem, tamen ipse justificat, ne sit justitia tua.* If God have made thee a man, and thou makest thy selfe a just man, thou makest some better thing then God hath made: but God made thee without thee, for thou gavest no consent, that God should make thee: how diddest thou consent, which wast not? Hee therefore that made thee without thee, doeth hee not justify thee without thee? Therefore he hath made thee not knowing, but he justifyeth thee being willing, yet it is he, that doeth justify thee, that it should not be thy justice.

The meaning of Saint *Augustine* is, that we have no more free-will to bee justifyed, before wee be prevented by the grace of God, then we had will to be created. For it is Gods grace, that maketh us willing to be justifyed, and saved, not the strength of mans free-will, as he proveth at large throughout the whole Homily. Now to the texts of Scripture, which you cite, I answere, there is not one, that proveth any strength or sway of mans free-will, toward the true goodnesse, before, of an ungodly man, and enemy of God, he be reconciled by the grace and mercy of God, and made an obedient childe in some part, willing to doe the will of his father. First, those texts of fighting, and running, prove, that fighting and running is necessary for them, that are exhorted thereto, but not that fighting or running are in the free-will of man, or that salvation lyeth in them. Eating and drinking are necessary for the life of man, yet the life of man lyeth not in eating and drinking. Where the Apostle saith, the doers of the Law shall bee justifyed, hee meaneth them that fulfill the Law, and doeth our Saviour Christ, answering to the question of him that asked, what he should doe to obtaine, declare, that there is no way to enter into life, by doing, but onely by doing of Gods Commaundements. For the man that doeth them shall live by them. But if hee were asked, which is the way to eternall life, as hee was by *Thomas*, hee will answere, I am the way, the trueth, and the life. Those texts therefore declare not, how a man, that is a transgressour of the Law, may bee saved, but that to obtaine salvation by works, it is necessary for a man to keepe the whole Law and Commaundements of God, or else he is accursed.

Ioh. 14.

MAR. 8. *Againe, touching continencie and the chast single life, you translate thus:* All men cannot receive

receive this saying. *Math.* 19. v. 11. *Now you wote well, that our Saviour saith not,* All men cannot, *but,* all men doe not *receive it: and that therefore, (as Saint* Augustine *saith) because all will not. But when our Saviour, afterward saith,* He that CAN receive it, let him receive it: *hee addeth another Greeke word to expresse that sense, whereas by your fond translation he might have said,* ὁ χωρῶν χωρείτω. *And againe by your translation, you should translate these his latter words thus:* He that can or is able to receive it, let him be able to receive it. *For so you translate* χωρεῖν *before, as though it were all one with* δύνασθαι χωρεῖν. *Doe you not see your folly, and fulshood, and boldnesse, to make the Reader beleeve that our Saviour should say, Every man cannot live chast, it is impossible for them, and therefore no man should vow chastity, because he knoweth not whether he can live so or no?*

Marvellous strange translation. *Deut. & lib. arb. c. 4.* ὁ δυνάμενος χωρεῖν, χωρείτω.

FVLK. 8. The Greeke word χωρεῖν doeth signify to bee able to hold, or containe, and so it is used *Mark.* 2. οὐκέτι οὐκέτι χωρεῖ τὰ πρὸς τὴν θύραν. Which you translate, so that there was no place, no not at the doore. Doe you not meane that the place about the doore, was not able to hold that multitude? Your vulgar Latine is, *Ita ut non caperet neque ad januam,* in barbarous wordes, but in sense as I have said before. So *Iohn* 2. the sixe pots, when they were empty are said χωρεῖν, able to receive every one of them two or three measures. Likewise *Iohn* 22. where the word is χωρήσειν, you your selves translate not able to containe. Seeing the word therefore signifyeth not onely to receive, but also to bee able to receive, it is rightly translated, *Math.* 19. and according to the meaning of our Saviour Christ, all men cannot receive this saying, but they to whom it is given, which hee doeth after evidently confirme, when hee addeth the participle ὁ δυνάμενος, hee that is able to receive it, let him receive it. Which were vainely said, if all men were able that would, and if it were given to all that would: for then hee should say, all men doe not receive this saying; but they that will, let them receive it. Where you call *Augustine* to witnesse of your foolish glose, you doe him shamefull injury, for hee saith not all men doe not, because all will not: but these are his wordes in the place by you quoted: *Non omnes capiunt verbum hoc, sed quibus datum est: quibus enim non est datum, aut nolunt, aut non implent quod volunt, quibus autem datum est, sic volunt ut impleant quod volunt.* All men receive not this word, but they to whom it is given, for they to whom it is not given, either they will not, or else they fulfill not that which they will: but they to whom it is given, doe so will, that they fulfill that which they will. *Augustine* is plaine to the contrary, that it is not in every man that will, to bee continent, but it is the speciall gift of God, that any both will, and bee able to performe it, for which hee citeth also, the saying of the Wise man, *Sapient.* 8. which with you is Canonicall Scripture. "When I knew that otherwise I could not bee continent, except God should give it, and this same was wisedome to know whose gift it is, I went unto the Lord and prayed to him. These things considered, our translation is justifyed, both according to the word, which signifyeth sometime to bee able to receive: and according to the sense, which here must needes require, that it should bee so translated. Wherefore it is unpossible for any man to live chast, except hee have the gift of God, whereof unlesse a man bee certaine, hee doeth foolishly, and presumptuously to vow that, which hee knoweth not, whether hee shall bee able to performe.

MART. 9. *Againe in some of your Bibles* (Gen. 4. v. 7.) *where God saith plainely, that* Caine *should receive according as hee did well or evill, because sinne was subject unto him, and he had the rule and dominion thereof, evidently declaring his free-will: you translate it thus: If thou doest well, shalt thou not bee accepted? and if thou doest not well, sinne lyeth at the doore: and also unto thee* H E *is desire shall bee subject, and thou shalt rule over* H I M. *By which relatives falsly put in the masculine gender, you exclude the true antecedent* sinne, *and referre them to* Abel, Caines *brother, as though God had said, not that sinne should bee in his dominion or subject unto him, but his brother* Abel. *But that this is most false and absurd, hee proves many wayes.* Bib. 1579.

First, Saint Augustine *saith directly the contrary:* Tu dominaberis illius? nunquid Fratris? abſit, cujus igitur niſi peccati? Thou shalt rule (*saith hee*) over what? over thy brother? Not so, over what then but sinne? *Saint* Hierome *also explicateth this place thus:* Because thou hast free-will, I wishe thee that sinne have not dominion over thee, but thou over sinne. Lib. 15. c. 7. de civit. Dei. Quæſt. Heb. in Geneſ.

Moreover, the text it selfe, if nothing else, is sufficient to convince this absurdity. For where this word, sinne, goeth immediately before in the same sentence, and not one word of Abel *his brother in the speech of God to* Caine, *how is it possible, or what coherence can there bee in saying as you translate,* Sinne lyeth at the doore, and thou shalt have dominion over him, *that is,* thy brother? *But if wee say also,* Sinne lyeth at the doore, and thou shalt have dominion thereof: *it hath his direct and plaine sense, If thou doest ill, sinne lyeth at the doore ready to condemne thee, because it is in thee to over-rule it.*

The relatives bee the masculine gender in the Hebrew tongue, and therefore referred

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to *Abel*, and not to sinne, which is of the feminine gender. Againe, sinne hath no appetite to *Caine*, but rather *Caine* to it, therefore even as it was said to *Eve*, thy appetite shall bee to thy husband, so it is said of *Abel*, his appetite shall bee to thee. Saint *Augustine* followeth the corrupt translation of the Septuagints, which for appetite reade conversion, and therefore there is the lesse account to bee made of his authority, being also ignorant in the Hebrew tongue, and not regarding the Greeke relative to bee also of the masculine gender. *Hierome* also in that place, interpreteth not appetite, but society and phantasie, that *chataath* is the masculine gender, and not the feminine. Whereas it is never read but in the feminine gender, out of this place of controversy. But the text it selfe (you say) is sufficient, to convince this absurditie, because in this speech of God to *Cain*, there is no word of *Abel*. It is somewhat that you say, if this that *Moses* reporteth were all that God sayd to *Cain*, but seeing it is certaine, that God at large discoursed with him of the cause of his envy against his brother, wee may easily understand in this speech, two arguments to reprove *Caines* envy, the one of the person of God, the other of the person of *Abel*. For God doeth reprove his envy by his owne justice, and by *Abels* innocencie. Which latter argument your false translation doeth utterly suppresse. But that a Relative is referred to an Antecedent, which in the same verse is not expressed, it is no strange thing to them that reade the Scripture. Examples I will give you, *Iob.* 26. *vers.* 6. 11. and 12. and *Chap.* 27. *vers.* 9. and 10. yea it is very usuall, when the Antecedent may bee easily understood, as here, both by the gender, and also by manner of speech, which being the same that was spoken of *Eves* infirmitie and subjection to her husband, must needes here have the same sense of *Abel* towards *Caine* his elder brother. חטאת

MART. 10. *Now if against the coherence of the text, and exposition of the holy Doctours, and of the whole Church of God, you pretend the Hebrew Grammar forsooth, as not bearing such construction: not to trouble the common Reader that cannot judge of these things, and yet fully to satisfy every man even of common understanding, wee request here the Adversaries themselves to tell us truely according to their knowledge and skill, whether the Hebrew construction or poynt of Grammar bee not all one in these wordes.* Sinne LYETH at the doore? *and in these,* the desire THEREOF shall bee subject to thee, *and* thou shalt rule ouer IT. *If they say (as they must needes) that the Hebrew construction or Syntaxis is all one, then will it follow that the Hebrew beareth the one as well as the other: and therefore when the selfe same translation of theirs maketh no scruple of Grammar in the former, but translate as wee doe,* Sinne lyeth at the doore: *a blinde man may see that in the latter wordes also, the Hebrew is but a foolish pretence, and that the true cause of translating them otherwise, proceedeth of an heretical humour, to obscure and deface thus so plaine and evident Scripture for mans free-will.* חטאת רבץ אליך תשוקתו המשל בו

FVLK. 10. I have shewed before, the cause of changing the gender in the word *robets* to bee, for that by sinne is meant here the punishment of sinne. *Sanctes Pagninus* taketh the word רבץ sinne, for an oblation for sinne, And for the punishment of sinne, it is taken, *Zach.* 14. 19. The Septuaginta also doe plainely referre these Relatives unto *Abel*, and therefore they are in the masculine gender, ἀπ', the conversion of him pertaineth to thee, and thou shalt rule over him. Cap. 1 sect. 22.

MART. 11. *And as for the Hebrew Grammar in this poynt, were it not for troubling the Reader wee could tell them that the word,* sinne, *in Hebrew is not here of the feminine gender, (as they suppose) but of the masculine, so saith Saint* Hierome *expressely upon this place, who had as much knowledge in the Hebrew tongue, as all these new Doctours.* Aben Ezra *also the great Rabbine, in his Hebrew commentaries upon this text saith, it is a meere forgerie and fiction, to referre the masculine relative otherwise then to the word,* sinne: *which, though elsewhere it bee the feminine gender, yet here it is a masculine, according to that rule of the Grammarians, that the doubtfull gender must be discerned by the verbe, adjective, pronoune, or participle, joyned with the same: as the said Hebrew Doctor doeth in the word* Paradise, Gen. 2. *which there by the pronounes hee pronounceth to bee a feminine, though elsewhere a masculine. Lastly, if the word* sinne, *were here and always only a feminine, though never a masculine: yet they have little skill in the Hebrew tongue, that thinke it strange to match masculins and femininesi together in very good and grammaticall construction. Whereof they may see a whole Chapter in* Sanctes Pagninus *with this title* Fœminea masculeis juncta, *that is,* Fœminines *joyned with masculines.* q. Hebr. in Gen. Quinquaginta.

FVLK. 11. Not onely the Hebrew Grammar, but the same phrase used before, maketh plainely for our translation. That Saint *Hierome* sayth, the Hebrew is of the masculine gender, as great an Hebrician as hee was, hee may not carry the matter away with his authority, except hee bring an instance, where it is of the masculine gender. The Iewish Rabbines patrones of free-will, as ignorant of the grace of God, erre in this place, as they doe in a thousand more, and are forced to invent strange applications of the word, appetite, to make

make their ſenſe probable. How the gender of Hebrew wordes may bee found out, we are not now to learne, which becauſe you have but lately learned, you thinke all men ignorant thereof, but your ſelfe. By the Chapter of *Pagninus*, where he ſheweth that feminines are joyned to maſculines, you might learne that *chataath* is the feminine gender, although it be joyned with a participle of the maſculine gender. Who alſo might have taught you, the difference of nounes ending in *he*, *precedente camets*, to be this, that feminines have the accent in the laſt ſyllable, maſculines in the laſt ſave one, and therefore *chataath* in this place, having the accent in the laſt ſyllable, notwithſtanding the participle, which is maſculine, muſt needs be of the feminine gender.

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MART. 12. *Now for the laſt refuge, if they will ſay all this needed not, becauſe in other their Bibles, it is as wee would have it: we tell them, they muſt juſtifie and make good all their tranſlations, becauſe the people readeth all, and it abuſed by all, and all come fourth with privilédge, printed by the Queenes printer, &c. If they will not, let them confeſſe the faults, and call them in, and tell us which tranſlation or tranſlations they will ſtand unto. In the meane time they muſt be contents to heare of all indifferently, as there ſhall bee cauſe and occaſion to touch them.*

FVLK. 12. Wee tell you that we may not juſtify any fault committed in our tranſlations, but wee have reformed them (if any were eſpyed) in the latter. Nevertheleſſe thoſe faults are not ſo great, that wee neede call in all the Bibles in which is any faule, it is ſufficient that wee admoniſh the Reader in our latter editions of ſuch faults as are eſcaped in the former: eſpecially when the faults are ſuch, about which men are not agreed, as in this place, you ſhould rather commend our equity, that ſuffer ſuch tranſlations to bee in the peoples handes, in which is ſome colour of mayntaining your errours againſt us. But if you bee ſo rigorous, that a booke of Scripture may not bee read, in which there is any fault, I charge you call in your tranſlation of the new Teſtament, for therein are ſhamefull faults, and ſuch as you cannot defend or excuſe, except it bee by the fault of the Printer, whereof yet you have not admoniſhed the Reader. I will give you a taſt of ſome, and let all men judge whether they bee not intolerable faults. For they are no leſſe then detracting and taking away from the word of God. As 1 *Corin.* 14. *verſ.* 38. where both the Greeke and the Latine is, If they will learne. Your tranſlation is: If they will learne any thing. Likewiſe *Act.* 5. *verſ.* 4. where both the Greeke and Latine is: *Feſtus* anſwered that *Paul* is kept at Cæſarea: you tranſlate. *Feſtus* anſwered that *Paul* is in Cæſarea: leaving out the word (kept) as before you left out the word (will) or (deſire) which altereth the ſenſe very much. But in a place of greater moment, and in a matter of ſome controverſy, of Gods particular preordination, and fore-appoyntment, you leave out a whole clauſe *Act.* 10. *verſ.* 41. For where it is both in the Greeke and in the Latine, that God made the reſurrection of his Sonne manifeſt: not to all the people, but to the witneſſes choſen before of God, to us which did eate and drinke with him, &c. Your Engliſh tranſlation hath no more but thus: Not to all the people, but to us, who did eate and drinke with him, &c. Leaving cleane out that which is in your Latine text, *Teſtibus præordinatis à Deo.* Alſo in the Epiſtle to the Hebrewes *Chap.* 7. *verſ.* 28. where both the Greeke and your vulgar Latine hath. The Law appoynteth Prieſts, men that have infirmity, your tranſlation is, The Law appoynteth Prieſts, them that have infirmitie, leaving out *Homines*, a worde very materiall in in this place, to obſerve the oppoſition betweene the Prieſthood of men and the Prieſthood of the Sonne of God. Theſe faults in the new Teſtament being ſome of them which I by no diligent reading have obſerved, now you be admoniſhed of them, wee ſhall ſee whether you will call in your tranſlation, or commaund your diſciples to burne their bookes: If you will not, I pray you bee good Maſters to us, and let our Bibles goe abroad ſtill, for any faults wee have our ſelves amended, and admoniſhed all diligent Readers thereof by our latter tranſlations. And becauſe you cracke ſo much of the expoſition of the Doctours and of the whole Church of God againſt us: I muſt let the Reader underſtand that the whole Greeke Church which for the moſt part knew none other text but the Septuaginta, muſt needes expound the place of *Abel* as wee doe, becauſe the Greeke text is manifeſtly in the maſculine gender. And ſo doeth *Chryſoſtome in Geneſ. Hom.* 18. expound the place in theſe wordes.

Ne putes inquit licet tuum averſatus ſim ſacrificium ob pravam mentem, fratriſque oblationem acceptam habuerim ob ſanam intentionem, quod ideo primatu te deſitnam, & primogenituræ dignitatem à te auferam. Nam licet honore ego illum præcenuerim, acceptaq; fuerint illius dona, &c. Thinke not (ſaith hee) that although I have refuſed thy Sacrifice, for thy naughty minde, and have received thy brothers oblation, for his good and ſound meaning, that therefore I will deprive thee of the primacie, and take away from thee, the dignitie of the birth-right. For although I have vouchſafed him of honour, and that his gifts have beene received, yet unto thee belongeth his converſion, and thou ſhalt rule over him. And this I permitte after thy ſinne, that thou mayſt enjoy the priviledges of thy birth-right, and I commaund him to bee under thy power and dominion. You were beſt now to rayle upon (*chryſoſtome*, and charge him with hereſie, and ſchiſmaticall expoſition, contrary to the holy Doctours, and the whole Church of God, againſt free-will of man. Which becauſe it is your quarrell, you have Saint *Ambroſe* alſo your enemy' *De Caine & Abel, lib.* 2. *cap.* 7. who, although as hee read it in Latine, did thinke it muſt bee referred to him, and not to his brother, yet hee expoundeth it not of the ſtrength of free-will, but chargeth *Caine* to bee authour of his owne errour. *Culpa ipſius ad te converſio eſt:* The converſion of the fault it ſelfe is unto thee. For his brother is not added to him, but errour is aſcribed, whereof hee himſelfe is authour to himſelfe. The crime (ſaith hee) will returne upon thee, which beganne of thee. Thou haſt not whereby to accuſe neceſſity more then thine owne minde. The wickedneſſe is retorted back upon thee, thou art Prince of it. Hee ſayth well, thou art Prince of it, for impiety is the mother of ſinnes, &c. You ſee therefore, that if you could obtaine that theſe relatives were referred to him, yet your free-will were not by and by to bee builded upon the place, and that all bee not Heretikes, which draw that text to another expoſition, then ſtandeth with your good liking.

MART. 13. *Againe, they tranſlate in ſome of their Bibles againſt free-will, thus*: Chriſt when we were yet OF NO STRENGTH, dyed for the ungodly, Rom. 5. v. 6. *The Apoſtles word doeth not ſignifie that wee had no ſtrength, but that we were weake, feeble, infirme. Man was wounded in free-will, by the ſinne of Adam (as hee that in the Goſpell went downe from Hieruſalem to Ierico, which is a parable of this thing) he was not ſlaine altogether. But I ſtand not here, or in any place, to diſpute the controverſy, that is done elſewhere. Thus onely I ſay, becauſe* they falſly *hold, that free-will was altogether loſt by Adams ſinne, therefore they tranſlate accordingly,* When wee had no ſtrength. *But the Greeke word is well knowne, both in prophane Authours, and Eccleſiaſticall, and ſpecially in the new Teſtament it ſelfe, throughout, to ſignify nothing elſe, but weake, feeble, ſicke, infirme. Looke mee through the new Teſtament, wherſoever infirmity, feebleneſſe, languiſhing, and the like are ſpoken of, there is found this Greeke word to expreſſe it. What Grecian knoweth not (be he but ſimply acquainted with phraſes, and nature of wordes) what ἀσθενὴς, and ἀσθενῶς ἔχειν, doe ſignify? When the Apoſtle ſaith,* Quis infirmatur, & ego non uror? Who is weake and infirme, and I am not much grieved? *ſhall wee tranſlate,* Who is of no ſtrength, &c. *Or let them give us an inſtance, where it is certaine that this word muſt needes ſignify, of no ſtrength. Will they pretend the etymology of the word? a ridiculous and abſurd evaſion. Wee aske them of ſthenos, a word of the very ſame ſignification, which being compounded in like manner as the other, what doeth it ſignify? any thing elſe but infirmity and feebleneſſe? Yea it is ſo farre from ſignifying,* no ſtrength, *that the greateſt Grecians ſay, it is not ſpoken properly of him that for weakeneſſe keepeth his bed, which is* νοσεῖν, *but of him that is ill diſpoſed, and diſtempered in body. Yet the etymologie is all one with that word which theſe men will have to ſignify him that hath no ſtrength. And if they will needes urge the etymologie, wee tell them, that* ἀ *and* σθένος, *ſignifie* robur, *that is, great ſtrength, ſuch as is in the ſtrongeſt and ſtonteſt champions, and ſo the etymology may take place, to ſignify a man of no great ſtrength, not, of no ſtrength. But M.* Whitaker *putteth us in good hope, they will not ſtand upon etymologies.*

No. Teſt. 15 ὅτι ὢν ἀσθενὴς ἀπέθανεν.

Luk. 10.

Whitakers pag. 18.

Multi inter vos infirmi ſunt, &c.

1 Cor. 11. v 30.

Cum infirmor, tum potens ſum.

2 Cor. 12. v. 10

ſic alibi

2 Cor. 11. 29.

Sθένω & ἀ privativum.

ἀφῶρος.

ἀφορεῖν

ἀφορία.

Lexicon magnum Baſilea.

ἀσθένεια τὸ τὴν φύσιν.

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FVLK. 13. This cavill is fully anſwered, *Chap.* 1. *Sect.* 26. therefore I will not ſpend many words here about it. The word ἀσθενὴς we know ſignifyeth weake, that is, of ſmal ſtrength, and ſometimes ſo weake, that there is no ſtrength: as *Galat.* 4. where Saint *Paul* calleth the ceremonies of *Moſes* Law, now expired, the weake and beggarly elements, that is, voyde of all ſtrength and riches. Likewiſe the Apoſtle to the Hebrewes, *Chap.* 7. ſaith, the commandement of the Aaronicall Prieſthood is aboliſhed, διὰ τὸ ἀσθενὲς, becauſe it was weake and unprofitable without Chriſt: as unprofitable is voyde of profit, ſo is weake voyde of ſtrength. Saint *Paul*, 1 *Cor.* 15. ſaith, our dead body is ſowed in weakeneſſe: Is there any ſtrength of a dead body? Moreover, *Rom.* 8. that which was impoſſible by the Law, ἐν ᾧ ἠσθένει, by meanes it was weake, is not that voyde of ſtrength to ſave us, which hath no poſſibility to doe any thing? Theſe inſtances may ſerve to proove, that ἀσθενὴς may ſignify that which is ſo weake, that it hath no ſtrength. Vpon the etymology alone wee ſtand not. But where you ſay, that man was wounded in free-will, by the ſinne of *Adam*, not ſlayne altogether, (grounding your aſſertion upon a fond and falſe allegory, of him that fell among theeves, which is no parable of a man in this caſe, but of a man in neceſſity to bee helped by right of neighbourhood) I pray you, how came man to bee dead altogether in ſinnes? *Eph.* 2. *Col.* 2. and in many other places of the Scripture. Beſide is there any freedome of will to godlineſſe, remaining in them that are altogether dead in ſinne? But we are not now to handle controverſies, but tranſlations, as you doe well admoniſh us.

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MART. 14. *When they have bereaved and spoyled a man of his free-will, and left him without all strength, they goe so farre in this point, that* they say, *the regenerate themselves have not free-will and ability, no not by and with the grace of God, to keepe the Commandements. To this purpose they translate (*1 Iohn 5.3.*) thus:* His Commandements are not grievous, *rather then thus,* His Commandements are not heavy; *for in saying,* they are not heavy, *it would follow, they might be kept and observed: but in saying,* they are not grievous, *that may be true, were they never so heavy, or impossible, through patience. As when a man cannot doe as hee would, yet it grieveth him not, being patient and wise, because hee is content to doe as hee can, and is able. Therefore doe they chuse to translate, that the commandements are not grievous, where the Apostle saith rather, they are not heavy, much more agreeably to our Saviours wordes,* My burden is light; *and to the words of God by* Moses, Deut. 30. This commandement which I command thee this day, is not above thee, (*that is, beyond thy reach*) but the word is very neere thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayst doe it: *and to the common signification of the Greeke word, which is,* heavy. Beza *would say somewhat in his Commentary, how the Commandements are heavy or light, but his conclusion is against free-will, and that there can bee no perfection in this life, inveighing against them that would prove it out of this place: which is as much to say, (but he is ashamed to speake plainely) that wee cannot keepe the Commandements; which the holy Doctours have long since condemned and abhorred, as most absurd, that God should command that, under paine of damnation, which is impossible to bee done.*

Beza in annot. Rom 2.27.

Mandata ejus gravia non sunt οὐ βαρεῖαι. Beza. לא נפלאה ממך

LVK. 14. Seeing our English word grievous commeth of the Latine word *grave*, which is not onely weighty, but also troublesome, it better answereth both the Greeke and the Latine, then heavy, which is properly that which is of great weight, and the same word being both in Greeke and Latine, 2 *Corin.* 10. you your selves translate sore: his Epistles are sore and vehement: but in effect there is no great difference. Wee acknowledge that his Commandements are not heavy to him that is borne of God, which overcommeth the world by faith; otherwise the yoake of the Law, as the Apostle confesseth, is such a burden, as neither wee nor our Fathers were able to beare, but beleeve to bee saved by the grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, who having taken away the curse of the Law, and satisfyed for our transgressions of the Law, hath also given us grace to love the Law and Commaundements of God, and in some weake measure to observe them. So that the curse being taken away, our transgressions answered in Christ, and our hearts framed by his grace, to love his Commandements, and some strength given us to keepe them, they are not heavy, they are not burdenous, or grievous. That which God speaketh, *Deut.* 30. is of the knowledge of the Law, which was plainely revealed, and not of the strength that men have to keepe it, and therefore is by the Apostle referred unto faith, for the observation thereof, *Rom.* 10. for by faith in Christ, which hath fulfilled the Law for us, wee are accounted to have fulfilled it in him. *Beza* speaketh it Plainely enough, if you had grace to understand him, and therefore is nothing ashamed to say, that wee cannot keepe the Commandements of God not onely without the Grace of God, but neither having the grace of God in such measure, as God giveth it to no man but that hee sinneth. Otherwise, what grace God is able to give, wee doubt not; but what hee doeth, and will give to any man in this life wee speake. That God should command under paine of damnation, that which is impossible to bee done, is no absurdity, seeing for them, whom God will have to be saved, he provided another way of their salvation, then by keeping the Law, namely the redemption of Christ. As for the reprobate voyd of Gods grace, say you (if you dare) that they are able to keepe the Law without grace, or without grace have so much as any will to desire to have grace.

βαρεῖαι.

MART. 15. *Thus having taken away free-will to doe good, and possibility to keepe the Commandements, and all merit or value and efficacy of good workes, their next conclusion is, that wee have no true justice or righteousnesse in us, but an imputative justice, that is, Christs justice imputed to us, be wee never so foule and filthy in our soules, so that we beleeve onely, and by faith apprehend Christs justice. For this purpose, they corrupt the Scriptures in their English Bibles, thus.*

FVLK. 15. The justice whereby wee are accounted just in the sight of God, is not inherent in us, but in Christ, which is the Lord our righteousnesse, *Ier.* 23. Notwithstanding it is the onely true justice, and wee are truely just by it. And yet wee are not voyd of the spirit of sanctification, which is a fruit and consequent of justification, by which wee have grace to withstand sinne, and to worke righteousnesse, not whereby we should be made righteous, before God, but whereby we are declared to be righteous in part, untill the body of sinne being abolished, we shall be wholly renewed according to the image of God.

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Chap. XI.

Heretically translation for Imputative Iustice against true inherent Iustice.

One place might suffice, in stead of many, where Beza doth protest, that his adding or alteration of the text, is specially against the execrable errour of inherent iustice, *which (hee saith) is to bee avoided as nothing more. His false translation, then, our English Bezites and Calvinists follow in their Bibles:* Likewise then as by the offence of one, *the fault came* on al men to condemnation; so by the iustifying of one, *the benefit abounded* toward all men to the iustification of life. *Where there are added to the text of the Apostle, six words, and the sense so wilfully and voluntarily, that by the three first, they make the Apostle say, sinne came on all men by Adam, and they were made sinners indeed, by the three latter, they make him say, not that iustice or righteousnesse came likewise on all men by Christ, to make them iust indeed, but that the benefit of Christs iustice abounded towards them, as being imputed forsooth unto them. Whereas, if they would needs adde to the text, (which yet is intolerable, so much, and in so doubtfull a case) they should at the least have made the case equall, as the Apostle himselfe teacheth them to doe, in the very next sentence, saying thus:* For as by one mans disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many also bee made righteous. *So they translate, rather than,* bee made iust: *for they are the lothest men in the world, to say that wee are made iust, for feare of iustice inherent in us, though the Scripture bee never so plaine. As here wee see the Apostle maketh the case like, that we are made iust by Christ, as we were made sinners by Adam.*

Annot. in Rom. 5.18.

Rom. 5.

FVLKE.

This one place is delivered from your vaine cavillation, *Cap. 1. Sect. 23.* When the sentence is eccliptical or defective, they that will translate to have it understood, must needs supply the words that are wanting: and where shall they find what words are lacking, but in the same place, and in the treatie of the same matter? It appeareth you had rather the text had no sense, than that it might seeme to make against your blasphemy of iustice inherent. As for that fond quarrell of yours, that they bee not iust indeed, to whom the iustice of Christ (which you like an hell-hound doe scorne at) is imputed, deserveth no answer. For who is such a blocke, to say or thinke, that those whom God doth iustifie, are not made iust indeed? Was not *Abraham* iust indeed, when God imputed his faith unto iustice? Is not he made rich indeed, which is made rich by another mans gift? Christ is given unto us of God, to bee iustice, wisedome, sanctification, and in him we are iust, wise, and holy, not in our owne righteousnes, wisedome, or holines. As for adding to the text, God knoweth how we abhorre it; but adding of words which doe explicate the sense of the holy Ghost, is no addition forbidden, for then all preaching were accursed, which is, or ought to bee nothing else, but an explaining and setting forth of the word of God, in more words, the matter whereof (though in fewer words) is contained in the Scripture. And if we speake of adding of words in translation, have I not shewed before, that you have added many? some indeed upon necessary cause, and some without necessitie. What needed you to say, for *Pœnitirent*, they had done penance, *Luk.* 10. for in *omnibus bonis*, in all his goods, *Gen.* 6. for *separamini*, separate your selues, 2 *Cor.* 6. &c. To say wee are iustified, and to say wee are made iust, is all one: and therefore I marvell why you thinke us loth to say the one, rather than the other. Is any man so senseless to thinke wee can say, a man is made righteous, and dare not say, hee is made iust? I tell you plainely, we defie the heresie of righteousnesse inherent, as much as of iustice inherent. We are iust, wee are righteous in the sight of God, not by the iustice or righteousnesse of our workes, but by the iustice or righteousnesse of Christ imputed to us through faith. And wee are made iust by Christ, as wee were made sinners by *Adam*, in some respect, but not in every respect, for the Apostle maketh a broad difference betweene the transgression and the benefit, *Rom.* 5. *v.* 15. and other differences there bee, which none, but a Pe-

lagian will deny. Nay *Pelagius* will not say, that wee are iust by Christ according to propagation, but according to faith.

MART. 2. *And it is a world to see, how* Beza *shifteth from one signification of the word* iustified, *or* made iust, *to another. Sometime to be iustified, is to be pronounced quit from all sinne, or declared iust before Gods iudgement seat, and so hee translateth it in the text,* Act. 13. v. 39. *and as though his guiltie conscience were afraid of a blow, he saith he fleeth not the termes of iustifying or iustification, because he vseth it in other places. Hee doth so indeed, but then his commentarie suppleeth the turne, as* Rom. 2. v. 13. Not the hearers of the Law are RIGHTEOVS before God (*so they delight to translate, rather than* IVSTIFIED before God) but the doers of the Law shall bee IVSTIFIED, *that is (saith* Beza) shall be pronounced iust. *The Apostle must needs say by the coherence and consequence of his words, not the hearers are iust, but the doers shall be iust or iustified. Beza will in no case have it so, but either in text or commentarie make the Apostle say as himselfe imagineth. Yet in another place hee protesteth very solemnly, that to be iustified, is not to be pronounced or accounted iust, but rather to be iust indeed; and that he proveth out of S.* Paul, Rom. 5. v. 19. *who maketh it all one,* to be iustified, *and* to bee made iust. *And againe by this reason, that it should bee manifestly repugnant to Gods iustice, to account him for iust, that is not iust, and therefore that man indeed is made iust. Thus* Beza. *Would you not thinke he were come to bee of our opinion? But he revolteth againe, and interpreteth all those goodly words in his old sense, saying.* Not that any qualitie is inwardly given unto us, of which wee are named iust, but because the iustice of Christ is imputed to us by faith freely. *By faith then at the least we are truely iustified. Not so neither, but faith (saith he) is an instrument wherewith wee apprehend Christ our iustice. So that wee have no more iustice in us, than we have glory: for glory also we apprehend by faith.*

Iustificata. Iustificatur. Iustificatur. Iusti pronunciabuntur. Annot. Ro. 3. v. 20. Iustificatus. Iustum nabiliudus. Non quasi nobis indatur qualitas. Annot. in Ro. 4. v. 2.

VLK. 2. All learned men (I hope) doe see that you haue no regard how vainely you cavill: so you may seeme to the ignorant to say something against them that be godly and learned, *Act.* 13. *v.* 39. *Beza* translateth δικαιοῦται, *absolvi*, that is (saith hee) to bee declared iust, or absolved; and giveth this reason why hee vseth not the word *iustificari* in that place, which hee vseth elsewhere: *Ne quis illud ab omnibus perinde acciperet, ac si casus esset modi, aut instrumenti, per quod iustificemur, id est, iusti fiamus, ac pronunciemur, aut pro iustis habeamur, hoc quidem loco malui absolvendi verbum vsurpare, ut magis perspicua esset oratio:* Least any man should take this word of the text, *ab omnibus*, as though it were the case of the meane, or instrument by which wee are iustified, that is, made and pronounced iust, or accounted for iust; in this place I chose rather to use the word of absolving, that the sentence might bee more cleare. The Latine *ab omnibus*, may signifie by all things, or from all things. Therefore least any man should mistake the Apostle, as though hee said wee are iustified by all those things, where hee meaneth wee are iustified from all things, *Beza* in this place vseth the word of absolving or acquitting, in the same sense that hee doth iustifying in other places, where hee speaketh of the same matter, and saith as plainely as a man can speake, that to bee iustified, and to bee made iust, or pronounced, or accounted iust before God, is all one. Yet our *Momus* findeth fault with him, for expounding to bee iustified, *Rom.* 2. *v.* 13. to bee pronounced iust, as though God will pronounce any man iust, which is not iust indeed. But *Beza* (hee saith) elsewhere protesteth, that to bee iustified, is not to bee pronounced or accounted iust, but rather to bee iust indeed. If *Martin* had not belied *Beza*, wee should haue had *Bezaes* words set downe, both in Latine and English. But in truth *Beza* hath no such words: yet in sense hee hath thus much, that to bee iustified before God, is to bee iust indeede, and not to bee onely pronounced or accounted iust, when hee is not so indeede. But that wee are made truely iust indeede, by the iustice of Christ, which is imputed unto us freely by faith. And as for that new life or iustice which is called inherent in us, it is not the cause, but the witnesse of that iustice, by imputation of which wee are saved, following him that is iustified, and not going before iustification: and faith indeede, in the instrument by which wee apprehend Christ our iustice. Neither doth *Beza* say, that wee are not truely iustified by faith, but that faith is not the principall efficient cause, which is the mercy of God, but the instrumentall cause, by which wee take hold of the mercy of God in Christ. In all this, *Beza* hath said nothing contrary to himselfe, nor to the trueth. And it is no absurditie to say, that the iustice of Christ, by which wee are iustified, is no more inherent in us, than his glory; and yet both assured unto us by faith. As for that iustice, which is an effect of Gods sanctifying spirit, and a fruite of our iustification before God, by which also wee are iustified, or declared iust before men, as Saint *Iames* teacheth, is inherent in us, as also the first fruites of glorification; by that peace of conscience, and ioy that wee haue in God, being reconciled to us by Christ.

Pro iustificatis, ἐις δικαιοσύνην. Vice of locc.

MART. 3. *For this purpose both hee and the English Bibles translate thus:* Abraham beleeved God, and it was reputed to him FOR IVSTICE, Rom. 4. *v.* 3. & 9. *Where hee, interpreteth,* for iustice, *to be nothing else but,* in the steede and place of iustice: *so also taking away true inherent iustice even from* Abraham *himselfe. But to admit their translation (which notwithstanding in their sense is most false) must it needes signifie, not true inherent iustice, because the Scripture saith, it was reputed for iustice? Doe such speeches import, that it is not so indeed, but onely reputed so? Then if we say, This shall bee reputed to thee for sinne: for a great benefit, and so foorth: it should signifie, it is no sinne indeed, nor great benefit. But let them call to minde, that the Scripture vseth to speake of sinne and of iustice alike. It shall be sinne in thee, or unto thee, as they translate Bibl.* 1577. *or as Saint* Hierome *translateth, it shall be reputed to thee for sinne, Deut.* c. 23. & 24. *and (as themselves translate) it shall bee righteousnesse unto thee, before the Lord thy God. And againe* Deut. c. 6. This shall bee our righteousnesse before the Lord our God, if wee keepe all the commandements, as hee hath commanded vs. *If then iustice onely be reputed, sinne also is onely reputed: if sinne bee in us indeed, iustice is in us indeed.*

Reputabitur tibi in peccatum. חטאה תחשב לך אם תשמר את כל המצוה הזאת לעשתה לפני יהוה אלהיך כאשר דבר אליך צדקה תהיה לנו

FVLK. 3. Our translation taketh not from *Abraham* true iustice, nor yet iustice inherent, but declareth that hee was not iustified before God by workes, that is by iustice inherent, but by faith which apprehendeth the iustice of Christ, which is altogether without us. And therefore you cavill in your old rotten quarrell, when you goe about to make reputed to bee contrary to truth, or indeed. Faith was reputed by God to *Abraham* for iustice indeede, but not as iustice inherent. And *Abrahams* was truely iustified by faith as by an instrumentall cause, not that faith was the iustice by which hee was iust in the sight of God, excluding all other causes: but there was nothing in *Abraham* but faith which God accompted for iustice. But *Abrahams* faith embraced the mercie of God in the promised seede, in which as well hee, as all the Tribes of the earth should be blessed. The places of Scripture that you cite speaking of sinne and iustice alike, bee not contrary to the imputation of iustice unto them in which it is not inherent. For in neither of both places the holy Ghost vseth the word of imputation, howsoever Saint *Hierome* translateth it, but the verbe substantiue. And the meaning is plaine. It shall bee sinne in thee: for sinne is indeede inherent, as perfect iustice also should bee if wee could observe all the commandements of God, as *Moses* saith, *Deut.* 6. and wee should bee iustified thereby. But by one iust act whereof *Moses* speaketh, *Deut.* 24. though it proceede of iustice that is in us, the Scripture never saith that wee shall bee iustified. To conclude, wee confesse, that both sinne and iustice are in the children of God, but not that iustice, whereby they are reputed iust or iustified, or made iust before God, but an effect or fruite thereof.

Origen in Matth. Photini. Δικαιοῦται γὰρ οὐ μόνον τὸ ἐν ἡμῖν ἔργον, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ ἐν τῷ θεῷ. Δικαιοῦται δὲ ἐν ἡμῖν τὸ ἐν τῷ θεῷ. Δικαιοῦται δὲ ὁ ἄνθρωπος.

MART. 4. *Against the Greeke fathers make it plaine,* that to bee reputed unto iustice, *is to be true iustice indeed, interpreting Saint* Pauls *word in Greeke, thus:* Abraham obtained iustice, Abraham was iustified. *For that is, say they:* It was reputed him to iustice. *Doth not Saint* Iames *say the like* (cap. 2. vers. 23.) *testifying, that in that* Abraham *was iustified by faith and workes, the Scripture was fulfilled, that saith,* it was reputed him to iustice? *Gen.* cap. 15. *v.* 6. *In which words of* Genesis, *where these words were first written by* Moses, *in the Hebrew, there is not,* for iustice, *or* in steed of iustice, *(which* Beza *pleadeth upon, by the Hebrew phrase) but thus,* He (*God*) reputed it unto him, iustice, *though here also the English Bibles adde,* for *Which precisely translating the Hebrew they should not doe, specially when they meane it was so counted or reputed for iustice, that it was no iustice indeede.*

FVLK. 4. I know not against whom you fight, but against your owne shadow. For wee say, that to bee iustified, and bee reputed iust, and to obtaine iustice, is all one in this case. But whicie Saint *Iames* saith, that *Abraham* was iustified by workes, hee meaneth, that hee was declared iust before men, even as hee saith, shew mee thy faith by thy workes, for *Abraham* was not iustified by a dead faith, but by a working faith: and yet hee was not iustified before God by workes, but the Scripture was fulfilled which said, *Abraham* beleeved God, and it was reputed to him for iustice, which is as Saint *Paul* expoundeth it, *Abraham* was iustified before God, by faith, and not by workes. But in *Gen.* 15. *v.* 6. there is not the preposition (for) or (in steed) but simply iustice, therefore it should bee translated hee reputed it to him iustice. And will you then controule both the Apostles, *Paul* and *Iames*, for adding the preposition εἰς, which signifieth unto, or for? Or will not common sense inforce the same understanding that both the Apostles doe giue it: Hee reputed it to him as iustice, or for iustice. Must not such particles in translation bee alwayes expressed, to make the sense plaine, which in English without the particle, hath no sense or understanding? To translate precisely out of the Hebrew, is not to observe the number of words, but the perfect sense and meaning of them, in fewer or more words, as the

phrase of our tongue will serue to bee vnderstood: or else 2. *Cor.* 8. *qui multum*, why doe you translate, hee that had much? and, *qui modicum non minoravit*, hee that had little wanted not? you should haue said which much, and which little not lesse, if you would haue given word for word, and not added any word for explication. Againe 2. *Cor.* 1. *Supra virtutem*, aboue our power, why adde you (our) which is not in the text? and indeede not necessarie to bee added in the translation? Againe, 1. *Cor.* 13. *Euacuauit quæ erant parvuli*, I did away the things that belonged to a little one. Here for foure Latine words you haue given ten or eleven English words, which no reasonable man can greatly mislike, if you were not such a quarreller at other mens doing, without all cause, or wise colour, but onely to bleare the eyes of the ignorant.

MART. 5. *But as for either the Hebrew or Greeke word, that is here vsed, to* repute, *or* account, *they are then vsed, when it must needs signifie, that the thing is so indeed, and not onely so reputed, as* Psal. 118. *alleuario* SAMECH. I haue reputed or accounted all the sinners of the earth, prevaricators *or* transgressors. Prævaricantes reputaui. *So did the Septuagints take the Hebrew word, and read it. And Saint* Paul, So let a man repute *or* account us as the Ministers of Christ. *Let them goe now and say, that neither they, were sinners indeed, nor those, Christs Ministers indeed, because they were reputed for such, let them say the children of the promise were not the seede of* Abraham, *because the Apostle saith,* Rom. 9. v. 8. they are reputed for the seede. *But howsoeuer it be, the Protestants will haue it so to bee taken, as the least in the matter of iustification.*

חשכח ἐμαυτὸν λογιζόμενος. So. 1 Cor. 3. λογίζεται. εἰς αἴτιαμα.

FVLK. 5. Silence were the best answere to these tedious repetitions. It were sufficient once to say among reasonable men. When faith is reputed by God, or accounted for iustice, faith is truly and indeed the instrumentall cause of iustification, or apprehending the iustice of Christ, by which wee are accounted and made iust in the sight of God. It is therefore a most ridiculous cavill of the difference betweene reputing iust, and being iust indeed. For God when he iustifieth the ungodly, doth both repute him, and make him iust indeed, by the iustice of Christ, of his owne meere mercy, and not of the mans merits, or by iustice inherent. For what iustice can be in an ungodly man? and such is every one of us, whom God doth iustifie, and then giue us his holy spirit, to sanctifie us in newnesse of life to set forth his glory in our holy and blamelesse conversation.

MART. 6. *Againe, where Saint* Paul *saith,* 2 *Cor.* 5. That wee might be made the iustice of God in him: *they in their first translations, intolerably corrupt it thus*: That we by his meanes should be that righteousnesse, which BEFORE GOD IS ALLOVVED. *Who taught them to translate so dissolutely,* Iustitia Dei, the righteousnesse which before God is allowed? *did not their errour and heresie, which is, that God reputeth and accounteth us for iust, though we be indeed most foule sinners, and that our iustice being none at all in us, yet is allowed and accepted before him for iustice and righteousnesse?*

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FVLK. 6. There is no text in all the Bible more cleare against iustification by iustice inherent, than this 2. *Corinth.* 5. wherein not altogether causelesse you reproue our first interpreters to translate dissolutely. There it is certaine they had no such purpose as you ascribe unto them. For their translation doth rather obscure than set out our iustification by the iustice which is not in us, but in Christ. The text is therefore plaine: him that knew no sinne, hee made sinne for us, that wee might become the iustice of God in him, that is in Christ, and not in our selues. For though we be in deed most foule sinners, and all our iustice bee (as the Prophet saith) as a menstruous cloth: yet in Christ hee washeth and cleanseth us from our sinnes, and repuring his iustice as ours, hee maketh us truely iust before him, not having our owne iustice which is of the Law, but the iustice which is by faith of Iesus Christ, the iustice which is of God through faith. Where you charge us to affirme, that our iustice being none at all in us, yet is allowed and accepted before him for iustice and righteousnesse, it is no assertion of ours, but a dogged slaunder of your owne.

Philip. 3.

MART. 7. *Againe to this purpose: they make Saint* Paul *say that God* hath made us accepted, *or* freely accepted *in his beloued Sonne as they make the Angell in Saint* Luke *say to our Lady,* Haile freely beloued: *to take away all grace inherent and resident in the blessed Virgin, or in us: whereas the Apostles word signifieth, that wee are truely made gracious or gratefull and acceptable, that is to say, that our soule is inwardly endued and beautified with grace and the vertues proceeding thereof, and consequently is holy indeed before the sight of God, and not onely so accepted and reputed, as they imagine. If they know not the true signification of the Greeke word, and if their heresie will suffer them to learne it, let them heare Saint* Chrysostome *not onely a famous Greeke Doctor, but an excellent Interpreter of all Saint* Pauls *Epistles: wherein this place putteth such force, and significancie in the Greeke word, that he saith thus by an allusion and distinction of words*: Hee said not, WHICH HATH GIVEN VS, *but*, WHEREIN HEE MADE

1 Eph. v. 6. ἐχαρίτωσεν. ἐν ᾧ ἐχαρίτωσε.

MADE VS GRATEFVLL, that is, not onely delivered us from sinne, but also made us beloued and amiable, made our soule beautifull, gratefull, such as the Angels and Archangels are desirous to see, and such as himselfe is in loue withall, according to that in the *Psalme*, THE KING SHALL DESIRE, *or* BEE IN LOVE WITH THY BEAVTIE. *So Saint* Chrysostome, *and after him* Theophylact, *who with many moe wordes and similitudes explicate this Greeke word, and this making of the soule gracious and beautifull inwardly, truely, and inherently.*

FVLK. 7. Wee make Saint *Paul* say no otherwise, than hee saith in deed: ἐχαρίτωσε, hee hath made us accepted, or hee hath freely accepted us in his beloved sonne. And so wee truely say, the blessed Virgin *Mary* was freely accepted, or freely beloved. But this taketh not away the gracious gifts of God, which the blessed Virgin in most plentifull manner was, and wee in some measure are indued by his grace and fauour, which also God loueth in us, because they bee his gifts, and because hee loueth us freely in his beloued sonne, whom alwayes you forget, when you speake of iustice, or acceptation before God. For that being sanctified by his spirit, wee are holy indeed, though not perfectly, as sanctification is begunne, and not consummate in this life: for if it were, wee should bee voide of sinne, and death, wee doe thankefully acknowledge, yet those vertues wherewith our soule is inwardly indued and beautified, are not the cause that iustifieth us, or maketh us acceptable in Gods sight; but onely his mercy in Iesus Christ; for whose sake also, hee accepteth this unperfect holinesse and righteousnesse, which is in us by his grace and gift, rewarding the same for his sake also with everlasting glory. And nothing else doth *Chrysostome* say, or meane in the place by you cited, about whom you make so many wordes; that you might bee thought, by giving him his due praise, to haue him as it were bound to you, to mainetaine your unrighteous cause. But *Chrysostome* careth not for your commendation, and that which hee saith, maketh nothing for iustice inherent, by which wee should bee iustified: for hee saith not so much, as that our soule is made amiable and beautifull by vertues and good qualities infused by his grace, much lesse that for such qualities inherent in us, GOD should iustifie us, but hee hath made us acceptable in Christ, amiable, and beautifull, and louely to the Angells: some effect of which grace, also appeareth in our life and conversation to the praise of God, and good example of men.

MART. 8. *And I would gladly know of the Aduersaries, if the like Greeke wordes be not of that forme and nature, to signifie so much as,* to make worthy, to make meete: *and whether he whom God maketh worthy, or meete, or gratefull, iust, and holy, bee not so in very deede, but by acceptation onely; if not indeed, then God maketh him no better then hee was before, but onely accepteth him for better: if he be so indeed, then the Apostles word signifieth not, to make accepted, but to make such an one as being by Gods grace sanctified and iustified, is worthy to be accepted, for such puritie, vertue, and iustice, as is in him.*

ἀξιῶσαι. ἀξιῶσαι. χαριτῶσαι.

FVLK. 8. I haue told you before, that ἀξιῶσαι, signifieth not to make worthy; but to account worthy, for many a man may desire (vsing this verbe) to bee accounted worthy of him, which cannot make him worthy, but in his owne iudgement and account. But where you demand further, whether hee whom God maketh meete, worthy, gratefull, iust, holy, bee not so indeed, but by acceptation onely: I answere, those whom hee accepteth for worthy, meete, iust, holy, gratefull, are not so indeed: but then it is further to bee knowne, whether they bee such in themselues, or in Christ. Wee say they are not such in themselues, but in Christ. Then are they made nothing better (say you) in themselues. Yes verily, as soone as they are accepted to bee Gods children, and the iustice of Christ is imputed to them through faith, they receiue the spirit of adoption, which renueth them in the inward man, and beginneth in them holinesse, and iustice, puritie, vertue: but because all these qualities are unperfect, they are not worthy in Gods iustice to be accepted for them, but the cause of their acceptation, is still the mercy of God in Christ, in whom both they, and their unperfect good qualities are accepted to reward.

MART. 9. *Againe, for this purpose* (Dan. 6. 22.) *they will not translate according to Chaldee, Greeke and Latine,* Iustice was found in me: *but they alter it thus,* My iustice was found out: *and other of them,* My vnguiltinesse was found out: *to draw it from inherent iustice, which was in* Daniel.

δικαιοσύνη εὑρέθη ἐν ἐμοί. זכו חש חברת לי

FVLK. 9. I can but wonder at your impudence and malice, which say so confidently, that for this purpose they translated thus: Would any man by the iustice, or innocencie that was in *Daniel*, or in any iust man, feare lest any thing should bee detracted from the iustice of Christ, whereby *Daniel*, and all iust men, are iustified in Gods sight? Well, let that purpose rest in Gods iudgement, as *Daniels* iustice did, when hee was shamefully slandered. But what is the fault of the translation? According to the Chaldee, Greeke, and Latine, it should be, Iustice is found in mee. For Greeke and Latine, we will not contend, because

because wee translate not *Daniel* out of Greeke, and Latine, but out of the Chaldee. But in good sadnesse, are you so deepely seene in Chaldee, that you will avouch the proper signification of לא to bee in mee. A hundreth boyes in *Cambridge* know, that it signifieth as well in Chaldee, as in Hebrew, to mee, rather than in mee. But most properly haue our translators expressed the phrase in English, saying, my justice, or unguiltinesse was found out: for of a vertue inherent, *Daniel* speaketh otherwise, *Dan* 2. v. 30. to the King דיֹ אתרי בי לאכחכמה לא בחכמתי not by wisedome, which is in mee. So that here your quarrell bewrayeth more spite than wit, more malice than learning.

MART. 10. *Against us must needs bee a spot of the same infection, that they translate thus,* As David DESCRIBETH the blessednesse of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousnesse, *Rom.* 4. 6. *as though imputed righteousnesse were the* description *of blessednesse. They know the Greeke doth not signifie,* to describe. *I would once see them precise in following the Greeke, and the Hebrew, if not, wee must looke to their fingers.* λέγει τὸν μακαρισμὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

FVLK. 10. It must needs come of an high wit, to haue such deepe insight into other mens intents, and purposes. But why I pray you, is not righteousnesse imputed by God, &c. and so foorth, as *Paul* saith, a description of mans blessednesse. If they had said, defineth. where they say, describeth, you would haue made much adoe. But can you not allow this, that the Prophet saith, to bee a description of mans blessednesse? howsoever it is, λέγει signifieth not to describe, but to speake, to say, to pronounce, and in effect, there is nothing else meant by the word described, here vsed, but that *David* pronounceth or setteth foorth the blessednesse of man in such words. You in your translation, say, *termeth*, as *David* termeth, which if you meane it not scornefully, commeth as neere a definition, as, describeth, the word which wee use, and our, describeth, is as neere the Greeke λέγω, as your, termeth, is to the Latine *dicit*. But looke to our fingers, and spare not to tell us where you see us goe wide from the Greeke or Hebrew, but if you doe nothing but trifle and quarrell, as you haue done hetherto, bee sure wee will be bold to beshrew your fingers, and hit you on the thumbes now and then also to your discredit.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XII.

Hereticall translation for SPECIALL FAITH, vaine securitie, and ONELY FAITH.

ALL other meanes of salvation being thus taken away, their onely and extreame refuge is, Onely faith, and the same not the Christian faith of the Articles of the Creede, and such like, but a speciall faith and confidence, whereby every man must assuredly beleeue, that himselfe is the sonne of God, and one of the Elect, and predestinate to salvation. If hee bee not by faith as sure of this as of CHRISTS incarnation, hee shall never bee saved.

FVLKE.

ALL other meanes of salvation being taken away, and onely faith apprehending the mercie of God in the redemption of Iesus Christ, being left, wee haue great and sufficient cause, to account our selues happy, and assured of eternall life, because hee that hath promised, is faithfull also to performe. But where you say that our onely faith, is not the Christian faith of the Articles of the Creede you lye without measure impudently: for that faith, and none other doe wee beleeue, teach, and professe. And that faith is a speciall faith and confidence in the mercie of God, whereof every man that beleeveth, doth make a singular confession for himselfe, saying, I beleeue in God, &c. And of all things contained in that profession of faith (that is, of forgiuenesse of sinnes, resurrection of our bodies, and life everlasting, by beliefe and trust in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, conceived, borne, suffered

fered, crucified, dead, and buried, descended into hell, risen againe, and ascended into heaven, and in God the holy Ghost, by whose gracious and mighty working wee are incorporate into the body of Christ, and made members of his holy Catholike Church, which is the Communion of Saints) every Christian man ought to bee as certainely perswaded, as the things are most true, being inwardly taught by the spirit of truth, that hee is the childe of God, and consequently elect, and predestinate unto eternall salvation. But that a man shall never bee saved, except hee haue such certaintie of this faith, as the truth of Gods promises doth deserue, none of us doth teach, none of us doth thinke. For wee know our owne infirmitie, wee know the temptation of Satan, nevertheless wee acknowledge in our selues, and so seeke to perswade all men, that these things standing upon the immoveable pillars of Gods promises, who can neither deceiue nor be deceived, ought to bee most certaine unto us; and for daily confirmation and increase of this faith, all those meanes are of us diligently to bee vsed, that God for this purpose in his holy Scripture hath appointed.

MART. 2. For this heresie, they force the Greeke to expresse the very word of assurance and certaintie, thus: Let us draw nigh with a true heart, IN ASSVRANCE OF FAITH, Heb. 10. v. 22. and Beza Certa persuasione fidei, that is, with a certaine and assured perswasion of faith: interpreting himselfe more at large in another place, that hee meaneth thereby such a perswasion and so effectuall, as by which wee know assuredly without all doubt, that nothing can separate us from God. Which their heretically meaning, maketh their translation the lesse tolerable, because they neither expresse the Greeke precisely, nor intend the true sense of the Apostle: they expresse not the Greeke, which signifieth properly the fulnesse and complement of any thing, and therefore the Apostle ioyneth it sometime with faith, elsewhere, (Heb. 6. v. 11.) with hope, with knowledge, or (* Col. 2. v. 2.) understanding, to signifie the fulnesse of all three; as the vulgar Latine Interpreter most sincerely (* Rom. 4. v. 21.) alwayes translateth it, and to Timothie (* 2 Tim. 4) hee vseth it to signifie the full accomplishment and execution of his ministerie in every point. Where a man may wonder, that Beza to maintaine his conceived signification of this word, translateth here also accordingly thus: Ministerij tui plenam fidem facito: but their more current Church English Bibles are content to say with the vulgar Latine Interpreter, Fulfil thy ministerie; or, Fulfill thine office to the utmost. And the Greeke Fathers doe finde no other interpretation. Thus, when the Greeke signifieth fulnesse of faith, rather than assurance or certaine perswasion, they translate not the Greeke precisely. Againe, in the sense they erre much more, applying the foresaid words to the certaine and assured faith that every man ought to haue (as they say) of his owne salvation. Whereas the Greeke Fathers expound it of the full and assured faith that every faithfull man must haue of all such things in heaven as hee seeth not, namely that Christ is ascended thither, &c. adding further, and proving out of the Apostles words next following, that the Protestants * onely faith is not sufficient, bee it never so speciall or assured.

τὸ πληροφορεῖσθαι. annot. in 1. Luk. v. 1.

πληροφορεῖν ἢ πλήρωσιν. * πληροφορεῖσθαι ἢ σωτηρίας. * πληροφορηθῆς. plenissimè sciens. * πληροφόρησον. Ministerium tuum implete. Ann 1577. Ann 1562. Ignat. ep. Smyr. Ἐκκλησία δεῖ πάσῃ πληροφορίαν εἶναι πίστεως ὡς ἀγάπης, ἢ πλήροφορία πίστεως. Christ. Theodor. Theophyl. upon Ro. 10.

FVLK. 2. Having nothing to impugne this cleare interpretation of the Greeke word πληροφορία, but the unperfect translation of your vulgar Latine Interpreter, who was both an unperfect Grecian, and a very barbarous Latinist, you are not ashamed to say, wee force the Greeke, to make it signifie assurance; which all men that are but meanely learned in the Greeke tongue, may know that it signifieth assurance, or full and certaine perswasion. Although for the question in controversie, the fulnesse of faith will proue the certaintie, as much in a manner, as the assurance. But that the Greeke signifieth a full and certaine perswasion, I report mee not onely to the best Greeke Dictionaries of this time, but also to *Budaus*, who citeth *Isocrates* out of *Trapezuntius*, for proofe that it is so vsed, and also interpreteth that of Saint *Paul*, *Rom.* 14. ἕκαστος ἐν τῷ ἰδίῳ νοῒ πληροφορείσθω, Let every man be certaine of his owne minde. But you haue a doughty argument, that it is not onely ioyned with faith, but also with hope, knowledge, and understanding, as though there could not bee a certaine perswasion and assurance of hope, knowledge, and understanding: yea the assurance of hope dependeth upon the assurance of faith, and the assurance of faith upon the certaine perswasion of knowledge and understanding. Yea your vulgar Interpreter translating πληροφορηθείς, *Rom.* 4. v. 21. *Plenissime sciens*, knowing most fully, may teach you, that it signifieth more than fulnesse, for else hee should haue said, being fulfilled. And better doth *Beza* expresse the word πληροφόρησον, 2 *Tim.* 4. than some of our English Interpreters, which say, fulfill thy ministerie: whereas the Apostles meaning is, that hee should approue the credit and dignitie of his ministerie unto other men. But the Greeke Fathers (you say) finde none other interpretation of it, and for proofe you cite *Ignatius ep. ad Smyr.* which although it bee not authenticall, yet I see no cause why wee may not interpret πεπληροφορημένον, being certainely perswaded in faith and loue, and ἐν πληροφορίᾳ πίστεως, in the assurance of faith. And so is it translated in *Bibliotheca sacra*

Margarini

Margarini de la Bigne, *Plenè inſtructa in fide & charitate, & cognouiuos abſolutè perfectos in in fide ſtabili*; fully inſtructed in faith and charitie, and I haue knowne you abſolutely perfect in a ſtedfaſt faith. *Chryſoſtome* and *Theodoret*, becauſe you vouch at large, I know not what you would ſhew out of them. In *Theophylact* I finde, that hee ſpeaketh againſt all heſitation and doubtfulneſſe of faith, but againſt the certaine perſwaſion thereof never a word. *Ne aliquam inducas in animum tuum heſitationem, neque pendeas animi, dubij quiddam cogitans*: Bring not into thy minde any ſtaggering, neither bee uncertaine of thy minde, thinking any doubtfull thing. But for the ſignification of the word πληροφορία, Saint *Baſil* may bee a ſufficient witneſſe, who commonly vſeth it for aſſured and certaine perſwaſion. As ἰσὸν. 26. Every word and deed muſt bee proued by the teſtimonie of the holy Scripture, εἰς πληροφορίαν μὴ τῇ ἀμαθίᾳ, to the full and certaine perſwaſion of the good, and to the ſhame of the wicked. Againe, *defin.* 80. what is the propertie of a faithfull man, τὸ ἐν τοιαύτῃ πληροφορίᾳ, &c. by ſuch aſſured perſwaſion to bee diſpoſed, &c. Even ſo *in ep.* κατ' ἐπ. 5. εἰς πληροφορίαν τῆς θεοσεβείας, to the certaine perſwaſion of godlineſſe, &c. and ſo in other places. And you your ſelfe confeſſe as much, where you ſay, the Greeke Fathers expound it of the full aſſured faith, &c. which is enough to iuſtifie our tranſlation. Now if the Fathers underſtood this full aſſured faith onely of an hiſtoricall faith (as you ſay) and not of truſt and confidence in God, it is another controverſie. Our tranſlation is not falſe, although wee had a falſe meaning, if it bee anſwerable to the words. Neither doth *Chryſoſtome* ſpeake of an hiſtoricall faith onely, by certaintie whereof wee haue acceſſe unto God; but alſo of confidence, which remiſſion of our ſinnes doth cauſe, and that wee are made coheires with Chriſt, and that wee enioy ſo great loue: neither doth hee proue that the Proteſtants onely faith is not ſufficient to iuſtifie. But the Apoſtle ſheweth (ſaith hee) that not faith alone, but alſo a vertuous life is required, and that a man bee not guiltie to himſelfe of malitiouſneſſe. For theſe holy places doe not receiue thoſe men, with certaine aſſurance, which are not made ſuch. This iudgement of *Chryſoſtome* the Proteſtants doe allow of, better than the Papiſts: for wee know, that a godly life is neceſſary in them that beleeue to iuſtification, without which they can haue no aſſurance of faith, no nor faith indeed, but that which is by equivocation called faith, ſuch faith as the Deuill and the reprobate may haue.

MART. 3. *Yet doe theſe tearmes pleaſe them exceedingly inſomuch that for* the choſen gift of faith, Sap. 3.14. *they tranſlate*, THE SPECIALL gift of faith: *and* Rom.8.38. I am ſure, *that nothing can separate us from the loue of God: as though the Apoſtle were certaine and aſſured not onely of his owne ſaluation, but of other mens. For to this ſenſe they doe ſo tranſlate here, whereas in* * *other places out of controverſie, they tranſlate the ſame word as they ſhould doe,* I am perſwaded, they are perſwaded, &c. *For who knoweth not that* πείθομαι *importeth onely a probable perſwaſion? They will ſay, that* I am ſure, *and* I am perſwaded, *is all one. Being well meant, they may indeed ſignifie alike, as the vulgar Latine Interpreter doth commonly tranſlate it; but in this place of controverſie, whether the Apoſtle were ſure of his ſaluation or no, which you ſay he was, yea without reuelation, wee ſay he was not; here why would you tranſlate,* I am ſure, *and not as in other places,* I am perſwaded, *but in fauour of your errour, by inſinuating the tearmes of ſure and aſſurance and ſuch like, as elſewhere you neglect the tearmes of* iuſt *and* iuſtification. *In which your* ſecret things of diſhoneſties and craftineſſe *(as the Apoſtle calleth it) wee cannot alwayes uſe demonſtrations to convince you: but yet euen in theſe things wee talke with your conſcience, and leaue the conſideration thereof to the wiſe Reader.*

Fvlk. 3. Seeing they account the booke of *Wiſedome* to bee of no authoritie to eſtabliſh the certaintie of doctrine, it is not like they could haue any ſuch reſpect, as you malitiouſly ſurmiſe: and yet the tranſlation good and true; for what is the choice gift of faith, but a ſpeciall gift? Or dare you ſay, that faith is not a ſpeciall gift of God? They ſay not a ſpeciall faith, but a ſpeciall gift of faith. The other quarrell of the tranſlation of πίστεως, I am ſure, is ſo bruiſh, that when you confeſſe the vulgar Latine Interpreter commonly to tranſlate it, *Certus ſum*, and that in the end you can uſe no demonſtration to convince us, yet ſtill nevertheleſſe you charge our conſcience with the ſecret things of diſhoneſtie. That the Apoſtle was ſure of his owne ſaluation, by the teſtimonie of Gods ſpirit, which is given to all his children, wee doubt not, and that he was ſure of the ſaluation of all Gods elect, of which it is unpoſſible that any ſhould periſh. And ſeeing the ſame ſpirit of adoption is given to all the children of God, which is the earneſt of the heauenly inheritance, wee cannot affirme without blaſphemie againſt Gods truth, that any man ought to diſcredit the promiſes of God, or the teſtimonie of his ſpirit.

MART. 4. *You hold alſo in this kinde of controverſie, that a man muſt aſſure himſelfe that his ſinnes bee forgiuen. But in the booke of* Eccleſ.cap.5.v.5. *wee reade thus*; Of thy ſinne forgiuen, bee not without feare: *or (as it is in the Greeke)* Of forgiueneſſe and propitiation, bee not without

without feare, to heape ſinne upon ſinnes: *which you interpret falſly thus*; Becauſe thy ſinne is forgiuen thee, bee not therefore without feare. *Is thus* περὶ ἐξιλασμοῦ, becauſe thy ſinne is forgiuen thee? *You know it is not: but that wee ſhould be afraid of the very forgiueneſſe thereof, whether our ſinne bee forgiuen or no, or rather, whether our ſinne ſhall bee forgiuen or no, if we heape one ſinne upon another: which ſeemeth to bee the trueſt ſenſe of the place, by the words following; as though he ſhould ſay, Be not bold upon forgiueneſſe, to heape ſinne upon ſinne, as though God will eaſily forgiue, &c.* μὴ ἐξιλασμοῦ μὴ μὲ ἀφοβῶς προσθῇς ἐπὶ ἁμαρτίαις.

FVLK. 4. Wee hold, that a man, when hee is truely penitent, ought to aſſure himſelfe that his ſinnes bee forgiuen him, becauſe God hath ſo promiſed in an hundred places, without iniury of whoſe credit, wee cannot doubt of the performance of his promiſe. But that which the ſame of *Syrach* ſpeaketh of propitiation, is meant of the forgiueneſſe of his ſinnes by ſacrifices of the Law, which cannot aſſure any man of the forgiueneſſe of his ſinnes by themſelues, much leſſe them that heape ſinne upon ſinne, which are never truely repentant. For unto true repentance, is required an hatred of ſinne, and a deſire, and purpoſe of amendment: Our tranſlation is (as your vulgar Latine) not preciſe to the words of the Greeke, but iuſt unto the meaning, for the words are, concerning propitiation, bee not without feare: and your Latine is, *De propitiato peccato*, of ſinne forgiuen. And if you will reproue your Latine, as well as our Engliſh, and ſay, wee muſt bee afraid of the very forgiueneſſe, I haue told you, that the forgiueneſſe of God teſtified by the ſacrifices, pertained unto them that bee truely penitent, and not to hypocrites. And where you make it a doubt, whether ſinne ſhall bee forgiuen or no, in them that heape one ſinne upon another; wee are out of doubt, that ſinne ſhall never bee forgiuen to ſuch, as ſo continue without true conuerſion unto God.

MART. 5. *I touched before, vpon another occaſion, how you adde to the text, making the Apoſtle ſay thus,* Ephes. 3. By whom wee haue boldneſſe and entrance with THE CONSCIENCE WHICH IS by the faith of him, *or (as in another Bible, which is all one)* in the confidence by faith of him. *The learned and skilfull among you in the Greeke tongue, know that this tranſlation is falſe for two cauſes; the one is, becauſe the Greeke in that caſe ſhould bee thus,* ἐν τῇ πεποιθήσει τῇ διὰ τῆς πίστεως αὐτοῦ; *another cauſe is, the points after concluſion: ſo that the very ſimple and ſincere tranſlation is this,* Wee haue affiance and acceſſe with confidence, by the faith of him; *euen as elſewhere it is ſaid, wee haue confidence, if our hearts reprehend us not: we haue confidence by keeping the commandements; by tribulations and afflictions, and all good workes: hope alſo giueth us great confidence. Againſt all which, your tranſlation is preindicial, limiting and defining your confidence toward God, to be faith, as though we had no confidence by workes, or otherwiſe.* Bib.1562. Bib.1577. εν πεποιθήσει διὰ τῆς πίστεως αὐτοῦ. 1 Ioh.3. Heb.10. 2 Cor.3.

FVLK. 5. For underſtanding of the article, I haue anſwered already, and meane not here to repeate it. The point you miſſe, in the Bible 1577. is obſerued in that booke which I haue of *Richard Iugs* printing: By whom wee haue boldneſſe and entrance in the confidence, by faith of him. But it cannot be, the confidence (you thinke) but, confidence; becauſe the article τῆ is not put before the word, that ſignifieth confidence. But all Engliſhmen know that our Engliſh (the) muſt bee put, and ſometime muſt bee put before nounes, without any article either in Greeke or Latine. And in this place, I would not giue a ruſh to chuſe, whether it bee in or out, for any ſenſe that it changeth. What confidence wee haue by a good conſcience, by ſuffering tribulation, and by all good workes, it skilleth not for this queſtion, ſo it bee determined, that wee haue no confidence in the merits of a good conſcience, of ſuffering, of all good workes that wee can doe, to haue boldneſſe and entrance unto God. But of merits wee haue ſpoken before in their proper place.

MART. 6. *For this confidence by faith onely,* Beza *tranſlateth ſo wilfully and perverſly, that either you were aſhamed to follow him, or you lacked a commodious Engliſh word correſpondent to his Latine.* If I haue all faith *(ſaith the Apoſtle)* and haue not charitie, I am nothing. Totam fidem *(ſaith* Beza*)* *I had rather tranſlate, than* omnem fidem, *becauſe the Apoſtle meaneth not all kind of faith, to wit, the faith that inſtifieth; but hee meaneth, that if a man haue the faith of Chriſts omnipotencie, or of any other article of the Creed, or of all wholly, and entirely, and perfectly, that is nothing without charitie. This is* Bezaes tota fides, whole faith, *thinking by this tranſlation to exempt from the Apoſtles words their ſpeciall inſtifying faith, and wraſtling to that purpoſe in his annotations againſt* Pighius *and other Catholike Doctors. Whereas euery man of ſmall skill may ſee, that the Apoſtle nameth all faith, as he doth all knowledge, and all myſteries: comprehending all ſorts of the one and of the other, all kinde of knowledge, all kinde of myſteries, all faith whatſoeuer, Chriſtian, Catholike, hiſtoricall, or ſpeciall, which two latter are hereticall tearmes newly deuiſed.* πᾶσαν πίστιν. 1 Cor.13. Anſwer. to a N. Teſt.1556.

FVLK. 6. When your ſpightfull and dogged malice cannot reproue our Engliſh tranſlation, then

then wee muſt anſwere for *Beza*? Latine, who hath ſufficiently anſwered for himſelfe, to them that underſtand, and liſt to reade him. In the place mentioned by you, hee chuſeth to ſay *totam fidem*, rather than *omnem*, becauſe it appeareth by the effects, that hee ſpeaketh of faith, as it was a ſpeciall gift of working of miracles, of which effects hee nameth one, removing of mountaines. And that πᾶσα is ſo taken, namely for the perfection of one kind, not the vniverſall comprehenſion of all kindes, hee bringeth you example. *Rom. 7. v. 8.* and elſewhere oftentimes. But if it ſhould bee taken (as you ſay) all knowledge, and all myſteries is generally to bee taken, yet hee telleth you, this ſeparation is but upon an impoſſible ſuppoſition, for iuſtifying faith can never bee ſeparated from charitie, but if it might bee ſeparated, it ſhould not profit to iuſtifie. The Angels of heaven cannot preach another Goſpell: but if they did preach another Goſpell, they ſhould bee accurſed. A great argument I promiſe you againſt iuſtification by faith onely, that a ſolitarie, dead, or barraine faith doth not iuſtifie.

MART. 7. *And I would haue any of the Bezites giue mee a ſufficient reaſon, why hee tranſlated* totam fidem, *and not alſo* totam ſcientiam: *undoubtedly there is no cauſe, but the hereſie of ſpeciall and only faith. And againe, why he tranſlateth,* Iac. 2. 22, Thou ſeeſt, that faith was (*adminiſtra*) a helper of his workes: *and expoundeth it thus*, Faith was an efficient cauſe and fruitfull of good workes. *Whereas the Apoſtles words bee plaine, that* faith wrought together with *his workes, yea and that his faith was by workes made perfect. This is impudent handling of Scripture, to make workes the fruit onely and effect of faith, which is your hereſie.* συνήργει. ἐτελειώθη.

FVLK. 7. If you dare draw forth your pen againſt *Beza*, and demand an anſwer of himſelfe, although hee hath already given you a ſufficient reaſon to induce, that the Apoſtle ſpeaketh not of faith, as generally as of knowledge, becauſe by an example of removing mountaines, hee reſtraineth it to one kinde of faith. As for the other queſtion, why hee tranſlateth, συνήργει, *Iam. 2. v. 22.* was an helper, mee thinke you ſhould make beſt anſwere your ſelfe, who not long ſince, by force of that word, would needs proue, that men were helpers of God, *chap. 10. ſect. 6.* Haue you ſo ſoone forgotten your owne voice? and is this impudent handling of the Scripture, to tranſlate, as you your ſelfe in another caſe, though impertinently, did contend the word to ſignifie? But workes you will not haue to bee the fruit onely and effect of faith, becauſe the Apoſtle ſaith that faith wrought together with his workes, and by workes his faith was made perfect, as though apples are not the fruite of the tree, becauſe the tree doth beare them, and by them, if they bee good, the tree is made a good tree.

MART. 8. *Which hereſie alſo muſt needs be the cauſe, that to ſuppreſſe the excellencie of charitie (which the Apoſtle giveth it aboue faith or any other gift whatſoever, in theſe words,* And yet I ſhew you a more excellent way, 1 *Cor. 12. v. 31.*) *hee in one edition of the new Teſtament (in the yeere 1556.) tranſlateth thus*, Behold moreover alſo I ſhew you a way moſt diligently. *What cold ſtuffe is this, and how impertinent? In another edition (Ann. 1565.) hee mended it thus*: And beſides I ſhew you a way to excellencie. *In neither of both expreſſing the compariſon of preeminence and excellencie, that charitie hath in the Apoſtles words and in all the chapter following. Wherein you did well (for your credit) not to follow him (no not your Bezites themſelues), but to tranſlate after your vulgar Latine Interpreter, as it hath alwayes beene read and underſtood in the Church.* καθ' ὑπερβολὴν. ὁδὸν ὑμῖν δείκνυμι.

FVLK. 8. The rarenes of the phraſe, καθ' ὑπερβολὴν, &c. as all indifferent men will iudge, rather than any minde to ſuppreſſe the excellencie of charitie, cauſed *Beza* to giue divers interpretations of that place, of which yet the latter more commendeth the excellencie of charitie than the vulgar Latine, or our Engliſh tranſlation, which expoundeth it as the Latine doth: for if charitie bee the way to excellencie, it is a greater commendation thereof, than to ſay, it is a more excellent way than other gifts, whereof hee ſpake laſt, as of healing, of tongues, of interpretations, &c.

MART. 9. Luther *was ſo impudent in this caſe, that becauſe the Apoſtle ſpake not plainly enough for only faith, he thruſt* only *into the text of his tranſlation, as himſelfe witneſſeth. You durſt not hitherto preſume ſo farre in this queſtion of onely faith, though in other controverſies you haue done the like, as is ſhewed in their places. But I will aske you a ſmaller matter, which in words and ſhew you may perhaps eaſily anſwer, but in your conſcience there will remaine a gnawing worme. In ſo many places of the Goſpell, where our Sauiour requireth the peoples faith, when he healed them of corporall diſeaſes only, why doe you ſo gladly tranſlate thus*, Thy faith hath ſaued thee, *rather than thus*, thy faith hath healed thee, *or* made thee whole? *Is it not, by ſeyning theſe words together, to make it ſound in Engliſh eares, that faith ſaueth or iuſtifieth a man? Inſomuch, that Beza noteth in the margent thus*, fides ſalvat, *that is*, faith ſaueth; *and your Geneua Bibles, in that place where it cannot bee taken for faith that iuſtifieth, becauſe it is not the parties faith, but her fathers that Chriſt required, there alſo tranſlateth thus*, Beleeue onely, Luther to. 2. fol. 405. edit. Wittenb. ann. 1551. Act. 9. 22. Bib. 1577. 1 Pet. 1. 25. 2 Par. 36. 8. 2 Cor. 5. 21. 1 Pet. 2. 23. In the Bible 1562. Mark. 10. 52. Luk. 18. 42. & 8. v. 48. and Luk. 8. 50.

wild thee ſhall be ſaued. *Which tranſlation, you ought very ſhame and impertinence for the defending of your ſaying, to acknowledge by tranſlating it otherwiſe in your other Bibles: yet indeed you muſt abide maintaine, and build it for good, whiles you alledge this place for onely faith, as is euident in your writings.* See *Goughs* ſermon and *Fowlers* anſwere to the *L. Abbot* of Weſtmeſt.

FVLK. 9 Thus which *Luther* might well doe as an Interpreter, or expounder, it was much bold-neſſe for him to doe, as a tranſlator: but ſeeing he himſelfe hath rectified his owne offence, wee haue leſſe to ſay for him, and you againſt him. For our additions, except ſuch as the neceſſitie of our Engliſh phraſe doth require for underſtanding, you ſlaunder us to ſay, that wee haue in any controverſie done the like. The queſtion you aske, is not worthy any anſwere, why we tranſlate, thy faith hath ſaued thee, &c. ſeeing wee uſe all theſe words indifferently, healing, making ſafe, and making whole, as in Saint *Iames* wee ſay, Can faith ſaue him? And it is all one, to ſay, thy faith hath ſaued thee, and thy faith hath made thee whole. But you ſay, wee alledge this place for onely faith iuſtifying, citing the anſwers of Maiſter *Gough*, and Maiſter *Tomſon*, againſt *Feckenham*. I thinke you lie, as in other places very commonly. And yet an argument, though not a plaine teſtimonie, may be taken out of theſe places for onely faith iuſtifying. Seeing Chriſt was not a Phiſition for the body, but to teach men that hee was a Phyſition for the ſoule, and as hee healed the diſeaſed in body onely by faith, ſo hee cureth the ſickeneſſe of the ſoule by the ſame inſtrument of faith only, whichby other places may be more directly proved, and here alſo in ſome ſort is inſinuated.

MART. 10. *If you then ſee it a fallacie, when faith onely is required to the health of the body, as in many ſuch places (though not in all) there by tranſlation to make it ſound a iuſtifying faith, as though faith onely were required to the health of the ſoule. Whereas that faith was of Chriſts omnipotent power only and power, which Beza confeſſeth to be in the Diuels themſelues, and ſo far from the faith that iuſtifieth. If you ſay, the Greeke ſignifieth as you tranſlate: it doth ſo indeede, but it ſignifieth alſo very commonly to bee healed corporally as (by your owne tranſlation) in theſe places, Mat. 5. v. 28. Mat. 6. v. 28. Luc. 8. v. 36. & v. 51. Where you tranſlate,* I ſhall be whole. *They were healed. Shee was healed. Shee ſhall be made whole. And why doe you here tranſlate? becauſe you know, to bee ſaued, importeth rather another thing, to wit, ſaluation of the ſoule: and therefore when faith is ioyned with all, you tranſlate rather* ſaued, *than* healed, *(though the place bee meant of bodily health onely) to inſinuate by all meanes your iuſtification by onely faith.* Act. 13. 2. Reb. 1577.

FVLK. 10. It is no fallacie: from the health of the body, to aſcend higher to the health of the ſoule, by that direct and plaine way, by which Chriſt himſelfe would bee knowne to bee ſaviour of the world, not of the body onely, but of the body and ſoule together. And commonly his bodily cures were ioyned with forgiuenеſſe of ſinnes, which are cauſes of all maladies, and with health of their ſoules, whoſe bodies were made ſafe. As for iuſtification by faith onely, wee meane none otherwiſe to inſinuate it in this place, than Chriſt himſelfe doth, by doing miracles, in giving health of the body, to teſtifie that he is the onely author of the ſalvation of mens ſoules.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XIII.

Hereticall tranſlation againſt PENANCE and SATISFACTION.

VPon the hereſie of onely faith iuſtifying, and ſaving a man, followeth the denaill of all penance and ſatisfaction for ſinne. Which Beza ſo abhorreth, (Annot. in Matth. 3. v. 2.) that hee maketh profeſſion, that hee auoideth theſe termes, Poenitentia, and Poenitentiam agite, of purpoſe: and that he will alwayes uſe for them in tranſlating the Greeke words, reſipiſcentia, and reſipiſcere. Which hee doth ob-ſcure perhaps, but that ſometimes he is worſe than his promiſe, tranſlating moſt falſely and heretically, for reſipiſcentia, reſipiſcentes: ſo that your Engliſh Bezites themſelues are aſhamed to tranſlate after him. Who otherwiſe follow his rule for the moſt part, tranſlating reſipiſcentia, amendment of life: and, reſipiſcite, amend your lines. And the other Engliſh Bibles when they tranſlate beſt uttering. μετανοεῖτε. Act. 26. 20. in No. Teſt. an. 1556. and in the later tranſlation, 1565. Math. 3. v. 8. Luc. 3. v. 8.

beſt, ſay, repentance, and repent: but none of them all once haue the words, penance, and, doe penance. Which in moſt places is the very true tranſlation, according to the very circumſtance of the text, and uſe of the Greeke word, in the Greeke Church, and the ancient Latine tranſlation thereof, and all the fathers reading thereof, and their expoſitions of the ſame. Which ſome points I thinke not amiſſe briefly to proue, that the Reader may ſee the uſe and ſignification of theſe words, which they of purpoſe will not expreſſe, to auoide the ſtraines of penance, and doing penance.

μετανοεῖτε. Agite pœnitentiam.

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IF by penance you meane ſatisfaction for ſinnes, by any ſuffering of ours, wee abhorre your penance, as an horrible blaſphemie againſt the blood of Chriſt. And for that cauſe, *Beza*, as hath beene ſhewed before, vſeth the word *reſipiſcentia*, rather than *pœnitentia*: becauſe the Greeke word ſignifieth, not onely a ſorrow for ſinne, but alſo a purpoſe of amendment of life. Wee in Engliſh uſe the word repentance, or amendment of life, which word of repentance, you uſe alſo ſometimes, when it pleaſeth you, or when you cannot for ſhame uſe your popiſh tearme of doing penance.

The cauſe why wee never uſe that word penance, is, for that you meane not thereby that which the Scripture calleth μετανοιαν, but a certaine puniſhment taken upon men, for ſatisfaction of their ſinnes unto God, which is abhominable for all Chriſtian eares to heare, which acknowledge that the blood of Chriſt onely purgeth us from all ſinne. But in foure points you will proue, (if you can) that wee ſhould tranſlate μετανοειτε, to doe penance.

That μετανοειτε, is to doe, penance, μετανοιαν &c, pœnitentiam egiſſent.

Firſt, that the circumſtance of the text doth giue it ſo to ſignifie, We read in Saint Mathew, cap. 11. v. 21. If in *Tyre* and *Sidon* had beene wrought the miracles that haue beene wrought in you, they had done penance in haire-cloth, or ſackecloth and aſhes long agoe. *And in Saint* Luke, cap. 10. v. 13. they had done penance, ſitting in ſackecloth and aſhes. *I beſeech you, theſe circumſtances of ſackecloth and aſhes adioyned, doe they ſignifie penance and affliction of the body, or onely amendment of life, as you would haue the word to ſignifie? Saint* Baſil *ſaith*, in Pſal. 29. Sackecloth maketh for penance. For the fathers in old time ſitting in ſackecloth and aſhes, did penance. *Vnleſſe you will tranſlate Saint* Baſil *alſo after your faſhion, whom you cannot any way tranſlate, but the ſenſe muſt needes be*, penance, *and*, doing penance, *Againe Saint* Paul *ſaith*, You were made ſorry to penance, *or*, to repentance, *ſay which you will: and*, The ſorow which is according to God, worketh penance, *or*, repentance unto ſalvation. *Is not ſorow, and bitter mourning, and affliction, parts of penance? Did the inceſtuous man whom Saint* Paul *excommunicated, and afterward abſolved him becauſe of his exceeding ſorow and teares, for feare leſt hee might be overwhelmed with ſorow, did he, I ſay, change his minde onely, or amend his life, as you tranſlate the Greeke word, and interpret repentance? did hee not penance alſo for his fault, enioyned of the Apoſtle? When Saint* Iohn *the Baptiſt, and Saint* Paul *exhorteth the like*, Doe fruits worthy of penance, *or as you tranſlate*, meete for repentance: *Doe they not plainely ſignifie penitentiall workes, or the workes of penance? which is the very cauſe why* Beza *rather tranſlated in theſe places*, Doe the fruites meete for them that amend their liues, *or, giue us ſome other good cauſe, O yee Bezites, why your Maſter doth ſo fowly falſifie his tranſlation.*

1 Cor. 5. 2 Cor. 2. Math. 3. Luc. 3. Act. 26. Fructus dignos iis quæ ſpuerint. καὶ ποιήσατε ἄξια τῆς μετανοίας.

Such is your malicious frowardneſſe, that you will not underſtand *reſipiſcentia*, repentance, or amendment of life, a ſorrow or griefe of minde for the life paſt: which is teſtified ſometimes by outward ſignes of ſackecloth and aſhes, faſting and humbling of mens bodies, as in the texts of *Math.* 11. and *Luk.* 10. and divers other, is expreſſed. But ſhew us that the wearing of ſackecloth and aſhes, is a ſatisfaction for the life paſt, or any part of amends to Gods iuſtice, or elſe you doe but triffle, and waſt the time. But Saint *Baſil* ſaith, that ſackecloth maketh for penance, &c. I marvell whether you read that ſaying in *Baſil*, and durſt for ſinne and ſhame alledge it for your popiſh penance: where hee plainely ſheweth the uſe and end of ſackecloth. Σκυπρὸς εἰς μετανοίαν ἐστὶν ἡ τρίχινος στολὴ, ἀπὸ τῶν ἀρχαίων χρόνων ἐπὶ τοῦτο εὑρεθεῖσα. πολλοὶ δὲ ἐν αὐτῇ οἱ πατέρες ἡμῶν ἐκαθίσαν μετὰ σποδοῦ, Sackecloth is an helper unto repentance, being a ſigne of humiliation, for of old time, the Fathers repented ſitting in ſackecloth and aſhes. This ſigne of humbling, or of ſubmiſſion, you haue cleane omitted. Thus you uſe to geld the Doctors ſayings, when you reade them: Sackecloth therefore ſerveth to repentance, as a teſtimonie of ſorrow, and humbling of our ſelues before God, not as any ſatisfaction or amends for our ſinnes.

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The moſt of the places that you cite, to proue, that ſorrow is a part of repentance, are altogether needleſſe, for wee alſo doe acknowledge the ſame. Our queſtion is not of ſorrow, but of ſatisfaction, to bee a part of repentance. Likewiſe the workes worthy, or meete for repentance, doe argue the repentance to bee vnfeigned, and vndiſſembled, but they proue not that by them a ſatisfaction is made for the ſinnes committed before repentance. For that by them a ſatisfaction is made for the ſinnes committed before repentance. For that a new life, new manners, new fruites, muſt follow a minde, that is truely turned vnto God, and changed from delight in ſinne, to hate and abhorre ſinne; and to ſtudy unto amendment of life.

MARK. 3. *Secondly, for the ſignification of the Greeke word, in all the Greeke Church, and Greeke fathers, even from S. Denys the Areopagite S. Pauls ſcholler, who muſt needs deduce it from the Scriptures and learne it of the Apoſtles: it is moſt evident, that they uſe this word for that penance which was done in the primitive Church, according to the penitentiall Canons, wherein all antiquity of Councells and Fathers, is full: inſomuch that Saint* Denys *reckoning up the three ſorts of perſons, that were excluded from ſeeing and participating of the divine myſteries of Chriſts body and bloud, to wit, Catechumens, Penitents, and the poſſeſſed of ill ſpirits: for, Penitents, hee ſaith in the Greeke, is οἱ μετανοοῦντες, that is, ſuch as were in their courſe of penance, or had not yet done their full penance. Which penance Saint* Auguſtine *declareth thus*: (Ho. 27. inter. 50. ho. & ep. 108.) Eſt pœnitentia gravior, &c. There is a more grievous and more mournefull penance, whereby properly they are called in the Church, that are Pœnitentes: removed alſo from partaking the Sacrament of the Altar. *And the Greeke Eccleſiaſtical hiſtory thus*: In the Church of Rome there is a manifeſt and knowne place for the POENITENTI, and in it they ſtand ſorrowfull, and as it were mourning, and when the Sacrifice is ended, being not made partakers thereof, with weeping and lamentation they caſt themſelves flat on the ground; then the Biſhop weeping alſo with compaſſion lifteth them up, and after a certaine time enjoyned abſoluteth them from their *penance*. This, the Prieſts, *or* Biſhops of Rome keep from the very beginning even untill our time.

Ex. Hiſt. in pœnitentes ſic ἐπιτιμοῦντος. Socr. lib. 7. cap. 16. περὶ μετανοούντων. See S. Hier. in epitaph. Fabiolæ.

FVLK. 3. Although *Denys*, whoſe bookes are now extant, were no more Saint *Pauls* Diſciple, then hee was Saint *Paul* himſelfe: yet I will graunt, that the publike reſtification of repentance; in ſuch as had openly fallen, was in the primitive Church, not onely called, μετανοία, by a *metonymie*, but alſo, that the word of ſatisfaction was uſed, not that they had any meaning to ſatisfy the juſtice of God by ſuch externall workes, but that by thoſe outward tryalls of their repentance, the Church was ſatisfyed, which by their fall was offended, and the governours of the Church by ſuch ſignes of true ſorrow, and amendment, were perſwaded to receive them againe into the Congregation, from whence, untill ſufficient triall had of their repentance, they were ſeparated and excluded. But this proveth not, that the inward repentance which God giveth, when hee turneth us unto him, hath in it any ſatisfaction for our ſinnes, which no ſacrifice was able to make, but onely the Lambe of God, which taketh away the ſinnes of the world. The places you cite, as well out of *Denys*, as of S. *Auguſtine*, and *Sozomene*, doe prove this that I ſay, to bee underſtood of publike ſignes of repentance, without that any ſatisfaction unto Gods juſtice, in thoſe times by ſuch penance was intended.

MARK. 4. *In theſe wordes and other in the ſame Chapter, and in* Socrates *Greeke hiſtory, likewiſe when they ſpeake of* Penitents, *that confeſſed and lamented their ſinnes, that were enjoyned penance for the ſame, and did it: I would demand of our Engliſh Grecians, in what Greeke wordes they expreſſe all this. Doe they it not in the words which wee now ſpeake of, and which therefore are prooved moſt evidently to ſignify penance, and doing penance? Againe, when the moſt ancient Councell of Laodicea*, Can. 2. *ſaith*. That the time of penance ſhould bee given to offenders, according to the proportion of the fault: *And againe*, Can. 9. That ſuch ſhall not communicate till a certaine time, but after they have done penance, and confeſſed their fault, then to bee received: *And againe*, Can. 19. After the Catechumens are gone out, that prayer bee made of the Penitents, or them that are in doing penance. *And when the firſt Councell of Nice ſaith*, Can. 12. *about ſhortening or prolonging the dayes of penance*, that they muſt well examine their purpoſe and manner of doing penance. *That is, with what alacrity of minde, teares, patience, humilitie, good workes, they accompliſhed the ſame, and accordingly to deale more mercifully with them, as is there expreſſed in the Councell: when Saint* Baſil, Can. 1. ad Amphiloch. *ſpeaketh after the ſame ſort: when Saint* Chryſoſtome *calleth the ſacke-cloth, and faſting of the Ninivites for certaine dayes*, Tot dierum pœnitentiam, ſo many dayes penance: *in all theſe places, I would gladly know of our Engliſh Grecians, whether theſe ſpeeches of penance and doing penance, are not expreſſed by the ſaid Greeke wordes, which they will in no caſe ſo to ſignify.*

Lib. 5. c. 19. καὶ ἀνατιθέασι τὴν ποιήσεως, καιρὸν μετανοίας δόντες ἐν ᾧ τὰ ἁμαρτήματα ἐξομολογήσονται καὶ τὴν μετανοίαν ἐν ᾧ τὸν τρόπον τῆς ἐπιτιμίας.

FVLK. 4. A matter of great weight I promiſe you, to enquire of our Engliſh Grecians, in what Greeke wordes they expreſſe all this. Verily, in the ſame Greeke wordes which ſignify repentance,

pentance, or repenting, and so may bee expressed in English: neither is there any thing in any of the Councells or Doctours, by you cited or quoted, that hath any other intention, then I have before expressed. The words of penance, and doing penance, if you meant the same by them, that we and you doe by repenting and repentance, we would not strive with you for tearmes: but that you have another meaning in them, appeareth by this that you translate the same word *pœnitentia*, commonly penance, as when it is *agere pœnitentiam*, but when it is said that God doeth *dare pœnitentiam*, then you translate it repentance. Whereby it appeareth, you meane the penance which you would haue men to doe, is not that repentance which is the gift of God, Else why say you not, *Acts* 5. that God hath exalted Christ to be Prince and Saviour, to give penance to Israel, and remission of sinnes, if penance and repentance were all one? But you say repentance. Also, *Acts* 11. God then to the Gentiles hath given repentance to life, where the word is pœnitentia in both places. As also, 2 *Tim.* 2 where you say: least sometime God give them repentance to know the trueth. Of this repentance which God giveth unto life, and remission of sinnes withall, satisfaction is no part: of publike repentance so called, when indeede it was a publike testification, that God had given inward repentance, we acknowledge satisfaction to the Church, and to the judgement of the governours thereof to be a part.

MART. 5. *Or, I would also aske them, whether in these places they will translate,* repentance, *and* amendment of life, *where there is mentioned a prescript time of satisfaction, for their fault, by such and such penall meanes: whether there bee any prescript times of penance or amendment of life to continue so long, and no longer: if not, then must it needes bee translated,* penance, *and* doing penance, *which is longer or shorter according to the fault, and manner of doing the same. I may repent in a moment, and amend my life at one instant, and this repentance and amendment ought to continue for euer. But the holy Councells and Fathers speake of a thing to bee done for certaine yeares or dayes, and to bee releused at the Bishops discretion: this therefore is penance, and not repentance onely or amendment of life, and is expressed by the foresaid Greeke wordes, as also by * an other equivalent therevnto.* *succedaneum.*

FVLK. 5. I have answered before, wee may in all these places use the word repentance, as well as this word repent, the noune as well as the verbe. And if wee would use the same figure, which they doe, that call such externall testimonies of repentance, *μετανοια*, wee might use the word amendment of life also. The prescript time of satisfaction, I have said was to the Church, which was offended and slaundered by their open offences, and to the judgement of the Bishop and Elders, which had the appointing or releasing of such time of repentance. The other Greek word, which you say is equivalent to *μετανοια*, namely, *ἐξομολόγησις*, signifyeth to fall downe under, or kneele before one, as *Tertullian* expoundeth the phrase, *Presbyteris advolui, aris Dei adgeniculari*, for one to be cast downe in humble manner before the Elders, to kneele before the Altars of God. Hereof *ἐξομολόγησις* is used, for that submission which publike Penitents did shew to testify their inward humility, and by a metonymie of the signe, is taken for that which it doeth signify, namely, humble and hearty repentance, which is approved before men, by such outward gestures, and tokens of inward griefe and humility of minde. So is publike fasting in token of repentance, by *Tertullian* called *ταπεινοφρόσυνος*, because it is a signe and token of humiliation and submission of minde, which must of necessity accompany true repentance. Wherefore it is untruely said, that *ἐξομολόγησις* is equivalent with *μετανοια*, which signifyeth to change the minde from evil to good, whereas the other expresseth but an outward gesture, to signify inward repentance, and that in open repentance onely. *De pœnitentia.* *Concil. Ancyr. Can. 5. &c.* *De ieiunio.*

MART. 6. *I omit that this very phrase,* to doe penance, *is word for word expressed thus in Greeke,* ποιῆσι μετάνοιαν: *And* Ausonius *the Christian Poet (whom I may as well alledge once, and use it not, as they doe* Virgil, Terence, *and the like very often) useth this Greeke word so evidently in this sense, that* Beza *saith, he did it for his verse sake, because another word would not stand so well in the verse. But the Reader (I trust) seeth the use and signification of these Greeke wordes, by the testimony of the Greeke Fathers themselves, most auncient and approved.* *Liturg. Chry. in rubricis pag. 69. 104.* *Metanœa. Auson. in 3. Mat. v. 2.*

FVLK. 6. You may well omit that which beareth no credite of antiquity. The Liturgie is not so auncient as he whose name it beareth, the Rubrike much lesse. That *Beza* saith of *Ausonius*, using *μετανοια* in that sense you meane, it seemeth you doe not understand him. For he saith, that *μετανοια* is never used but in good part. So that in my judgement, *Ausonius* would have said rather *μετεμέλεια* then *μετανοια*, in that his known Epigram, if the measure of his Pentameter verse would have borne it.

MART. 7. *Thirdly, that the auncient* Latine Interpreter *doeth commonly so translate these words through out the new Testament, that needeth no proofe, neither will I stand upon it (though it be greater authority then they have any to the contrary) because the Adversaries know it, and mislike it, and for that and other like points it is belike, that one of them saith it is the worst translation of all, whereas*

whereas Beza *his Master saith it is the best of all. So well they agree in iudgement, the Master and man.*

FVLK. 7. The Latine Interpreter (as it appeareth in many places) had no perfect understanding of the Greeke tongue: but in the Latine it is manifest, that hee was very rude, insomuch that *Lindanus* thinketh hee was a Grecian, rather then a Latinist. Yea hee hath a whole Chapter thus intituled: That the Authours of the vulgar translation of the Psalter and the new Testament, were Grecians, *Nec Latinè satis eruditos*, and not sufficiently learned in the Latine tongue. By which testimony it may bee gathered, what credite is to bee given to the Latine tearmes that hee useth, differing from the Latine phrase used by them that are learned in that tongue. I could bring example of many tearmes and phrases, that you your selfe are ashamed to follow, which pretend so precise a translation out of the vulgar Latine. What my mislike is of that translation, and how contrary to that which *Beza* saith thereof, I have opened elsewhere to your shame. Onely here I must tell you, that albeit in respect of learning, I disdaine not to acknowledge my selfe *Bezaes* scholler (of whom nevertheless I have learned very little) yet I would you should know, I am no strangers man, though you, and such Traytours as you are, had rather bee the Popes men, then true servants to the Queene of England. *Lindan. Panopl. lib. 4. c. 4.*

MART. 8. *I come to the fourth proofe, which is, that all the Latine Church, and the glorious Doctours thereof, have alwayes read as the vulgar Latine Interpreter translateth these wordes, and expound the same of penance, and doing penance. To name one or two for an example, S. Augustines place is very notable, which therefore I set downe, and may bee translated thus:* Men doe penance before Baptisme, of their former sinnes, yet so, that they bee also baptized, Peter saying thus; DOE YE PENANCE, AND LET EVERY ONE BE BAPTIZED. Men also doe penance, if after penance they doe so sinne, that they deserve to bee excommunicated and reconciled againe, as in all Churches they doe which bee called POENITENTES. For of such penance spake Saint Paul, 2 Cor. 12. 21. saying, THAT I LAMENT NOT MANY OF THEM WHICH BEFORE HAVE SINNED, AND HAVE NOT DONE PENANCE FOR THEIR VNCLEANENESSE. Wee have also in the Acts, that Simon Magus being baptized, was admonished by Peter TO DOE PENANCE for his grievous sinne. There is also in manner a dayly penance of the good and humble beleeuers, in which wee knocke our breasts, saying, FORGIVE VS OVR DEBTS. For these (*venial and dayly offences*) fasts, and almes, and prayers, are watchfully used, and humbling our soules, wee cease not after a sort to doe daily penance. *Ep. 108. Agunt hi pœnitentiam, &c.* *Sicut agunt qui pœnitentes appellantur.* *Act. 8. 18.* *Vt ageret pœnitentiam.* *Quotidianam agere pœnitentiam.*

FVLK. 8. That all the Latine Church, and the glorious Doctours thereof, have alwayes read as the vulgar Latine Interpreter translateth, you prove by an example of Saint *Augustine*: in which also it is manifest, that Saint *Augustine* understandeth the phrase not onely for the exercise of publike penitents, but also for the inward repentance of the heart. But because you challenge all the Doctours of the Latine Church, for the use of this word *pœnitentia*, I pray you consider what *Tertullian* writeth against *Marcion*, who cavilled about the repenting ascribed in Scripture to God. *In Græco sono, &c.* In the Greeke sound the name of repentance is made, not of confession of an offence, but of changing of the minde. And in his book *De pœnitentia*, where he treateth even of publike repentance, citing the testimony of *John* Baptist, hee saith, *Non tacet Iohannes, pœnitentiam initio te dicens, Iohn* holdeth not his peace, saying beginne repentance. *Hilarius* also sheweth what *pœnitentia* doeth signify, when hee saith, *Peccati pœnitentia est ab eo quod pœnitendum intellexeris desistisse*: Repentance of sinne, is to have ceased from that which you have understood that it must bee repented of. Likewise of the Novatians that deny repentance, *Cùm ad pœnitentiam per quam à peccatis desistitur*. When unto repentance by which men cease from sinnes, the Doctrine of the Law, Prophets, Gospells, Apostles, exhorteth them that have sinned. And even your vulgar Interpreter in S. *Marke* saith *Pœnitemini*, for that hee saith in *Mathew*, *Agite pœnitentiam*, by which it is certaine, that hee meaneth one thing in both, namely, repentance of heart, and no satisfaction of worke. *In Psal. 118. pho.* *In Psal. 137.*

MART. 9. *In these words of S.* Augustine *it is plaine that he speaketh of painefull or penitentiall works for satisfaction of sinnes, that is, penance: againe, that there are three kindes of the same, one before Baptisme, another after Baptisme for great offences, greater and longer; the other daily for common and little veniall faults, which the best men also commit in this fraile nature. Againe, that the two former are signified and spoken of in the three places of Scripture by him alledged. Where wee see, that he readeth altogether as the vulgar Interpreter translateth, and expoundeth all three places of penance for sinne, and so approveth that signification of the Greeke word. Yea in saying that for veniall sinnes wee knocke our breast, fast, give almes, and pray, and so cease not quotidianam agere pœnitentiam; what doeth hee meane but daily penance and satisfaction?* Reade also *S.* Cyprian (*beside other places*) epist. 52. numb. 6. *where his citations of Scripture are*

are according to the old Latine Interpreter, and his expoſition according, of doing penance, and making ſatisfaction for ſinnes committed. But I neede not proceede further in alledging either S. Cyprian or other auncient Fathers for this purpoſe, becauſe the adverſaries graunt it. Howbeit in what tearmes they graunt it, and how malepartly they accuſe all the auncient Fathers at once for the ſame, it ſhall not be amiſſe here to put downe their wordes.

FVLK. 9. Saint *Auguſtine* ſpeaketh nothing of ſatisfaction for ſinnes, but as I have ſaid, of ſuch exerciſes as were appoynted by the Church, to teſtify their repentance. The occaſion of all theſe wordes was of one that was a Novation, who ſaid that *Peter* was not baptized, when hee was received into repentance after his denyall. And where he uſed this word, *Egiſt penitentiam*, Saint *Auguſtine* denyeth, that he did open penance, as they that wee properly called *penitentes*. *Quod autem dicitur Petrum egiſſe penitentiam*: But where it is ſaid that *Peter* did penance, we muſt beware that he be not thought ſo to have done it, as they doe it in the Church, which are properly called *Penitentes*. And who can abide this, that we ſhould thinke that the chiefe of the Apoſtles is to be numbred among ſuch Penitents? For it repented him that he denyed Chriſt, which thing his teares did ſhew. Theſe words declare, that *agere penitentiam* with Saint *Auguſtine*, ſignifyeth to be inwardly repentant, as well as to doe thoſe externall workes, which are tokens of repentance. Alſo that teares, faſtings, and ſuch like, are arguments and ſignes of repentance before God, and not any part of that repentance indeed; and much leſſe any ſatisfaction for ſinnes. Of this penance or repentance of S. *Peter*, S. *Ambroſe* ſaith, *Lachrymas ejus lego, ſatisfactionem non lego*: I reade of his teares, I reade not of his ſatisfaction. In that *Auguſtine* uſeth the words of the old Interpreter, it is no matter, for he uſeth alſo his meaning, but this uſage of his, proveth not the antiquity of the vulgar Latine tranſlation, but contrariwiſe, it is certaine that Saint *Auguſtine* followed another tranſlation, for in the text, 2 *Cor.* 12. where your vulgar Latine hath, *Super immunditiis & fornicatione & impudicitia quam geſſerunt*: S. *Auguſtine* readeth, *Super immunditia & luxuria & fornicatione quam egerunt*. That S. *Cyprian* uſeth the tearme *agere penitentiam*, and ſatisfaction alſo, ſpeaking of publike repentance, it ſhall be eaſily graunted, but in none other ſenſe then I have often declared. But where you ſay that his citations are according to the Latine Interpreter, it is falſe: for *Apoc* 2. your vulgar text is, *Memor eſto itaque unde excideris, & age penitentiam, & prima opera fac*. But *Cyprians* citation is, *Memento unde eciderit, & age penitentiam, & fac priora opera*. Likewiſe *Pſ.* 88. you reade in the vulgar Latine, *Viſitabo in virga iniquitates eorum, & in verberibus peccata eorum*. But *Cyprian* citeth thus, *Viſitabo in virga facinora eorum, & in flagellis delicta eorum*. But that his expoſition is of any other penance, then of open penance, or of any other ſatisfaction, then of ſatisfaction to the Church, your adverſaries will not grant you, although they may grant you, that he aſcribed too much unto ſuch externall tokens of repentance.

In Luc. lib. 10. cap. 22.

MART. 10. *Whereas the reverend, godly, and learned Father*, Edmund Campion, *had objected in his booke, the Proteſtants accuſation of S.* Cyprian, *for the matter of penance; the good man that anſwereth for both Vniverſities, ſaith thus to that point*: But whereas Magdeburgenſes (*Lutheran writers of that city*) complaine that he depraved the doctrine of repentance, they doe not feigne or forge this crime againſt him, but utter or diſcloſe it: for all men underſtand that it was too true. Neither was this Cyprians fault alone, that he wrote of repentance many things incommodiouſly and unwiſely, but all the moſt holy Fathers almoſt at that time were in the ſame errour. For whiles they deſired to reſtraine mens manners by ſevere lawes, they made the greateſt part of repentance to conſiſt in certaine externall diſcipline of life, which themſelves preſcribed. In that they puniſhed vice ſeverely, they were to be borne withall: but that by this meanes they thought to pay the paines due for ſinnes, and to ſatisfy Gods juſtice, and to procure to themſelves aſſured impunity, remiſſion and juſtice, therein they derogated not a litle from Chriſts death, attributed too much to their owne inventions, and finally depraved repentance. *Thus farre the anſwerer.*

Whita. pag. 97. cont. ratio. Ed. Camp. Doctrinam pœnitentiæ. De pœnitentia. Imprudenter. Pœnitentiæ.

FVLK. 10. If *Campion* was ſuch a reverend, godly, and learned Father among you, whoſe levity, treaſon, and ignorance in Divinitie, hath beene ſo lately tryed among us, wee know how to eſteeme of the whole packe of you. Whoſe learning if it had beene never ſo great, as by the time of his ſtudy in Divinity, and the trade of his travelling life, ſince he gave himſelfe thereto, no wiſe man can eſteeme that it was great: yet being ſo lately attainted of high treaſon againſt the Prince, and the ſtate, none that is honeſt, and dutifull, would have beſtowed upon him the commendation of godlineſſe. As for that which Maſter *Whitaker* hath anſwered againſt him, although not in the name of both the Vniverſities, by whom hee was never authorized to bee their advocate, yet ſo, as neither of both the Vniverſities needebee aſhamed of his doing: forasmuch as I know hee hath confuted your quarrells already, I will leave you in this matter, wholly to contend againſt him; aſſuring you of my credite, (which I know is but ſmall with you) that hee ſhall be found ſufficient

cient to match with as ſtrong an adverſary, as the Seminarie of Rhemes can make out againſt him.

MART. 11. *Marke how hee accuſeth the Fathers in generall, of no leſſe crime, then taking away from Chriſt the merits of his paſſion, attributing it to their owne penance and diſcipline. Which if they did, I marvell he ſhould call them in this very place, where hee beginneth to charge them with ſuch a crime, ſanctiſſimos Patres, moſt holy Fathers. The truth is, hee might as well charge Saint Paul with the ſame, when hee ſaith,* Wee ſhall be the heires of God, and coheires with Chriſt, yet ſo, if we ſuffer with him, that wee may alſo be glorifyed with him. *S. Paul ſaith our ſuffering alſo with Chriſt is neceſſary to ſalvation: M.* Whitaker *ſaith, it is a derogation to Chriſts ſuffering. Chriſt faſted for us, therefore our faſting maketh nothing to ſalvation. Hee prayed for us, was ſcourged, and dyed for us: therefore our prayer, ſcourging, and impriſonment, yea and death it ſelfe for his ſake, make nothing to life everlaſting, and if wee ſhould thinke it doeth, we derogate from Chriſts paſſion. Alaſſe, is this the Divinity of England now adayes? to make the ſimple beleeve that the auncient Fathers and holy men of the primitive Church, by their ſevere life and voluntary penance for their ſinnes, and for the love of Chriſt, did therein derogate from Chriſts merites and paſſions?* Rom. 8.

FVLK. 11. If the Fathers at ſome time, by attributing too much to externall diſcipline were carryed ſomewhat too farre, whereby not a little was derogated from the merites of Chriſts death, yet they are not charged directly to have impugned the dignity thereof, which, when their eyes were attentively bent upon it, they did worthily magnify and extoll. That wee muſt bee conformable to the ſuffering of Chriſt, if wee will be made partakers of his glory, it is the Divinity that is now taught in England: but that any ſufferings, or any good workes of ours whatſoever, doe merite any part of eternall glory, the Divinity preached in England doth moſt juſtly abhorre. But that the holy men of the primitive Church, by their ſevere life, and hearty repentance for their ſinnes, teſtifyed by teares, faſting, and other chaſtiſing of their fleſh, for the love of Chriſt, did derogate from Chriſts merits and paſſion, it is a a lewd ſlaunder out of France, from the trayterous Seminarie at Rhemes, but no part of the Divinity of England, allowed by the Vniverſities of Cambridge, and Oxford, as you would make ſimple men beleeve that it is.

MART. 12. *I may not ſtand upon this peynt, neither needs I, The principall matter is proved by the adverſaries confeſſion, that the holy Doctors ſpake, wrote, and thought of penance, and doing penance, as we doe, in the ſame tearmes both Greeke and Latine: and with Catholikes it is alwayes a good argument, and we deſire no better proofe then this. The Proteſtants grant, all the ancient Fathers were of our opinion, and they ſay it was their errour. For, the firſt part being true, it is madneſſe to diſpute, whether all the auncient Fathers erred, or rather the new Proteſtants, as it is more then madneſſe to thinke that* Luther *alone might ſee the truth, more then a thouſand* Auguſtines, *a thouſand* Cyprians, *a thouſand Churches, which notwithſtanding the palpable abſurdity thereof, yet M.* Whitaker *avoucheth it very ſolemnly.* pag. 101.

The confeſſion you charge the adverſaries to make, is of your owne forgery, not of their

FVLK. 12. conceſſion. But for want of other proofe, it was the beſt you could doe, to feigne our grant, but you are not able to ſhew our deedes thereof in writing. As neither of the reſt, that the auncient Fathers were all of our opinion, by the Proteſtants graunt, that *Luther* might ſee more of himſelfe alone, then &c. But whatſoever M. *Whitaker* hath avouched, I leave to himſelfe to anſwer.

MART. 13. *And yet againe (that the Reader may ſee how they play faſt and looſe at their pleaſure) this is the man, that when hee hath given us all the Fathers on our ſide, not onely in the matter of penance, but alſo*in invocation of Saints, and in divers other errours, as he calleth them: the very ſame man (I ſay) in the very next leafes almoſt, vouncth M.* Iewels *old bragge, that we have not one cleare ſentence for us of any one Father, within five hundred yeares after Chriſt: and againe, that the ſame faith raigneth now in England, which theſe Fathers profeſſed. What ſaith M.* Whitaker? *Not their faith concerning penance, or invocation of Saints (as your ſelfe confeſſe) or other ſuch like errours of theirs, as you tearme them. Why are you ſo forgetfull, or rather ſo impudent to ſpeake contraries in ſo little a roome? Such ſimple anſwering will not ſerve your adverſaries learned booke, which you in vaine goe about by fooliſh Rhetorike to diſgrace, when the world ſeeth you are driven to the wall, and either can ſay nothing, or doe ſay that which confuteth it ſelf with the evident abſurdity thereof.* pag. 109. Pag. 101. Pag 114. 117.

FVLK. 13. Maſter *Whitaker* is not ſo inconſiderate, to play faſt and looſe, as you are intemperate and untrue in accuſing him. Howbeit, there is no doubt, but hee will meete you, and handle you, according to your vertues. But ſeeing you give ſuch high commendation to *Campions* pamphlet, as that you call it a learned booke, (wherein beſide a little ranke Rhetorike, more meete for a boy that learneth to practiſe his figures, then for a grave Divine to uſe in ſo ſerious a cauſe, there is nothing that any learned man may thinke worthy of any anſwer) we

may well perceive what you count learning, and what be the pillars of your Popish Religion. The bookes are both in print, let the world judge of both indifferently.

MART. 14. *But to leave M.* Whitaker *(who is a simple companion to sit in judgement upon all the ancient Doctours, and to condemne them of haynous errour in the matter of penance) I trust the Reader seeth by the former discourse, the usuall Ecclesiasticall signification, and consequently both the true and false translation of the foresaid Greeke wordes: Not that they must or may alwayes be translated* penance, *or* doing penance: *for in the Scriptures God is said* pœnitentiam agere, *who cannot bee said to doe penance, no more then hee can be said to amend his life, as the Protestants commonly translate this word. Therefore I conclude, that this word being spoken of God in the Scriptures, is no more prejudice against our translation of doing penance, then it is against theirs of amendment of life. Likewise when it is spoken of the reprobate and damned in hell, who as they cannot doe penance properly, so much lesse amend their lives.*

μετάνοια. μετανοεῖν. μετανοῦντες. Sap.5. Pœnitentiam agentes.

FVLK. 14. M. *Whitakers* taketh not upon him to sit in judgement of all the Doctours, although hee may note some errour or other in every one of them, whose writings of any substance doe remayne with us. But after all this brabling about *pœnitentiam agere*, you come home, and confesse, that it must not alwayes bee translated doing of penance, because God himselfe (after your vulgar translation) is said *agere pœnitentiam*, which with the Septuagint is μετανοεῖν. No man could better have confuted your vaine quarrelling, then you have done your selfe: for by this it is manifest, that the vulgar Interpreter did not meane by *agere pœnitentiam*, any more then wee doe by repentance. And therefore the best, and the most simple translation is, to use the wordes repent, and repentance. And the Greeke word, as *Tertullian* telleth you, signifyeth changing of minde, which may bee without acknowledging of errour. Although it cannot yet bee properly said of God, that hee changeth his minde, when he is said to repent. As likewise it is not necessary, that they which bee in helf should amend their lives, when it is said they repent. Neither doe wee translate the word simply, amendment of life, but shew that amendment of life must necessarily follow in them that truely repent, as the Scripture teacheth us.

MART. 15. *Moreover it is purposely against penance, that they translate amisse, both in* Daniel, *and* Esdras, *whose voluntary mourning, fasting, afflicting of themselves for their owne sinnes, and the peoples, is notoriously set forth in their bookes. There they make the Angel say thus to* Daniel: From the first day that thou diddest set thine heart TO HVMBLE thy selfe. *What is this humbling himselfe? Can wee gather any penance thereby? none at all: but if they had said according to the Hebrew, Greeke, and Latine,* from the first day that thou diddest set thine heart TO AFFLICT thy selfe, *wee should easily conceive workes of penance, and it would include* Daniels *mourning, fasting from flesh, wine, and other meates, abstaining from ointments the space of the days mentioned in the beginning of the same Chapter.*

Esd.cap.56. Dan.10. Verse 12. Bib.1579. κακωθῆναι. Vt te affligeres. לְהִתְעַנּוֹת

FVLK. 15. The word humbling doeth as well comprehend all those excercises of fasting, and mourning, which the holy men did use, to testify their repentance, and to provoke themselves to hearty repentance for their sinnes, and the sinnes of the people, as the word afflicting. Another translation calleth it chastening. The Hebrew word signifyeth to bring low, or cast downe, therefore it is spoken of women that are carnally knowne, which is without affliction. But when it is used of such godly exercises, it declareth for what end they serve, namely to humble and bring low our proud rebellious nature, and to bee signes of humiliation, as S. *Basil* saith of sack-cloth and ashes, not to bee by punishment, satisfaction for our sinnes. Your own vulgar Latine Interpreter translateth the same word, *Gen.16.v.19. humilia te*, humble thy selfe, or submit thy selfe under thy Mistris hand, and oftentimes in that sense: And even in this sense of humbling, by signes of repentance, he useth the word *humiliatus*, speaking of *Achab*, 2 *Reg.*21.*v.*29. where the Hebrew word is otherwise. And *Ps.*35.*v.*13. the same word *vinnethi* he translateth *humiliabam*: And in their sickenesse I put on sackcloth and humbled my soule with fasting. So doeth he oftentimes, when such bodily chastisement is signifyed thereby. Wherefore this, as all the rest, is a false and unreasonable quarrell against our translation, as though by it we meant to deny the use of afflicting or chastening the body, with fasting, mourning, and other like exercises of repentance.

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MART. 16. *Againe, in all their Bibles of the yeares* 1562. 1577. 1579. *they make* Esdras, c.9.*v.*5, *after his exceeding great penance, say onely this,* About the evening sacrifice I arose up from my HEAVINESSE; *neither translating the Hebrew, which is the same word that is in* Daniel, *not the Greeke, which signifyeth affliction and humiliation.*

Ἀπὸ τῆς ταπεινώσεως μου. מִתַּעֲנִיתִי

FVLK. 16. First your Greeke text of *Esdras*, confirmeth our translation of *Daniel*. Secondly, I say, that by this heavinesse, they meane all that humiliation and affliction, whereof he spake before, which is easy for every man to understand, that is not blinded with malice, and what other thing is affliction, but heavinesse, griefe, and sorrow, whereof the holy man spake twice before? I thinke no wise man can tell.

Againe,

MART. 17. *Againe, in the Prophet* Malachie, (*c.*3.14.) *they translate thus:* Ye have said it is but vaine to serve God, and what profit is it that wee have kept his Commandements, and walked HVMBLY before his face? *What is this same* humbly? *when wee say in English,* he goeth humbly: *we imagine or conceive no more but this, that he is an humble man, and behaveth himselfe humbly: but they know very well, that the Prophet speaketh of another thing: and if it had pleased them to have translated the Hebrew word fully, and significantly, in the sense of the holy Ghost, they might have learned by conference of other places, where the same Hebrew word is used that it signifyeth such heavinesse, sadnesse, sorrowfulnesse,, and affliction, as men expresse by blacke mourning garments, the nature of the word importing blacknesse, darknesse, lowring, and the like. Which is farre more then walking humbly, and which is wholly suppressed by so translating. See the* Psalm.34.*v.*14. Psal.37.*v.*7. Ps.41.*v.*10. *Where the Prophet useth many words and speeches, to expresse sorrowfull penance: and for that which in Latine is always,* contristatus, *in Greeke a word more significant, in Hebrew it is the same kinde of word that they translate* humbly. *Wherein indeede this word hath no signification of humility properly, no not of that humility I meane, which is rather to bee called humiliation, or affliction, as the Greek words imply. But it signifyeth properly, the very manner, countenance, gesture, habite of a pensive or forlorne man: and if they will say, that they so translate it in other places, the more is their fault, that knowing the nature of the word, they will notwithstanding suppresse the force and signification thereof in any one place, and so translate it, that the Reader must needes take it in another sense, and cannot possibly conceive that which the word importeth, for,* to walke humbly, *soundeth in all English eares, the vertue of humility, which this word doeth never signifie, and not humility or humiliation by affliction, which it may signify, though secondarily, and by deduction onely.*

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FVLK. 17. What a many of vaine wordes are here spent, to make a vaine cavill seeme to bee of some value? what the etymologie of the Hebrew word is, the Translatours knew before you were borne. But what the word signifyeth here, *Pagnine* is sufficient to teach both you, and them, who thus interpreteth it, *in obscuro, idest, obscurè, id est, humiliter*. In the darke, that is, darkely, that is humbly. Your vulgar Latine Translatour calleth it, *tristes*, which is as farre from your pretended penance, as humility. The Septuagint translate the word ὀπίσω, which signifyeth servile or servants. *Benedict Arias* expoundeth it, *supplices*, humble. And to put all out of quarrelling, the *Antithesis* or oppositon of the proude and arrogant, in the next verse following, proveth, that in this verse, they speake of humility, which is contrary to pride, and not of the tokens of repentance, which are mourning apparell, and such like.

MART. 18. *Againe, what is it else but against penance and satisfaction, that they deface these usuall and knowne wordes of* Daniel *to the King,* Redime eleemosynis peccata tua, Redeeme thy sinnes with almes: *altering and translating it thus,* Breake off thy sinnes by righteousnesse. *First, the Greeke is against them, which is word for word according to the vulgar and common reading: Secondly, the Chaldee word which they translate,* Breake off, *by* Munsters *owne judgement in* lexico Chald. *signifyeth rather, and more principally,* to redeeme. *Thirdly, the other word which they translate,* righteousnesse, *in the Scriptures signifyeth also,* eleemosynam, *as the Greeke Interpreters, translate it,* Deut.6. *and* 24. *and it is most plaine in Saint* Mathew, *where our Saviour said* (Math.6.*v.*1.) Beware you doe not your justice before men. *Which is in other Greeke copies,* your almes. *And Saint* Augustine *proveth it by the very text. For (saith hee)* as though a man might aske, what justice hee addeth? WHEN THOV DOST AN ALMES-DEEDE. He signifyed therefore that almes are the workes of justice. *And in the Psalme they are made one,* Hee distributed, hee gave to the poore, his justice remaineth for ever and ever. *Which* Beza *translateth,* his beneficence or liberality remaineth, &c. *Againe, Saint* Hierome, *a sufficient Doctour to tell the signification of the Hebrew or Chaldee wordes, both translateth it so, and expoundeth it so in his commentary. Moreover, the words that immediately follow in* Daniel, *interprete it so unto us,* And thy iniquities with mercies to the poore. *Lastly,* Beza *himselfe saith,* that by the name of justice with the Hebrewes, is also signifyed beneficence or beneficialnesse to the poore, yea and that in this place of Daniel it is specially taken for almes. *So that wee see there is no impediment, neither in the Chaldee nor Greeke, why they might not have said, as the Church of God alwayes hath said,* Redeeme thy sins with almes, and thy iniquities with mercies to the poore: *But their heresie will not suffer them to speake after the Catholike manner, that almes and mercifull deedes are a redemption, ransome, and satisfaction for sinnes.*

Dan.4.24. ὁ ἐλεημοσύναις λυτρῶσαι. דִּי צִדְקָה פְּרֹק Σημειῶσαι. Ἐλεημοσύνη. In Psa.49.v.5. Psalm.111. Aug.in Math.6.v.1. 2 Cor.9.

FVLK. 18. Against Popish penance and satisfaction, there is no doubt, but the Translatours were vehemently affected, yet in this translation they have used no prejudice against repentance, and the true fruites thereof, but rather more straightly have urged the same. For first, whereas in the vulgar Latine text there is no word of repenting from sinnes: or forsaking, of sinnes, our Translatour using the tearme of breaking off his sinnes, signifyeth that all almes, and

and other apparant good deedes without repentance and breaking off the cause of the former sinfull life, are in vaine and unprofitable. Secondly, where the vulgar Translatour useth the word of redeeming, or buying out, which might bring the King into vaine security, to think hee might satisfy for his sinnes, without repentance, by giving of almes, which is a small penance for a King: our Translatours tell him, that hee must breake off his sinnes, before any thing that he doth be acceptable to God. Thirdly, whereas the vulgar Interpreter requireth of him nothing but alms, and mercy to the poore, which was a very easy thing for him to performe: our Translators enjoyne him righteousnesse, which comprehendeth all vertues, and is a thousand fold harder penance for such a mighty Monarch, then giving of almes, and that to poore folkes, which hee should never feele. Fourthly, the wordes are plaine for our translation: for *pherak* the Chaldee verb signifyeth as properly and as principally to dissolve or breake off, as, to deliver or redeeme. Neither is *Munsters* judgement otherwise, although hee give the other signification first, which is a miserable argument, to prove, that it signifyeth rather, and more principally to redeeme. But if any signification were more principall then other, it were more reason to say, that *pherak* signifyeth rather and more principally, to breake or dissolve, because the word signifyeth so in the Hebrew tongue, from whence the Chaldee is derived. And indeede delivering, is a kinde of dissolving or breaking from him, to whom hee was before addict or bound. So that the verbe helpeth you nothing, but rather maketh more against you. The other word, although very seldome by *Synecdoche*, it bee taken for almes, yet every boy almost in Cambridge knoweth, that it signifyeth properly and principally, universall justice, or all righteousnesse: therefore the Chaldee text is plaine for our translation, and enforced for yours of almes. Being against all reason, that the Prophet should exhort the King to giving almes, before he had exhorted him to repentance, and forsaking of his sinnes. Beside that, it is contrary to the whole scope of the Scriptures, to teach any other satisfaction or redemption from sinne, then the death and passion of Christ. But where you tell us of Saint *Hieromes* translation, it were somewhat worth if you could shew it. The vulgar Latine text wee may not graunt you to bee Saint *Hieroms*, as for his Commentary, teacheth not the word of redeeming, which is the principall word in controversie, And indeede it is a very absurd kinde of speech, to say, redeeme thy sinnes, or deliver thy sinnes, for *pherak* signifyeth none otherwise to redeeme, then to deliver, whereas, if hee had meant, as you thinke, hee should have said rather, redeeme thy soule from sinnes. Christ himselfe the authour of our redemption, is not said to have redeemed our sins with his bloud, but to have redeemed us from our sins by his bloud.

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MART. 19. *And what a miserable humour is it in these cases, to fly as farre as they can from the auncient received speech of holy Scripture, that hath so many yeares sounded in all faithfull eares, and to invent new tearmes and phrases, when the originall text both Greeke and Hebrew favoureth the one as much or more, then the other: as, that they chuse to say in the Epistle to* Titus (*where the Apostle exceedingly exhorteth to good workes*) maintaine good workes, *and* shew forth good workes, *rather then according to the auncient Latine translation,* bonis operibus præesse, *to be chiefe and principall in doing good works, which is the very true and usuall signification of the Greek word, and implyeth a vertuous emulation among good men, who shall doe most good workes, or excell in that kinde. But they that looke to bee saved by faith onely, no marvell if neither their doings, nor translations tend to any such excellency.*

προϊστασθαι καλῶν ἔργων.

FULK. 19. What a miserable humour is it, when the trueth is plainely revealed, by knowledge of the tongues, which was hidden from many of the auncient Fathers, to delight rather in error which is old, then in trueth which is newly discovered? The word προϊστασθαι in the Epistle to *Titus* wee translate also to excell, and it may signify, either to shew forth, to maintaine or to excell. And therefore your wrangling is vaine and without reason. For that Christian men ought with all diligent labour to excell in good workes, it is always acknowledged of us, although they must not looke to bee saved by their workes, no nor by their faith onely, if their faith bee not fruitfull of good workes. Such collections as these and much better, it were no hard matter to make a great number against you, to prove that you are enemies to faith, to repentance, to good works, and to God himselfe.

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CHAP. XIIII.

Hereticall translation against the holy SACRAMENTS, namely, BAPTISME and CONFESSION.

IN other sequell of their onely faith is, that the Sacraments also helpe nothing toward our salvation, and therefore they partly take them cleane away, partly deprave them of all grace, vertue, and efficacy, making them poore and beggarly elements, either worse, or no better then those of the old Law.

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THat the Sacraments helpe nothing toward our salvation, is another of *Martins* flaunders, no assertion of ours. For seeing that wee hold that the Sacraments are seales of Gods promises, to confirme our faith, by which wee are justifyed before him, how can wee affirme, that they helpe nothing to salvation? But this is the property of lyars and flaunderers, when they have nothing of trueth to charge their adversaries, then they either invent that which was never said or done by them, or else they violently draw out of their sayings or doings by depraving them, some colour of matter to serve for a shew of their flaunders. So doeth our wrangler in this place after a flatte lye solemnely advouched against us, that wee say, the Sacraments give no grace, *Ex opere operato*, of the worke wrought, hee frameth his spiders webbe, first that wee deprive them of all grace, vertue, and efficacy. Because wee doe not include grace, vertue, and efficacy, within the externall Elements, or the ministery of man about them, but ascribe the same to the mighty working of Gods spirit in his chosen Children, which worketh all his gifts in all men according to the good pleasure of his owne will. Secondly, that wee make the Sacraments poore and beggarly Elements. And thirdly, either worse or no better then those of the old Law. The spirituall matter indeed of the Sacraments of both the Testaments, we confesse to be Iesus Christ, of equall power unto salvation of his people living under both the states: but the more abundant grace, and trueth, according to the revelation of Christ in the flesh, we acknowledge to be testifyed, and exhibited in our Sacraments then was in theirs that lived under the Law.

MART. 2. *For this purpose* Beza *is not content to speake as the Apostle doeth,* (Rom. 4. v. 11.) *that circumcision was a seale of the justice of faith, but because he thinketh that, too small a tearme for the Dignity of circumcision, as himselfe confesseth,* he gladly avoydeth it (*I use his owne words*) *and for the Nowne putteth the Verbe, so dissolutely and presumptuously, that the English Bezites themselves here also dare not follow him in translation, though in opinion they agree. The cause of his wilfull translation hee declareth in his Annotations upon the same place, to wit, the dignity of circumcision, equall with any Sacrament of the new Testament. His wordes be these.* What (*saith hee*) could be spoken more magnificall of any Sacrament? therefore they that put a reall difference betweene the Sacraments of the old Testament and ours, never seeme to have knowne how farre Christs office extendeth. *Which hee saith, not to magnify the old, but to disgrace the new.*

σφραγὶς.

Liber refugi.

Quod obsignari, for sigillum.

FULK. 2. There was never man that had such an artificiall conjecture of mens purposes as you pretend your selfe to have, which not onely where there is likelyhood to fasten a conjecture upon, but also when all likelyhoods are against you, yet can so confidently pronounce of every mans purpose. Well let the purpose goe, which is knowne best to God, and next to them that will judge of the man according to charity and good reason. You say, *Beza* is not content to speake as the Apostle doeth, that circumcision was a seale of the justice of faith. Yes verily, his desire is to expresse that which the Apostle saith to the full. The name of seale therefore hee avoydeth not, as you falsely slaunder him, but for want of a convenient Latine word to expresse the Apostles Greeke word, hee is content to use circumlocution by the verbe, and saith, *Abraham* received the signe of circumcision, which should seale up, or by seale confirme the justice of faith, &c. yet are not you ashamed most impudently to say hee refused the tearme of seale *Sigillum*, and for *Sigillum* hath

hath vſed *quod obſignaret*, Whereas the word that hee ſaith he refuſed, is *ſignaculum*. *Signaculi nomen quod vetus interpres & Eraſmus vſurpavit libens refugi, partim quod non ſit admodum vſitatum, partim quod non ſatis videatur illam vim obſignationis, declarare.* The tearme *ſignaculum* which the old Interpreter and *Eraſmus* hath vſed, I have willingly refuſed: partly becauſe it is no very vſuall word, partly becauſe it ſeemeth not ſufficiently to declare that vertue or efficacy of ſealing. You ſee therefore what word hee avoydeth, and for what cauſe, and that your eyes were not matches, or elſe they were dazled with a miſt of malice, when you read that he avoyded *Sigillum*, and placed *quod obſignares* for *Sigillum*. The word *ſigillum* as he vſeth not, ſo doeth he make no mention of it, I thinke becauſe it being a diminutive of *ſignum*, and taken ſometimes for a little Image, *unde ſigillares, &c.* it is not proper nor full to expreſſe the Greeke word σφραγὶς. That he maketh circumciſion equall unto the Sacraments of the new Teſtament, I have ſhewed before that it is in matter ſubſtance, and end, which hee that confeſſeth not (as *Beza* ſaith) ſeemeth never to have knowne how farre the office of Chriſt extendeth: but that he hath any purpoſe to diſgrace the Sacraments of the new Teſtament inſtituted by Chriſt himſelfe, in a more cleare diſpenſation of grace and trueth, you affirme with the ſame credite by which you ſaid he put *quod obſignares* for *ſigillum*.

MART. 3. *Which is alſo the cauſe why not onely hee, but the Engliſh Bibles (for commonly they ioyne handes, and agree together) to make no difference betweene* Iohns *Baptiſme and Chriſts, tranſlate thus, concerning certaine that had not yet received the holy Ghoſt:* Vnto what then were yee baptized? And they ſaid unto Iohns baptiſme. *Which* Beza *in a long diſcourſe proveth to bee ſpoken of* Iohns *doctrine, and not of his baptiſme in water. As though it were ſaid, what doctrine then doe yee profeſſe?* And they ſaid, Iohns. *Whereas indeede the queſtion is this, and ought thus to bee tranſlated,* In what then or wherein were you baptized? And they ſaid, in Iohns Baptiſme. *As who ſhould ſay, wee have received* Iohns *Baptiſme, but not the holy Ghoſt as yet. And therefore it followeth immediately,* then they were baptized in the name of Ieſus, *and after impoſition of handes* the holy Ghoſt came upon them. *Whereby is plainely gathered, that being baptized with Iohns Baptiſme before, and yet of neceſſity baptized afterward with Chriſts baptiſme alſo, there muſt needes bee a great difference betweene the one baptiſme and the other,* Iohns *being inſufficient. And that this is the deduction which troubleth theſe Bezites, and maketh them tranſlate accordingly,* Beza (*as commonly ſtill hee uttereth his griefe*) *telleth us in plaine wordes thus.* It is not neceſſary, that whereſoever there is mention of Iohns Baptiſme, wee ſhould thinke it to bee the very ceremonie of Baptiſme. Therefore they that gather Iohns Baptiſme to have beene diverſe from Chriſts, becauſe theſe a little after are ſaid to bee baptized in the name of Ieſus Chriſt, have no ſure foundation. *Loe, how of purpoſe he tranſlateth and expoundeth it* Iohns *doctrine, not* Iohns *Baptiſme, to take away the foundation of this Catholike concluſion; that his Baptiſme differeth and is farre inferiour to Chriſts.* Acts 19.

Anno in Act. 19.

FVLK. 3 And is *Iohns* Baptiſme now made a Sacrament of the old Law? was *Iohn* the Baptiſt a Miniſter of the Law, or of the Goſpell? Our Saviour Chriſt, is ſufficient to teach us that the Law and the Prophets propheſyed untill *John*: but from the dayes of *Iohn* the Kingdome of heaven ſuffereth violence. But if you will make *Iohns* Baptiſme a Sacrament of the new Teſtament, and yet differing from the Baptiſme of Chriſt, then you make two Baptiſmes of the new Teſtament, contrary to the Nicene Creede, and Chriſt himſelfe, who was baptized for us, baptized with the worſe. But concerning that place of *Acts* the 19. which hath troubled ſo many Interpreters with the obſcurity thereof, or rather with a prejudicate opinion of a difference in the Baptiſme of *Iohn* and of Chriſt, I am neither of *Bezaes* opinion, nor yet of our Tranſlatours, for the underſtanding and tranſlation of that place. Neither doe I thinke that mention is made of any ſecond Baptiſme, the avoyding whereof, hath bred diverſe forced interpretations: But that Saint *Paul* inſtructed thoſe Diſciples that knew not the grace of the holy Ghoſt, that they which heard *Iohns* preaching to the people, that they ſhould beleeve in Chriſt Ieſus, which was comming after him, were alſo baptized in the name of Ieſus Chriſt, who had graunted thoſe viſible graces of his holy ſpirit, to bee beſtowed upon them that beleeved, by impoſition of the Apoſtles handes. Thus therefore I am perſwaded thoſe verſes are to bee tranſlated. But *Paul* ſaid, *Iohn* truely baptized with the baptiſme of repentance, ſaying to the people, that they ſhould beleeve in him that commeth after him, that is, in Ieſus: and they which heard him, were baptized into the name of our Lord Ieſus. And after *Paul* had layd his handes upon, &c. The argument of difference thereof grounded upon this place, is nothing worth, where the Baptiſme of *Iohn* is confirmed by impoſition of handes, rather then diſgraced by reiteration, which giveth ſtrength to the errour of the Donatiſts, and Anabaptiſts, for rebaptization. Whereas it can not bee proved,

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proved, that any, which were once baptized by *Iohn*, were ever baptized againe. But the contrary may eaſily bee gathered: for ſeeing our Saviour Chriſt baptized none himſelfe, it ſhall follow, that the Apoſtles were either not baptized at all, or elſe baptized onely with *Iohns* baptiſme. And where there is expreſſe mention of *Iohns* Diſciples, that came unto Chriſt, to become his Diſciples, there is no mention of any other Baptiſme then they had already received.

MART. 4. *But doth the Greeke leade him, or force him unto this tranſlation,* In quid? into what? *Firſt himſelfe confeſſeth in the very ſame place, the contrary, that the Greeke phraſe is often uſed in the other ſenſe, wherein, or wherewith, as it is in the vulgar Latine, and* Eraſmus: *but that in his judgement it doeth not ſo ſignifie here, and therefore he refuſeth it. Yet in the very next verſe almoſt, where it is ſaid by the ſame Greeke phraſe, that they were baptized in the name of* Ieſus Chriſt, *there both hee and his ſo tranſlate it as wee doe, and not, unto the name of Chriſt. Is it not plaine, that all is voluntary, and as their pleaſure? For (I beſeech them) of it be aright tranſlation,* baptized in the name of Ieſus, *why is it not right,* baptized in the baptiſme of Iohn? *Is there any difference in the Greeke? None. Where then? In their Commentaries and imaginations onely, againſt which wee oppoſe and ſet both the text and the Commentaries of all the Fathers.* εἰς τὸ ὄνομα εἰς τὸ ὄνομα

FVLK. 4. The Greeke doeth allow him ſo to tranſlate, and to be baptized in the name of Ieſus, and into the name of Ieſus, is all one: as in the name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghoſt, or into the name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghoſt, is all one. But if *Beza* that hath diſcovered the trueth in ſo many places, did not ſee it in this one text, as neither you, nor any of the Fathers which have written upon it, who are not many; he is rather to be pardoned of all reaſonable men, then to be railed upon by ſuch an one, who in learning is no more like him, then a Gooſe to a Swan in ſinging.

MART. 5. *But no marvell if they diſgrace the Baptiſme of Chriſt, when they are bold alſo to take it away altogether, interpreting this Scripture,* Vnleſſe a man bee borne againe of water and the ſpirit, hee cannot enter into the kingdome of God, *which a man would thinke were plaine, enough, to prove that water in Baptiſme is neceſſary: interpreting (I ſay) this Scripture,* Of water and the ſpirit, *thus: of water, that is, the ſpirit, making water to bee nothing elſe in this place, but the ſpirit allegorically, and not materiall water. As though our Saviour had ſaid to* Nicodemus, Vnleſſe a man bee borne of water, I meane, of the ſpirit, hee cannot enter, &c. *According to this moſt impudent expoſition of plaine Scriptures,* Calvine *tranſlateth alſo as impudently for the ſame purpoſe, in the Epiſtle to* Titus, *making the Apoſtle to ſay, that God powred the water of regeneration upon us abundantly, that is, the holy Ghoſt. And leſt wee ſhould not underſtand his meaning herein, hee telleth us, in his Commentary upon this place, that when the Apoſtle ſaith,* water powred out abundantly, *hee ſpeaketh not of materiall water, but of the holy Ghoſt. Now indeede the Apoſtle ſaith not, that water was powred upon us, but the holy Ghoſt; neither doeth the Apoſtle make water and the holy Ghoſt all one, but moſt plainely diſtinguiſheth them, ſaying,* that God of his mercy hath ſaved us by the laver of regeneration and renovation of the holy Ghoſt, whom hee hath powred upon us abundantly. *See how plainely the Apoſtle ſpeaketh both of the materiall water, or waſhing of Baptiſme, and of the effect thereof, which is the holy Ghoſt powred upon us.* Calvine *taketh away water cleane, and will have him ſpeake onely of the holy Ghoſt, which* Flaccus Illyricus *the Lutheran himſelfe wondreth at, that any man ſhould be ſo bold, and calleth it plaine ſacrilege againſt the efficacy of the Sacraments.* Ioh. 3. v. 5. Beza in 4. Ioh. v. 10. & in Tit. 3. v. 5. Tit. 3. v. 5. Per lavacrum regenerationis & renovationis Spiritus ſancti QVOD effuſum in nos abunde. Queſtion of Baptiſme as Beza himſelfe tranſlateth. Comment. in hunc locum.

FVLK. 5. The Sacrament of Baptiſme, how farre wee are from diſgracing, or taking it away altogether, when wee affirme that the grace of Gods ſpirit is not ſo tyed unto it, but hee may worke regeneration without it, in them that by neceſſity are deprived of it, let all men of reaſon and indifferency judge. Our tranſlation of *Iohn* 3. *verſe* 5. being ſuch, as he can finde nothing to quarrell againſt it, hee beginneth a new controverſie of our interpretation, by which hee might bring in five hundred places of Scripture, in which wee differ from them in expoſition. And a great abſurdity hee thinketh hee hath found out, in that wee expound the water and ſpirit to ſignify one thing, as though in *Matth.* 3. *verſ.* 11. the holy Ghoſt and fire are not put both for one thing, and hee may as well in the one place, urge the element of fire in the Baptiſme of Chriſt, as by this place prove the neceſſity of water in Baptiſme. And yet wee take not away the Sacrament of Baptiſme, or the water, the externall matter thereof, which in other places is expreſſely commanded, when wee ſay it is not ſpoken of in this text, which is of the thing ſignifyed in Baptiſme, rather then of Baptiſme, as in *Iohn* 6. our Saviour Chriſt ſpeaketh in like tearmes of the thing repreſented in the Sacrament of his Supper, not of the Sacrament it ſelfe. The errour of *Calvines* tranſlation and expoſition of *Titus* 3. *verſe* 5. wee have before confeſſed, neither doeth any of our tranſlations follow him, and yet his errour is no hereſie, while hee aſcribeth

wholly to the holy Ghost, that which properly is his, but yet of the Apostle is figuratively ascribed unto the outward element, by which he worketh.

MART. 6. *And if wee should here accuse the English Translatours also, that translate it thus,* by the fountaine of the regeneration of the holy Ghost, WHICH hee shed on us, &c. *making it indifferent; either* which fountaine, *or* which holy Ghost he shed, &c. *they would answere by and by, that the Greeke also is indifferent: but if a man should aske them further, whether the holy Ghost may be said to bee shed, or rather a fountaine of water, they must needes confesse, not the holy Ghost, but water, and consequently, that they translating,* which he shed, *would have it meant of the fountaine of water, and so they agree just with* Calvines *translation; and leave* Beza, *who in his translation referreth it onely to the holy Ghost, as wee doe; but in his Commentaries playeth the heretike, as* Calvine *doeth.*

Sp. Sancti, quem effudit.

LUK. 6. When *Aristides* could bee accused of no crime, hee was by his envious enemies accused of justice. Even so this man, who is wont to prescribe us a rule, to leave that in ambiguity, which in the Greeke is ambiguous, now blameth us for translating so, as either *Calvine* or *Bezaes* sense may stand with it. And albeit in all other places hee is content to make us *Bezaes* schollers, yet here because *Calvine* hath the worse part, hee will enforce us to leave *Beza*, and sticke to *Calvine*. Such a force hath malice, when it is setled in mans heart, that it carryeth him oftentimes headlong, against himselfe. But seeing the holy Ghost, as the neerest antecedent, is placed next before the Relative, why must wee needes confesse, not the holy Ghost, but water to bee shedde upon us? Is any man so bruitish, to beleeve the bold surmises, what said I, surmises? nay impudent and contentious affirmations of this blinde Bayarde.

ART. 7. *Of the Sacrament of penance I have spoken before, concerning that part specially which is satisfaction. Here I will onely adde of Confession, that to avoyd this tearme (namely in such a place where the Reader might easily gather Sacramentall Confession) they translate thus,* Acknowledge your faults one to another, Iacob. 5. *It is said a little before, If any bee diseased,* let him bring in Priests, &c. *And then it followeth,* Confesse your faults, &c. *But they, to make all sure, for* Confesse, *say,* Acknowledge, *and for* Priests, Elders, *What meane they by this? If this acknowledging of faults one to another before death, bee indifferently to bee made to all men, why doe they appoynt in their Communion-booke (as it seemeth out of this place) that the sicke person shall make a speciall confession to the Minister, and hee shall absolve him in the very same forme of absolution that Catholike Priests use in the Sacrament of Confession. Againe, if this acknowledging of faults be specially to be made to the Minister or Priest, why translate they it not by the word confessing and confession, as well as by* acknowledging? *and why is not this confession a Sacrament, where themselves acknowledge forgiveneese of sinnes by the Minister? These contradictions and repugnance of their practise and translation, if they can wittily and wisely reconcile, they may perhaps in this point satisfy the Reader. But whether the Apostle speake here of Sacramentall Confession or no, sincere Translatours should not have fled from the proper and most usuall word of confession or confessing, consonant both to the Greeke and Latine, and indifferent to whatsoever the holy Ghost might meane, as this word* acknowledge *is not.*

ἐξομολογεῖσθε, Whereof confession is called in S. Cyprian and other Fathers.

Extremitie. In the order of visitation of the sicke.

FVLK. 7. Of the word of penance, and thereupon to wring in satisfaction, wee have heard more then enough: but that penance is a Sacrament, wee have heard never a word to prove it. But what say wee against confession? Forsooth *Iames* 5. we translate ἐξομολογεῖσθε, acknowledge your selves. Why Sir? Doeth acknowledging signify any other thing then confessing? You want then nothing else but the sound of confession, which among the ignorant would helpe you little, which tearme your Popish acknowledging rather shrift then confession, it is marvell then that you blame us not, because wee say not, shrive your selves one to another. A miserable Sacrament, that hath needs of the sound of a word to helpe it to bee gathered. But how (I pray you) should the Reader gather your auricular shrift, or Popish confession, if the word confesse your selves were used by us? I weene because the Priests are called in a little before. It is more then enough, if you might gaine your Sacrament of annealing by their comming in. But shrift commeth too late after extreame unction. Well, admitte the Apostle forgot the order, and placed it after, which should come before, must wee needes have Priestly confession proved out of that place? Doeth not Saint *Iames* say, confesse your selves one to another, as hee saith, pray one for another? Then it followeth, that the Lay-man must shrive the Priest, as well as the Priest must shrive the Lay-man. And the Priest must confesse himselfe to the people, as well as the people must pray for the Priest. But you have an objection out of the Communion booke, to prove Confession to bee a Sacrament, which appoynteth, that the sicke person shall make a speciall confession to the Minister, and hee to absolve him, &c. Will you never leave this shamelesse cogging, and forging of matters against us? The Communion booke appoynteth a speciall confession onely for them that feele their consciences

sciences troubled with any weighbie matter, that they may receive comfort and [illegible] the Minister, who hath authoritie in the name of God, to [illegible] that bee sicke, but also to them that bee whole: and [illegible] them that acknowledge and confesse their sinnes humbly [illegible] lowseth not, that this confession is a Sacrament; for by preaching, the people that beleeve, are absolved from their sinnes, by the ministerie of the Preacher: yea is not preaching a Sacrament. A Sacrament must have an outward element, or bodily creature, to represent the grace of remission of sinnes, as in Baptisme and in the Lords Supper. But where you conclude, that sincere Translators should not have fled the proper and most vsuall word of confession, you speake your pleasure, for the word of acknowledging is more proper and vsuall in the English tongue, than is the word of confessing. And if you can prove any Sacramente out of the text, behold, you have the Greeke and Latine untouched, and the English answerable to both. Make your Syllogisme out of that place to prove Popish shrift when you dare.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XV.

Heretical translation against the Sacrament of HOLY ORDERS and for the MARIAGE OF PRIESTS and VOTARIES.

Gainst the Sacrament of Orders, what can they doe more in translation, than in all their Bibles to take away the name of Priest *and* Priesthood *of the new Testament altogether, and for it to say,* Elder *and* Eldership? *Whereof I treated more at large* in another place of this booke. Here I adde these few observations, that both for Priests and Deacons, which are two holy Orders in the Catholike Church, they translate* Ministers, *to commend that new degree devised by themselves. As when they say in all their Bibles,* Feare the Lord with all thy soule, and honour his Ministers; *in the Greeke it is plaine thus,* and honour his Priests, *as the word always signifieth, and in the very next sentence themselves so translate,* Feare the Lord, and honour the Priests. *But they would needs borrow one of these places for the honour of Ministers. As also in the Epistle to* Timothie, *where Saint* Paul *talketh of Deacons, and nameth them twice; they in the first place translate thus,* Likewise must the Ministers bee honest, &c. *And a little after,* Let the Deacons bee the husbands of one wife; *loe, the Greeke word being one, and the Apostle speaking of one Ecclesiasticall Order of Deacons, and* Beza *so interpreting it in both places, yet our English Translators have allowed the first place to their Ministers, and the second to Deacons, and so (because Bishops also went before) they have found us out their three Orders, Bishops, Ministers, and Deacons. Alas poore soules, that can have no place in Scripture for their Ministers, but by making the Apostle speake three things for two.*

* Chap. 6.

Eccles. 7. v. 31. septuag.

1 Tim 3. Bib. 1562. & 1577. Answer.

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Or the names of Priest and Elder, wee have spoken heretofore sufficiently, as also for the name of Minister, which is vsed for the same that Elder and Priest, although the word signifie more generally. That the word Ministers is put for Priests, I take it rather to bee an oversight of the first Translator, whom the rest followed, because that διάκονος commeth immediately after, than any purpose against the Order of Priest, or to dignifie the name of Ministers. For seeing *Syrachs* sonne speaketh of Priests and Ministers of the law, his saying can make nothing to or fro, for the names of the Ministers, Priests or Elders of the new Testament. That some translations in 1 *Tim.* 3. for διακόνους render Ministers, it is because they supposed the Greeke word to bee taken there, in the generall [illegible] is in many other places, not to make three degrees of two, as you doe fondly [illegible] the orders of Bishops, Elders, or as you call them priests, and as they [illegible]

Priests and Ministers, is all one in authoritie of ministring the word and the Sacraments. The degree of Bishops, as they are taken to bee a superiour order unto Elders or Priests, is for government and discipline, especially committed unto them, not in authoritie of handling the word and the Sacraments.

MART. 2. *There are in the Scripture that are called Ministers, in infinite places, and that by three Greeke words commonly: but that is a large signification of Minister, attributed to all that minister, or ait, serue, or attend to doe any service, Ecclesiasticall or temporall, sacred or prophane. If the word bee restrained to any peculiar service or function, as one of the Greeke words is, then doth it signifie Deacons onely: which if they know it, or will not beleeue mee, let them see Beza himselfe in his Annotations upon S. Matthew, who protesteth, that in his translation hee useth always the word* Minister *in the generall signification, and* Diaconus *in the speciall and peculiar Ecclesiasticall function of Deacons. So that yet wee cannot understand, neither can they tell us, whence their peculiar calling and function of Minister commeth, which is their second degree under a Bishop, and is placed in stead of Priests.* Annot c.5. v.25.

K. 2. What the generall word of Minister signifieth, how it is taken both generally and specially, wee are not so ignorant, that wee neede be taught of you: and yet all learned men are not agreed, when the Greeke word διάκονος is restrained to the Minister of the poore, and when it signifieth generally all the officers in the Church. As for the name of Minister, by which Elders or Priests are commonly called among us, I haue even now, and divers times before shewed, upon what occasion it was taken up, so to bee applied, which yet generally signifieth all that serue in the Church, and Common-wealth also.

RT. 3. *Againe, what can bee more against the dignitie of sacred Orders and Ecclesiasticall degrees than to make them prophane and secular by their tearmes and translations? For this purpose, as they translate,* Elders, *and* Eldership, *for* Priests *and* Priesthood, *so doe they most impudently tearme S.* Peter *and S.* Iohn, * Lay men: *they say for Apostle,* Embassador, *and* Messenger, Ioh.13.v.16. *and for Apostles of the Churches,* Messengers *of the same,* 2. Cor.8. *for Bishops* Overseers, Act.20. *Why (my masters) doth* idiota *signifie a Lay man? Suppose a Lay man be as wise and learned as any other, is he* idiota? *or that one of your Ministers be as unlearned and ignorant as any shepheard, is hee not* idiota? *So then* idiota *is neither Clerke nor Lay-man, but every simple and ignorant man. They that spake with miraculous tongues in the Primitive Church, were they not Lay-men many of them? Yet the Apostle plainely distinguisheth them from* idiota. *So that this is more ignorantly or wilfully translated, than* Neophytus, a young scholler *in all your Bibles.* * Rhem. Act.4. Bib.1562. Note on λαϊκοὶ. For messenger and legate the Scripture vseth these words, ἄγγελος, ἀπόστολος, πρεσβευτὴς. 1 Cor.14. 23.24. 1 Tim.3.

FVLK. 3. There can bee no greater wrangling, nor more unprofitable, than about words and tearmes. But why, I pray you, should the tearmes of Elder and Eldership bee more prophane and secular in English, than they bee in Greeke, yea, than the names of Ancients and Seniors, which you your selues in your translation vse for the same office? Will you never bee ashamed of these vanities, which turne alwayes to your owne reproach? Yet doe they (say you) most impudently tearme Saint *Peter* and *Iohn* Lay-men. And doe not you dishonour them as much, to say in your translation, they were of the vulgar sort? What signifieth λαϊκὸς, a Lay-man, but one of the vulgar sort, or common people? Againe, were they of that Clergie, whereof *Annas* and *Caiaphas* were high Priests, or were they not as perfectly distinct from that sacrificing Priesthood, as any Lay-man at this day is from the Christian Clergie? Yet you goe on whither the furie of your malice doth carry you, and say, that *Idiota* is neither Clerke, nor Lay-man, but every simple and ignorant man. If it bee so, then reforme your translation, as well in this place of the *Act.*4. as in 1 *Cor.*14. where you call *Idiota*, of the vulgar sort, or the vulgar, and plucke your selfe first by the nose for false translating, before you finde fault with us. Againe, if the high Priests did take the Apostles for unlearned and Lay-men, what impudencie is it, to say that wee tearme them so? And touching your signification of *Idiota*, although the Priests knew, that they had not beene brought up in studie of learning, as they themselues were, yet hearing their bold and wise answer, they could not take them for simple and ignorant men, therefore it followeth, that they meant they were none of their Clergie, rather than that they were ignorant and foolish, for simple in the good part they would not acknowledge them to bee. As for the tearme Embassador and Messenger, for the Greeke word ἀπόστολος, *Ie.*13.*v.*16. may well bee vsed in that place, seeing it is like hee speaketh generally of the word ἀπόστολος, as hee doth of δοῦλος, which is a seruant. The seruant is not greater than his Lord, nor the Embassador than hee that sent him. And for the messengers of the Churches, when those are understood by the word ἀπόστολοι, which are sent on message from the Churches, and not those that are sent by Christ to preach unto the Churches, no wise man can blame the translation, *Act.* 20. where ἐπισκόπους are of us translated overseers, of you Bishops, yet in your note you say, or Priests, as though the word may signifie Priests

Priests, which all men of skill doe know to signifie Overseers, although the terme be vsed to them, which before are called πρεσβύτεροι, Elders or Priests. But it proceedeth of great ignorance, that *Neophytus* is translated in all our Bibles, a young Scholler. O what knowledge haue wee learned of you, to translate *Neophytus*, a Neophyte. For before, wee did take *Neophytus*, to signifie one that is newly planted, or lately ingrafted, and by a Metaphor, one that is a young and new scholler in the mysteries of Christian religion. But because your Pope vseth to make boyes and vnlearned young men Bishops, and great Prelates in your Church, you can not abide, that a young scholler should by Saint *Pauls* rule bee excluded from a Bishopricke, and therefore you mocke the Reader with a Neophyte. Wee know, that in the auncient Church they were called *Neophyti*, which were lately baptised: but yet in the same sense, because they were young schollers, and therefore looke in the Homilies that are intituled, *ad Neophytos*, and you shall see, they are directed and spent almost or altogether in teaching the principles of Christian religion plainely, wherein they were but young schollers, not yet perfectly instructed.

MART. 4. *Now for changing the name Apostle into Messenger, though* Beza *doe so also in the foresaid places, yet in deede he controuleth both himselfe, and you, in other places saying of the same word, (Apostle)* as many other words familiar to the Church of Christ. *And not onely of the principall Apostles, but also of the other Disciples, hee both translateth, and interpreteth, in his commentarie, that they are* notable Apostles, *and hee proueth that all* Ministers of the word *(as he termeth them) are and may bee so called. And for your* Overseers, *hee saith,* Episcopos, *and not,* Superintendentes. *Which hee might as well haue said, as you,* Overseers. *But to say the truth, though he be too too prophane, yet hee doth much more keepe and vse the Ecclesiasticall received tearmes, than you doe, often protesting it, and as it were glorying therein, against* Castaleon *especially. As, when he saith,* Presbyterum, *where you say* Elder: Diaconum, *where you say,* Minister, *and so forth. Where if you tell mee that howsoeuer hee translate, hee meaneth as prophanely as you, I beleeue you, and therefore you shall goe together, like Master, like Schollers, all false and prophane translators; for, this* Beza *(who sometime so gladly keepeth the name of Apostle) yet calleth* Epaphroditus legatum Philippensium, Philip. 2.v. 15. *Whereupon the English Bezites translate,* your Messenger, *for,* your Apostle. *As if S.* Augustine *who was our Apostle, should be called,* our Messenger. Annot. in Matth. v. 2. Annot. in Rom. 16.v.7. & 2. Cor. 8. v. 23. Tr. Euang. Matth. & in c.3.v.11. & c.12.v.2. & c.5.v.25.

FVLK. 4. You can not leaue your old Byas, in wresting mens sayings, farre beyond their meaning. Therefore you alledge against us, the saying of *Beza*, for the terme of Apostles, to be retained, where mention is made of the Apostles of Christ, not onely those that are specially so called, but also all the Ministers of the word. But what is this, to terme them by the honourable name of Apostles, which are not sent by God, but by men, about some civill or Ecclesiasticall businesse. For both hee and wee call *Epaphroditus*, the Messenger, and not the Apostle of the Philippians, because hee was sent by the Philippians unto *Paul*, and not by Christ unto them. As for that *Augustine* which was sent by *Gregory*, might better bee called *Gregories* Apostle, than our Apostle, for hee was not sent by us, but to us, not immediately from God, as an Apostle should, but from *Gregorie*, and by *Gregorie*. Touching the tearmes of Bishops, Elders, Ministers, Priests, &c. enough hath beene said already. Our translators haue done that, which they thought best to be done in our language, as *Beza* did in the Latine tongue.

MART. 5. *As also, when you translate of Saint* Matthias *the Apostle*, that hee was by a common consent counted with the eleuen Apostles: Act. 1.v.26. *what is it else, but to make onely a popular election of Ecclesiasticall degrees, as* Beza *in his annotations, would haue us to vnderstand, saying,* that nothing was done here peculiarly by *Peter*, as one of more excellent dignitie than the rest, but in common by the voyces of the whole Church: *though in an other place vpon this election, hee noteth* Peter *to bee the chiefe or Coryphoeus. And as for the Greeke word in this place, if partialitie of the cause would suffer him to consider of it, hee should finde, that the proper signification thereof in this phrase of speech, is, as the vulgar Latine Interpreter,* Erasmus, *and* Valla, *(all which he reiecteth) translate it, to wit,* hee was numbred, *or,* counted with the eleuen Apostles, *without all respect of common consent, or not consent, as you also in your other Bibles doe translate.* No. Test. 1580 Annot. ibid. Act.14.v.23. συγκατεψηφισθη. Annumeratus est & cooptatus est.

FVLK. 5. The election of *Matthias* to bee an Apostle, was extraordinarily, and therefore permitted to the lot: the manner whereof, as it is not to bee drawne into example, so the proper election cannot bee proued thereby: yet hath both *Beza*, and the English translatour, faithfully expressed the Greeke word, which Saint *Luke* there vseth: although neither *Erasmus*, nor *Valla*, beside your vulgar Interpreter, did consider it. Neither doth that common consent, in accepting *Matthias* for an Apostle, whom the lot had designed, more proue a popular election, or derogate from the singularity of *Peter*, than the

that by common consent of the whole brotherhood, two were chosen and set up, that the Apostleship should be laid upon one of them.

MART. 6. *Which diversitie may proceede of the diversitie of opinions among you. For wee understand by Master* Whitegifts *bookes against the Puritanes, that he and his fellowes deny this popular election, and give preeminence, superioritie, and difference in this case to* Peter, *and to Ecclesiasticall Prelates: and therefore he proveth at large the use and Ecclesiasticall signification of the Greeke word χειροτονια, not to the giving of voices in popular elections, but to be the Ecclesiasticall imposing of hands upon persons taken to the Churches ministerie. Which hee saith very truely, and needeth the lesse here to be spoken of, specially being touched * elsewhere in this booke.* His defense, or 2. booke. pag. 157. * Chap. 6. num. 7.

FVLK. 6. The diversitie of the translation, proceedeth of this, that the former translators did not observe the nature of the Greeke word, which *Beza* hath considered more absolutely, than any Interpreters before him. Although it is not unlike, that *Chrysostome* did well acknowledge it, when speaking of this election, hee vseth these words. *Iam & illud considera, quam In act. hom 3.*
& Petrus agit omnia ex communi discipulorum sententia, nihil authoritate sua, nihil cum im- "
perio. Now also consider this thing, how *Peter* doth all things by common consent of the " Disciples, nothing of his owne authoritie, nothing with rule or commaundement. And as " for the popular election, if you had read those bookes, you make mention of, you might " perceive, that neither of both parts, allow a meere popular election. And that Master *Whit-* " *gift*, doth not so much contend, what forme of election was vsed in the time of the Apostles, and of the Primitiue Church, as whether it be necessary that such forme of election as then was practised, should in all ages of the Church, and in all places, be of necessitie continued, and observed.

MART. 7. *One thing onely wee would know, why they that plead so earnestly against their brethren the Puritanes, about the signification of this word, pretending herein onely the primitiue custome of imposition of hands, in making their Ministers, why (I say) themselues translate not this word accordingly, but altogether as the Puritanes, thus:* When they had ordained them Elders by election in every Church, *Act.* 14. *vers.* 23. *For if the Greeke word signifie here the peoples giving of voices (as* Beza *forceth it onely that way, out of* Tully, *and the popular custome of old Athens) then the other signification of imposing hands is gone, which Master* Whitgift *defendeth, and the popular election is brought in, which hee refelleth: and so by their translation they haue in my opinion over-shot themselues, and given advantage to their brotherly adversaries. Vnlesse indeed they translate as they thinke, because indeed they thinke as heretically as the other, but yet because their state of Ecclesiasticall regiment is otherwise, they must maintaine that also in their writings, howsoever they translate. For an example, They all agree to translate Elder for Priest: and Master* Whitakers *telleth us a fresh in the name of them all, that there are no Priests now in the Church of Christ, that is, (as he interpreteth himselfe)* This name Priest is never in the new Testament peculiarly applyed to the Ministers of the Gospell, *this is their doctrine. But what is their practise in the regiment of their Church? cleane contrary. For in the order of the communion booke, where it is appointed what the Minister should doe, it is indifferently said,* Then shall the Priest doe or say this and that: *and*, Then shall the Minister, &c. *Whereby it is evident that they make Priest a proper and peculiar calling applied to their Ministers, and so their practise is contrary to their teaching and doctrine.* Bib. 1577. χειροτονησαντες. Beza ibid. Pag. 100. ed 1st Camp. pag 210.

FVLK. 7. I haue satisfied your desire before, if you list to know, our translation must be, as neere as it can, to expresse the true signification of the originall words, and so it is, in that place of the *Act.* 14. *v.* 23. which being granted by them, that deny the necessitie of that forme of election to continue alwayes, giveth no more advantage to the Adversaries, than they would take out of the signification of the Greeke word, howsoever it were translated. Your example of Master *Whitakers* denying the name of Priest to bee applied to the Ministers of the Gospell, to proue that wee must maintaine our Ecclesiasticall state, howsoever we translate, is very fond and ridiculous: as also the contradiction that you would make betweene him and the service-booke, touching the name of Priest, there vsed and allowed. Master *Whitakers* writing in Latine, speaking of the Latine tearme, *Sacerdos*, the Communion booke of the English word Priest, is not this a goodly net for a foole to daunce naked in, and thinke that no body can see him.

MART. 8. *) Now concerning imposition, or laying on of hands, in making their Ministers, (which the Puritans also are forced to allow by other words of Scripture, howsoever they dispute and iangle against χειροτονια) none of them all make more of it, than of the like Iudaicall ceremonie in the old Law, not acknowledging that there is any grace given withall, though the Apostle say there is, in expresse tearmes, but they will answere this text (as they are wont) with a favourable translation, turning* grace, *into gift. As, when the Apostle saith vnto him,* Neglect not THE GRACE *that is in thee, which is given thee by prophecie, with imposition of the hands of Priesthood, they translate,* Neglect not the GIFT: *and Beza most impudently, for, by prophecy,* Beza Annot. Act. 6. v. 6. 1 Tim. 4. v. 14. τῆ χαρισθεισῃ σοι. Δια προφητειας. *translateth*

translateth, to prophecie: *making that onely to be this gift, and without adding this goodly exposition, that he had the gift of prophecie, or preaching before, and now by imposition of hands was chosen onely to execute that function. But because it might bee obiected that the Apostle saith,* Which was given thee with the imposition of hands, *or, (as hee speaketh in an other place)* by imposition of hands, *making this imposition of hands, as instrumentall cause of giving this grace, he saith, that it did onely confirme the grace or gift before given.* 1 Tim. 4. 2 Tim. 1.

FVLK. 8. Though we finde that by, or with imposition of hands, many rare and extraordinary gifts of prophecie of tongues, and such like, were given in the Apostles time, yet wee finde no where, that grace is ordinarily given by that ceremonie, vsed alwayes in the Church, for ordination of the Ministers thereof. But whether there be, or not, our translation of χαρισμα, into gift, is true and proper to the word. For albeit the word χαρις, be taken, not onely for the favour of God, but also for his gracious gifts: yet χαρισμα is never taken in the Scripture, but for a free gift, or a gift of his grace. That *Beza* referreth the prepositon δια, to the end of the gift, hee hath the nature of the word to beare him out, which may well abide that sense: and yet hee doth not reiect the other common interpretation by prophecie, that by appointment of the holy Ghost, uttered by some of the Prophets. But where you wrangle about the gift of prophecie, as though hee were vtterly voide thereof, before hee received imposition of hands: I know not what you meane. Would you haue us thinke, that hee was ordained Priest, or Elder, or to any office of the Church, without competent gifts, meete to discharge his office? That the gift of prophecie as well as of speaking with tongues, might bee given by and with imposition of hands. *Beza* doubteth not. But it is out of doubt, that to an office, none was chosen or admitted by the Apostle and the rest of the Presbyterie of *Ephesus*, but such as had sufficient gifts to answere that office.

MART. 9. *Thus it is evident that, though the Apostle speake never so plaine for the dignitie of holy Orders, that it giveth grace, and consequently is a Sacrament, they pervert all to the contrary, making it a bare ceremonie, suppressing the word* grace, *which is much more significant to expresse the Greeke word, than gift is, because it is not every gift, but a gracious gift, or a gift proceeding of marvellous and meere grace. As when it is said,* To you it is given not onely to beleeve, but also to suffer for him. *The Greeke word signifieth thus much,* To you this grace is given, &c. *So when God gaue vnto Saint* Paul *all that sailed with him, this Greeke word is vsed, because it was a great grace or gracious gift given vnto him. When Saint* Paul *pardoned the incestuous person before due time, it is expressed by this word, because it was a grace (as* Theodoret *calleth it) given vnto him. And therefore also the almes of the Corinthians, 1* Cor. *16. 3. are called, their grace, which the Protestants translate, liberalitie, neglecting altogether the true force and signification of the Greeke words.* Phil. 1. 29. ἐχαρισθη. Act. 27. 2 Cor. 2. χαρισασθαι. χαριτων τῶν θεοῦ.

FVLK. 9. Here is no evidence at all, that the order of Priesthood is a Sacrament, or giveth grace, but that God, by the ceremonie of laying on of hands, did giue wonderfull and extraordinary gifts, of tongues, and prophecying, in the beginning and first planting of the Church. But, that grace should alwayes follow that ceremonie, there is no proofe to bee made out of the holy Scriptures. And experience sheweth, that hee which was voide of gifts, before hee was ordered Priest, is as very an Asse and Dogbolt, as hee was before, for any encrease of grace or gracious gifts: although hee haue authoritie committed unto him, if hee bee ordered in the Church, though unworthily, and with great sinne both of him that ordaineth, and of him that is ordained. But wee suppresse the word grace (you say) because *charisma* signifieth, at least, a gracious gift. See how the bare sound of termes delighteth you, that you might therein seeke a shadow for your singlesolde sacrament of popish orders. The word signifieth, a free or gracious gift, and so will every man understand it, which knoweth, that it is given by God. As also in all places, where mention is made of Gods gifts, we must understand, that it proceedeth freely from him, as a token of his favour and grace. But that the Greeke word χαρισμα, doth alwayes import the grace or favour of God, none either wise or learned will affirme, neither doth your vulgar Interpreter expresse the word of grace in those places that you bring for example, *Phil.* 1. *v.* 29. hee saith plainely, *donatum est*, it is given, and so your selues translate. Why, I pray you doe you suppresse the word grace, or why doe you thus trifle against us? When Saint *Paul* appealed to *Cæsar*, *Act.* 25. affirming, that no man could give him into the hands of his adversaries, hee vseth the same word χαρισασθαι. So, when *Festus* telleth *Agrippa*, that hee answered the Iewes, that it was not the custome of the Romanes, to give any man to destruction, &c. Saint *Luke* vseth the word χαριζεσθαι, were not hee a mad translatour, or Interpreter either, that would expound this word of the grace of God, which is spoken of the favour of men? So when the Apostle, 1 *Cor.* 16. calleth the almes of the Corinthians, their grace, is it not better English to say, their liberalitie? for although their liberalitie proceeded of Gods

gift, yet the Apostle adding the pronoune ὑμῖν, meaneth the free gift of the Corinthians, not the grace of God.

MART. 10. *But concerning the sacrament of orders, as in the first to* Timothie, *so in the second also, they suppresse the word* Grace, *and call it barely and coldly,* Gift: *saying:* I put thee in remembrance, 1 Tim. 1. v. 6. that thou stirre up the gift of God, which is in thee, by the putting on of my hands. *Where if they had said,* the grace of God, *which is in thee, by the putting on of my hands: then were it plaine, that Saint* Paul *by the ceremonie of imposing hands upon* Timothie, *in making him Priest, or Bishop, gaue him grace: and so it should bee a very Sacrament of holy Orders. For avoiding whereof, they translate otherwise, or else let them giue us an other reason thereof, specially the Greeke word much more signifieth grace, than a bare gift, as is declared.*

LK. 10. These colewoorts were sodden enough once before that they need not bee set on againe. The word χάρισμα if you finde it an hundred times, signifieth no more but a free gift, or a gift that is freely given, even as the English word gift doth: whereof the Proverbe is, what is so free as gift? Whereof if we had said the grace of God wee had translated amisse, and otherwise than the Greeke word doth signifie. But where you trifle in your tearmes of a bare gift, and we call it barely and coldly a gift, you doe nothing but bewray your owne shame. Can the gift of God bee called a bare gift? or doth hee speake barely and coldly, that saith the gift of God? Doth the Apostle *Ephes.* 2. speaking of our salvation, and your vulgar Interpreter, and you your selues speake, of a bare gift, and call it barely and coldly, the gift of God? When you say, you are saved through faith (and that not of your selues for it is the gift of God) not of worke, &c. See you not that while you seeke to rase our skin, you strike your selfe to the heart? Be wiser therefore, and spare your owne credite: find no fault with that which you cannot amend, and which if it were a fault, you your selues commit as much as we.

MART. 11. *The more to prophane this sacred order, whereunto continencie and single life hath beene alwayes annexed in the new Testament for the honour and reverence of the functions thereunto belonging, to prophane the same (I say) and to make it meere laicall and popular, they will haue all to be maried men, yea those that haue vowed the contrary: and it is a great credite among them, for our Priests Apostatades to take wiues. This they would deduce from the Apostles custome, but by most false and impudent translation: making Saint* Paul *say thus as of his owne wife and the other Apostles wiues,* Haue not wee power to leade about a wife being a sister, as well as the rest of the Apostles? *Whereas the Apostle saith nothing else but,* a woman a sister, *that is, a Christian woman, meaning such holy women as followed Christ, and the Apostles, to finde and maintaine them of their substance. So doth Saint* Hierome *interpret it, and Saint* Augustine, *both directly proving that it cannot bee translated,* wife, *but,* woman: *and the Greeke fathers most expressly. And as for the Greeke word, if they say it is ambignous, Saint* Augustine *telleth them that as the Apostle hath put it downe with all the circumstances, there is no ambignitie at all that might deceiue any men. Yea let us set apart the circumstances, and consider the Greeke word alone in it selfe, and* Beza *will tell us in other places, that it signifieth a woman rather than a wife: reprehending* Erasmus *for translating it,* wife, *because there is no* circumstance annexed *why it should so signifie: thereby declaring that of it selfe it signifieth,* woman, *and therefore much more when the circumstance also (as S.* Augustine *saith) making it certaine, that so it doth signifie.*

1 Cor. 9. v. 5. *No. Test.* 1580 ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα. Math. 27. *Li. 1 aduers. Iouin. De op mon. c. 4. In collectan. Oecu. super hunc locum. Annot. Mat. 5. v. 28 & 1 Cor. 7. v. 1. * Quia non additur. τινὰ, aut ἀδελφὴν.*

FVLK. 11. If matrimonie be a holy Sacrament, as you say, and an holy ordinance of God as wee both confesse, how should the sacred order of Priesthood bee prophaned thereby. That continence and single life hath alwayes beene annexed to the Ecclesiasticall functions in the new Testament, it is so manifest an untruth, that I will not stand to confute it. As where you say, that wee make the order meere laicall and popular, that wee will haue all men to bee married, yea those that haue vowed the contrary, these be most impudent affertions. Though it bee free for all men to marry, yet no man is willed, otherwise than hee shall finde cause in himselfe. And for Priests that come from you, it is more credite to marry, than out of mariage to liue incontinently: otherwise they are of as great credite that bee unmarried, as they that be maried. What the custome of the Apostles was for having wiues and keeping company with them, not onely the Scripture of the Apostles, but also *Clemens Alexandrinus* a most auncient writer is witnesse for us, and against your impudent affertion, alledging even this text of 1 *Cor.* 9. To proove that they did leade their wiues about with them, *Per quas etiam in Gynecæum, &c.* By meanes of whom the doctrine of our Lord might enter into the closet of women, without any reprehension, or evill suspition. By which our translation is prooved to bee good and true, as I haue more at large declared before, *Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 18. Neither is there here any new matter, which is not there sufficiently answered.

1 Tim. 3. Tit. 1. 1 Cor. 9. &c. And *præfat. Sect.* 36.

MART. 12. *Wherefore great must the impudencie of* Beza *bee (and of the English Bezites) that knowing*

ing this, and protesting it elsewhere in his Annotations, yet here translateth, sororem vxorem, *a sister a wife, and saying after his Lordly manner, I durebeat not so to translate it, disputing and reasoning against all other Interpreters both ancient and latter, for the contrary, yea and affirming that S. Paul himselfe did foolishly, if he spake there of other rich women. Such a famine he hath to make the Apostles not only maried men, but that they caried about their wiues with them, and that they were the Apostles wiues (for so he translateth it* Act. 1. v. 14.) *that returned with them after our Lords ascension to* Hierusalem, *and continued together in prayer till the holy Ghost came upon them. Whereas S.* Luke there speaketh so evidently of the other holy and faithfull women, *which are famous in the Gospels (as the Maries and other) that the English Bezites themselues dare not here follow his translation. For I beseech you, M.* Beza, (to turne my talke unto you a little) *is there any circumstance or particle here added why it should bee translated wiues? None. Then by your owne reason before alleadged, it should rather bee translated* women. *Againe, did* Erasmus *translate well saying.* It is good for a man not to touch a wife? 1 *Cor.* 7. v. 1. *No, say you, reprehending this translation, because it dehorteth from mariage. If not, shew your commission why you may translate in the foresaid places* wife, *and* wiues, *at your pleasure: the Greeke being all one, both where you will not in any wise haue it translated* wife, *and also where you will haue it so translated in any wise.*

Fvlk. 12. Nay great must bee the impudencie of the Papists, that imagine the Apostles, which had wiues of their owne, did leaue them behinde them, and leade strange women about with them into all parts of the world. The first that inuented that glosse of continent women, such as followed Christ, was *Tertullian* the Montanist, in his booke of *Monogamie*, which hee wrote against the Church, condemning second mariage, and reproving the Latine translation of his time, as it seemeth, which in this text, 1 *Cor.* 9. vsed the tearme of *vxor*, by the ambiguitie of the Greeke word γυνὴ, saying, that if the Apostle had spoken of matrimonie, hee would haue understood this of wiues, but seeing hee speaketh *De virginaria exhibitione*, of the exhibition toward his living, hee understandeth it of such women as followed Christ. Than the which distinction nothing can bee more absurd: for speaking of exhibition toward his living, the Apostle sheweth, that hee might haue lawfully charged the Church with finding, not onely of himselfe, but also of his wife, as the other Apostles did. Againe, if rich women did follow the Apostles, ministring to them of their substance, as they followed our Saviour, this was no burden, but an easement unto the Church, which the Apostle would not haue abstained from as a thing burdenous to the Church of Corinth. Concerning the other place, *Act.* 1. v. 14. although perhaps it bee not necessary to translate wiues, yet it is necessary to understand wiues. For to answere you in Master *Bezaes* name, who telleth you, that it was meete, as also *Erasmus* thinketh that their wiues should bee confirmed, who partly were to bee companions of their travell and peregrination, partly to tarrie patiently at home, while their husbands were about the Lords businesse, and therefore their wiues also were present. Againe, what a shamefull absurditie were it, to thinke that the Apostles would tarrie in a close house so long together with other women than their wiues, and shut out their owne wiues, which must needes haue beene subiect to great offence and obloquie? And what deuillish malice haue you against the Apostles wiues, that you cannot abide that they should ioyne with their husbands in prayer and supplication, and bee made partakers of the holy Ghost with them, as well as other women, which were also maried women, *Mary* the wife of *Cleophas, Ioanna*, the wife of *Chuza*, and other holy women, the mothers or wiues of holy men? Will you say the Apostles had no wiues? *Peters* wiues mother will testifie against you. Will you say, shee was forsaken by *Peter*? The storie of his martyrdome, if it bee true, affirmeth that shee continued with him to his dying day. Will you say hee had no matrimoniall company with her? His daughter *Petronilla* will beare witnesse against you, so young, that shee was desired in mariage by *Flaccus* the Comes. Touching the place, 1 *Cor.* 7. where *Erasmus* translateth *uxorem*, I haue answered already. The circumstance of the place doth argue, that it is spoken generally of continence, and not of abstinence in mariage onely. And who is such a novice in the Greeke tongue, that he knoweth not that the word γυνὴ signifieth a wife or woman, as the circumstance of the place requireth, where it is vsed?

1 Cor. 9. v. 5. ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα. *Socie germanæ. Theophylact. Li. 2. c. 24.*

MART. 13. *Againe, to this purpose they make S.* Paul *say, as to his wife.* I beseech thee also faithfull yoke-fellow, Phil. 4. v. 3. *for in English what doth it else sound, but man and wife? But that S.* Paul *should here meane his wife, most of the Greeke Fathers count it ridiculous and foolish, S.* Chrysostome, Theodoret, Oecumenius, Theophilactus. Beza *and* Calvin *both mislike it, translating also in the masculine gender. S.* Paul *himselfe saith the contrary, that hee had no wife,* 1 Cor. 7. *And as for* Clemens Alexandrinus, *who alleadgeth it for Pauls wife,* Eusebius *plainly infinuateth, and* Nicephorus *expressly saith, that hee did it* ἐπεμφατικῶς, *by the way of contention* and

...tation, whiles he earnestly wrote against them that oppugned matrimonie.

LK. 13. The Greeke word being ὁυζυγὸς signifieth a fellow or companion in yoke, they haue not therefore translated amisse, when they say yoke fellow, which signifieth fellow in any yoke whatsoever. If it sound man and wife in English, what matter is that? for so it soundeth in Greeke. Men must not follow the sound of words onely, but examine the matter. And great probabilitie there is, that hee speaketh there of his wife, as *Clemens Alexandrinus* thinketh, neither doth Saint *Paul* himselfe say precisely hee had no wife, 1 *Cor.* 7. but that hee lived without the use of a wife, which might bee, his wife consenting to remaine at *Philippi*. That the latter writers mislike the iudgement of *Clemens*, and specially that fabulous historian *Nicephorus*, it derogateth nothing to his credit, nor to the likelihood of the matter. That *Theophylact* saith, the adiective should bee of the feminine gender, hee is not to bee credited above *Clemens Alexandrinus*, who knew the puritie of the Greeke tongue, as well as hee. But whether it bee to bee understood of his wife or no, wee leaue it indifferent, and translate according to the Greeke word, without preiudice of either opinion, which kinde of translation at other times you doe highly commend.

ART. 14. *Againe for the mariage of Priests, and of all sorts of men indifferently, they translate the Apostle thus:* Wedlocke is honourable among all men. *Where one falsification is, that they say,* among all men, *and Beza,* inter quosvis, *and in the margene* * in omni hominum ordine, in every order or condition of men, *and in his annotation hee raileth, to make this translation good: whereas the Greeke is as indifferent to signifie, that mariage is honourable, by all meanes, in all respects, wholly, throughly, altogether. So doth not onely* Erasmus, *but also the Greeke Fathers expound it, namely* Theophylact, *whose words in the Greeke bee very significant, but too long here to trouble the Reader with them.* Not in part (*saith he*) honourable, and in part not; but wholly, throughout, by all meanes honourable and undefiled, in all ages, in all times. *Therefore, to refraine it in translation to persons onely, (though it may also very well bee understood of all persons that haue no impediment to the contrary) that is to translate falsly.*

Heb. 13. *No. Test. an.* 1565.

* ἐν πᾶσι. See Occum. in catena.

FVLK. 14. I haue answered already, that seeing the Apostle threatneth the iudgement of God against fornicators and adulterers, the most apt signification of the words ἐν πᾶσι, is, among all men. Although that which you would haue, comprehendeth all persons, as well as all other things, meanes, respects, &c. If any persons haue an impediment to the contrary, such as Gods word doth allow, their mariage by this text is not authorized. But Priests haue no impediment, when they are by the word of God to bee chosen as well of maried men, as of any other, 1 *Tim.* 5. *Tit.* 1. neither can it bee any falsification, to translate so, as both the words in the Greeke tongue doe signifie, and the reason of the place doth require. *Theophylacts* words, you say, bee long, and so it seemeth, they bee for your purpose, therefore you take but a peece in the midst, cutting off both the beginning, and the end, that make against you. In all (saith hee) not in men of riper age, and not in young men also, but in all men, or by all meanes, and in all times, not in affliction truely, and in quietnesse not also; not in this part precious, and honourable, and in that part otherwise, but the whole, and through all parts, let it bee precious. Here Heretikes are made to blush, that slander mariage: for behold, he calleth mariage precious, matrimonie honourable, which keepeth a man in the vertue of temperance. And afterward: If matrimonie bee permitted, the fornicators and adulterers are iustly punished. Who is so blinde, that hee will not see *Theophylact* referre it to the persons, as well as to all parts of it? At leastwise you should haue remembred, that *Theophylact* being a Bishop of the Greeke Church, where their Priests haue beene, and yet are suffered to be maried men, would not write any thing here against the mariage of Priests. Neither doth *Oecumenius* exclude the persons, when hee extolleth the perfection of mariage, but rather doth comprehend them. *Chrysostome* doth plainely referre it to the persons, insomuch, that he ioyneth it in exposition with that text, Haue peace with all men.

MART. 15. *Another, and the like falsification in this same short sentence, is, that they make it an affirmative speech, by adding,* is, *whereas the Apostles words be these,* Mariage honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: *which is rather an exhortation, as if hee should say,* Let mariage be honourable, and the bed undefiled. *How honourable? That (as S.* Peter *speaketh,* 1 Pet. c. 3.) *men converse with their wiues according to knowledge, imparting* honour *to them, as to the weaker vessels: that is, (as S.* Paul *also explicateth it,* 1 Thess. c. 4.) *possessing every man his vessell in sanctification and* honour, *not in the passion or lust of concupiscence, as the Gentiles, &c. Loe what honourable mariage is, to wit, when the husband useth the wife honourably and honestly in all respects, not beastly and filthily according to all kinde of lust and concupiscence. And that the Apostle here exhorteth to this honourable vsage of wedlocke, rather than affirmeth any thing, it is most*

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most probable both by that which goeth before, and that which immediately followeth, all which are exhortations: and let the Protestants giue us a reason out of the Greeke text, if they can, why they translate the words following by way of exhortation, Let your conversation be without covetousnesse, *and not these words also in like manner,* Let mariage bee honourable in all. *Certaine it is that the Greeke in both is all one phrase and speech, and Beza is much troubled to finde a good reason against* Erasmus, *who thinketh it is an exhortation. The sentence then being ambiguous and doubtfull at the least, what idly fellowes are these that will so restraine it in translation, that it cannot be taken in the other sense, and not rather leaue it indifferently, as in the Greeke and vulgar Latine it is, lest the sense of the holy Ghost bee not that, or not only that, which they translate.*

ἐν πᾶσι ὁ γάμος τίμιος ἐν πᾶσι.

WLK. 15. I haue already shewed, that the verbe of the indicative moode is here to bee understood, because the verbe which followeth in the same verse is of the indicative moode. Againe, the particle δὲ, as *Beza* telleth you, declareth the first words to bee uttered affirmatively: Mariage is honourable among all men, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will iudge. Moreover, *Chrysostome, Theodoret, Theophylact, Oecumenius*, doe all proone out of this place, the permission and lawfulnesse of mariage to all men, which could not bee except they understood the Apostles words affirmatively. That maried men must line temperately with their wiues, it is also true, but not the principall purpose of the Apostle here, to exhort thereunto, but rather to dissuade men from fornication and adulterie, because mariage is honourable and undefiled in all sorts of men. The reason you require, *Beza* hath given you, and I haue reported it. Neither is the sentence ambiguous, neither hath it beene so taken, but of late dayes, in despight of holy matrimonie, which though you cannot deny in all men, yet you deface the honour thereof, as the Manichees, and other Heretikes did, when you affirme, that the sacred order of Priesthood is prophaned thereby. They bee your owne words before, Sect. 11. convincing you to bee a mainetainer of the doctrine of Devils, 1. *Tim.* 4.

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MART. 16. *Moreover, it is against the profession of continencie in Priests and others, that they translate our Saviours words of single life, and the unmaried state, thus:* All men cannot receiue this saying: *as though it were impossible to liue continent. Where Christ said not so, that all men can not, but,* All men doe not receiue this saying. *But of this I haue spoken more in the chapter of free-will. Here I adde onely concerning the words following, that they translate them not exactly, nor perhaps with a sincere meaning: for if there bee chastitie in mariage, as well as in the single life, as* Paphnutius *the Confessor most truly said, and they are wont much to alleadge it, then their translation doth nothing expresse our Saviours meaning, when they say,* There are some chaste, which haue made themselues chaste, for the kingdome of heavens sake: *for a man might say, all doe so that liue chastely in matrimonie. But our Saviour speaketh of them that are impotent and unable to generation, called* * *Eunuches, or gelded men, and that in three diuers kindes: some that haue that infirmitie or maime from their birth, other some that are gelded afterward by men, and other that geld themselues for the kingdome of heaven, not by cutting off those parts, which were an horrible mortall sinne, but hauing those parts, as the other men haue, yet geld themselues (for so is the Greeke) and make themselues unable to generation. Which how it can bee, but by voluntary profession, promise, and vow of perpetuall continencie, which they may never breake, let the Protestants tell us. Christ then (as it is most evident) speaketh of gelded men, either corporally, or spiritually, (which are all such as professe perpetuall continencie) and they tell us of some that were borne chaste, and some that were made chaste by men, and some that make themselues chaste: a most foolish and false translation of the Greeke words, εὐνοῦχοι and εὐνουχίζειν.*

Matt. 19. v. 11.

Bib. 1561. 1577.

* εὐνοῦχοι.

εὐνοῦχοι.

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εὐνουχίζειν.

FVLK. 16. Concerning the former part of this matter, *Matth.* 19 *v.* 11. wee haue answered sufficiently in the chapter of free-will, but here is a new cavill. Because chastitie is also in mariage, as in single life, our Translators doe not well to expresse the word εὐνοῦχος & εὐνουχισμὸς, by chaste, and haue made chaste. I confesse they should more properly haue said gelded men, or gelded themselues, or else continent, and made continent. Although they meane none other by the word chaste, which they use. And touching your question, how men may lawfully geld themselues, but by voluntary purpose of continencie, which they may not breake; I answer, that wee deny not, but that such as bee assured they haue the gift of continencie, may professe to keepe it, and after such profession or promise made to God, they sinne if they breake it. But if any haue rashly vowed that which they are not able to keepe, they haue sinned in vowing, and cannot keepe their vow by abstinence from mariage, except they abstaine also from all filthinesse out of mariage: for such, wee hold with *Epiphanius*, and S. Hierome, that immoderate advancer of virginitie, that it is better to mary, than out of mariage to line incontinently.

Epiph. cont. Apoll. 61. Hieron. ep. ad Demetriadem.

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MART. 17. *The Bezites here are blameleſſe, who tranſlate it word for word,* Eunuches: *but they are more to blame in another place, where in derogation of the priviledge and dignitie of Prieſts, they tranſlate thus:* The Prieſts lips ſhould preſerue knowledge, and they ſhould ſeeke the Law at his mouth: *where in the Hebrew and Greeke it is as plaine as poſſibly can bee ſpoken,* The Prieſts lips ſhall keepe knowledge, and they ſhall ſeeke the Law at his mouth. *Which is a marvellous priviledge given to the Prieſts of the old Law, for true determination of matters in controverſie, and right expounding of the Law, as we reade more fully,* Deut. 17. *where they are commanded under paine of death, to ſtand to the Prieſts iudgement, which in this place God by the Prophet* Malachie *calleth his covenant with* Levi, *and that he will haue it to ſtand, to wit, in the new Teſtament, where* Peter *had ſuch priviledge for him and his ſucceſſors, that his faith ſhall not faile, where the holy Ghoſt is Preſident in the Church of Biſhops and Prieſts. All which theſe Heretikes would deface and defeat, by tranſlating the words otherwiſe than the holy Ghoſt hath ſpoken them.*

Mal. 2. v. 7. συνέζητουν. ζητήσουσι יִשְׁמְרוּ יִבַקְשׁוּ

The infallible iudgement of the Prieſts, in queſtions of religion. Verſ. 4.

FVLK. 17. The verbe indeede which the Prophet *Malachie* vſeth, is of the future temps. But who knoweth not, that the Hebrewes lacke the potentiall moode? and therefore they doe very often expreſſe it by the future temps of the indicatiue moode: which if you ſhould alwayes tranſlate by the future indicatiue, you ſhould make many faire promiſes to them that are ſharpely rebuked. But the circumſtance of the place doth plainely declare, that the Prieſts of that time had broken the covenant made with *Levi*, concerning keeping of the Law. Yea the very words following expreſſe the ſame: But you haue departed out of the way, and haue cauſed many to fall againſt the Law. You haue made voide the covenant of *Levi*, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts. By which words it is manifeſt, that the Prophet before ſpake of that knowledge of the Law, which the Prieſt ought to haue, and not which the Prieſts alwayes had: for certaine it is, that many of them were ignorant, yea ſometimes all: the high Prieſt was often an Idolater. And who condemned Chriſt and his Goſpell, but the high Prieſt? The authoritie that was given to the Prieſts, in caſe of controverſie, was limited within the bounds of Gods Law, from which if they declined, no man was bound to obey them. For who was bound to obey *Vrias* the high Prieſt, preferring the idolatrous Altar of *Damaſco* before the true Altar of the Lord? or thoſe deviliſh Tyrants, *Menelaus*, *Alcimus*, and ſuch other as occupied the Prieſts roomes in the time of the Macchabees, or *Annas* and *Caiaphas* in the time of Chriſt? *Peter* then having none other priviledge for him and his ſucceſſors, than *Aaron* had, hee and his ſucceſſors might fall and bee deceived: although Chriſt prayed that his faith ſhould not faile, as hee prayed for all the Apoſtles, and for all beleevers, that they might bee ſanctified in the trueth; yet it were madneſſe to ſay, that none of them could erre. But whenſoever you will goe about to proue this priviledge, out of thoſe words of our Saviour Chriſt, make your Syllogiſme, and let us haue no more brabling. Our tranſlation in that place of *Malachie*, is more true, than you are able to impugne, for thoſe words are rather a commandement, what the Prieſts lips ſhould doe, not a promiſe or aſſurance, that they alway did ſo.

MART. 18. *And when the Prophet addeth immediately the cauſe of this ſingle prerogatiue of the Prieſt,* quia Angelus Domini exercituum eſt, *becauſe hee is the Angel of the Lord of hoſts, which is alſo a wonderfull dignity, ſo to be called: they after their cold manner of prophane tranſlation, ſay,* becauſe hee is the meſſenger of the Lord of hoſts. *So doe they in the next chapter call S.* Iohn *the Baptiſt,* meſſenger, *where the Scripture (no doubt) ſpeaketh more honourably of him, as being Chriſts Precurſor, than of a meſſenger, which is a tearme for Poſts alſo and Lackies. The Scripture (I ſay) ſpeaketh thus of Saint* Iohn, Behold I ſend mine Angell before thee: *and our Saviour in the Goſpell,* Matt. 11. Luk. 7. *telling the people the wonderfull dignities of S.* Iohn, *and that he was more than a Prophet, citeth this place, and giveth this reaſon,* For this is hee of whom it is written, Behold I ſend mine Angell before thee. *Which Saint* Hierome *calleth* meritorum αὔξησιν, *the increaſe and augmenting of Iohns merits or priviledges, that in Malachie* hee is called an Angell: *and S.* Gregorie *ſaith, hee which came to bring tidings of Chriſt himſelfe,* was worthily called an Angell, that in his very name there might bee a dignitie. *And all the Fathers, and all wit and reaſon conceiue a great excellencie in this name: onely our prophane Proteſtants, that thinke of all divine things and perſons moſt baſely, tranſlate accordingly, even in the foreſaid Goſpell alſo, making our Saviour to ſay, that* Iohn *was more than a Prophet, becauſe he was a* Meſſenger. *Yea, where our Saviour himſelfe is called,* Angelus Teſtamenti, the Angell of the Teſtament, *there they tranſlate,* the Meſſenger of the covenant.

Malach. 3. v. 1. τὸν ἄγγελον μου. Angelum meum. *Comment. in hunc locum. Hom. 6. in Euang.* Malach. 3. v. 1.

FVLK. 18. It is not ſafe, to tranſlate alwayes the Meſſenger of God, by the name of an Angell, which is commonly taken to ſignifie a ſpirit, not a bodily creature: therefore our tranſlators thought good to expreſſe the ſignification of the Hebrew, and Greeke word in Engliſh,

Engliſh, and to uſe the tearme of Meſſenger, as the word doth ſignifie: nothing derogating from the dignitie of the perſons, or office of them, of whom it is uttered, which conſiſteth in the addition following of God, of the Lord, of the Church. For the name of Angell, of it ſelfe, is no name of dignitie, ſeeing there bee Angells of the Devill, and of darkeneſſe, as well as of God; and of Light. And *Iſidorus Clarius* interpreteth the word in this place of *Malachie*, *Legatus*, the Embaſſidour, or Meſſenger. It is not therefore of any prophane minde, that for Angell, wee ſay Meſſenger. Your owne vulgar interpreter, *Agg.* 1. v. 13. tranſlateth *Malach Iehouah*, *nuncius domini*, the Lords Meſſenger, and ſo divers times where mention is made of Gods Meſſengers. This is therefore a vaine contention about tearmes, when the matter is not in queſtion. That the name of Angels ſoundeth more honourably as *Hierome* and other thinke, it is no rule to binde tranſlators, but expounders may as occaſion is offered obſerue it. מַלְאַךְ יְהוָה

MART. 19. *If Saint* Hierome *in all theſe places had tranſlated,* nuncium, *then the Engliſh were* meſſenger: *but tranſlating it,* Angelum, *and the Church and all antiquitie ſo reading and expounding it as a tearme of more dignitie and excellencie, * what meane theſe baſe companions to diſgrace the very eloquence of the Scripture, which by ſuch termes of amplification would ſpeake more ſignificantly and emphatically? what meane they (I ſay) that ſo inwey againſt* Caſtalio *for his prophaneneſſe, themſelues to ſay for Angell,* Meſſenger, *for Apoſtle,* Legate, *or* Embaſſidour, *and the like? Are they afraide, leſt by calling men Angels, it would bee miſtaken, as though they were Angells indeed by nature? then Saint* Paul *ſpake dangerouſly, when he ſaid to the Galathians,* As Gods Angell you receiued me, as Chriſt Ieſus. *But to proceede.*

* See Apoc. 2. and 3. in the English Bible, 1562. To the messenger of the congregation, &c. *Angelo Eccleſiæ.* Gal. 4. v. 14.

FVLK. 19. The very eloquence of the Scripture, is beſt expreſſed, when the words are tranſlated as they ſignifie in the originall tongue. And although ſome words, bee appropried to certaine callings, which it is not convenient to turne into the generall ſignification: yet is neither the Hebrew, nor the Greeke word, that ſignifieth Meſſengers in the Scripture, ſo reſtrained, but that it is vſed, for all Meſſengers indifferently, of God and men, yea of God, and the Devill. Wherefore there is no cauſe why wee ſhould uſe the Greeke word Angell, rather than the Engliſh word Meſſenger. And where you aske, whether wee be afraid, leſt by calling men Angells, it would be miſtaken, as though they were Angels in nature: wee may well feare, leſt the ignorant and unlearned, might ſo bee deceived, when *Briſtow*, ſo great a Doctor, and writer amongſt you, is ſo foudly diſguiſed, that hee miſtaketh the Angell of the Church of *Philadelphia*, for an Angell by nature, and alledgeth, that which God promiſeth, that his enemies the Iewes ſhall worſhip before his feete, to proue the invocation and worſhip of heavenly Angells. Neither ſpake *Paul* dangerouſly, when hee ſaid the Galathians received him as an Angell of God as Chriſt Ieſus. For the word Angell in the Greeke tongue ſignifieth a meſſenger: it was eaſie to underſtand, that the Meſſenger or Embaſſidor of a Prince is received as the Prince himſelfe, without confounding the perſons, of the Prince and his meſſenger. Apoc. 3. *Briſtow. c. 6.*

MART. 20. *It is much for the authority and dignity of Gods Prieſts, that they doe binde and looſe, and execute all Eccleſiaſticall function as in the perſon and power of Chriſt, whoſe Miniſters they are. So Saint* Paul *ſaith,* 2 Cor. 2. v. 10. *that when hee pardoned or releaſed the penaunce of the inceſtuous Corinthian, he did it in the perſon of Chriſt. That is (as Saint* Ambroſe *expounded it) in the name of Chriſt, in his ſtead, as his Vicar and Deputy. But they tranſlate it,* In the ſight of Chriſt. *Where it is evident they cannot pretend the Greeke, and if there be ambiguity in the Greeke, the Apoſtle himſelfe taketh it away interpreting himſelfe in the very ſame caſe when hee excommunicateth the ſaid inceſtuous perſon, ſaying, that hee doth it,* in the name, and with the vertue of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt: *ſo expounding what hee meaneth alſo in this place.* ἐν προσώπῳ Χριστοῦ. 1 Cor. 5. v. 4.

FVLK. 20. That the Biſhops, Elders, or Prieſts of Gods Church, doe binde and loſe as in the perſon and power of Chriſt, in his name, and by his authoritie is acknowledged by us: But when we tranſlate *in proſopo tou Chriſtou*, in the ſight of Chriſt, we reſpect, what the Greeke phraſe doth more properly require, yea, what the Hebrew phraſe *mipenei*, doth ſignifie, whereunto it is like, that the Apoſtle doth allude. Otherwiſe, *Beza* in his annotatiõs upon the place, doth not miſlike the ſenſe, and interpretation of *Ambroſe*, whereof hee maketh mention, but preferreth the other, as more ſimple and agreeable to the meaning of the Apoſtle in that place, and to the nature of the Greeke and Hebrew phraſe. מִפְּנֵי

MART. 21. *And it may be, that for ſome ſuch purpoſe, they change the ancient and accuſtomed reading in theſe words of Saint* Mathew, Ex te enim exiet dux qui regat populum meum Iſrael: *tranſlating thus,* Out of thee ſhall come the governour that ſhall feede my people Iſrael: for, that ſhall rule my people Iſrael. *This is certaine that it is a falſe tranſlation, becauſe the Prophets words,* Mich. 5. *(cited by Saint* Mathew*) both in Hebrew and Greeke, ſignifie onely, a ruler or Governour, and not a Paſtor or feeder. Therefore it is either a great overſight, which is aſmall* Matth. 2. *No Teſt. 1582.* τὸ ἐξελεύσεται ἡγούμενος. לֹהְיוֹת מוֹשֵׁל

a ſmall matter in compariſon of the leaſt corruption: or rather, becauſe they doe the like Act. 20. 28. *it is done, to ſuppreſſe the ſignification of Eccleſiaſticall power and government, that concurreth with feeding, firſt in Chriſt, and from him in his Apoſtles and Paſtors of the Church, both which are here ſignified in this one Greeke word, to wit, that Chriſt our Saviour ſhall rule* ποιμαίνειν. *and feede,* (Pſal. 2. Apoc. 2. v. 27.) *yea he ſhall rule in a rod of yron, and from him,* Peter *and the reſt, by his commiſſion given in the ſame word* feede *and rule my ſheepe,* Io. 21. *yea and that* ποιμαίνειν. *in a rod of yron, as when hee ſtroke* Ananias *and* Sapphira *to corporall death, as his ſucceſſors doe the like offenders to ſpirituall deſtruction (unleſſe they repent) by the terrible rod of excommunication. This is imported in the double ſignification of the Greeke word, which they to diminiſh Eccleſiaſticall authoritie, tranſlate,* feede, *rather than,* rule, *or* governe.

Act. 5. 1 Cor. 4. v. 21. & 5. v. 5. & 2 Cor. 10. v. 4. & 8.

K. 21. That wee ſhould not meane any thing againſt the government of Chriſt, whom wee wiſh and deſire from our hearts, that hee alone might raigne, and his ſervants under him, hee himſelfe is iudge, to whom in this caſe wee doe boldly appeale. But let us ſee, how we may bee charged with falſe tranſlation. The Hebrew and Greeke (ſay you) doe ſignifie onely a ruler or governor, *Mic.* 5. And doe not wee tranſlate a governor or captaine, which may anſwere there the Hebrew of the Prophet, or the Greeke of the Septuaginta, or of the Evangeliſt. The word ποιμανεῖ that wee tranſlate, ſometime to governe, ſometime to feede, is not in the Prophet, but in the Evangeliſt, and ſignifieth properly to feede as a ſheepheard, and metaphorically to governe. What cauſe haue you here to cry out, falſe tranſlation, and to oppoſe the Hebrew word of the Prophet, which is fully ſatisfied in the word governour? And the Greeke word, which the Evangeliſt vſeth, hath his proper ſignification in ſome tranſlations, in other, that which is figuratiue, neither doth the one exclude the other. But feeding doth import governing. But it ſeemeth you would haue rule, without feeding, that you are ſo zealous for governement. The word ποιμαίνειν, *Act.* 20. in ſome tranſlations, is rendred, to rule, in other, to feede. The more proper is, to feede, yet the Greeke word will beare the other alſo. But feeding as a ſheepheard doth his ſheepe, comprehendeth both. The ſame word *Ioan.* 21. our Saviour Chriſt limiteth rather to feeding, as the Evangeliſt reporteth his words, vſing βόσκε twiſe and ποίμαινε once. For by lording, and ruling, *Peter* ſhould not ſo well teſtifie his loue towards Chriſt, as by painefull feeding. And there your owne vulgar interpreter tranſlateth *Paſce*, and your ſelues feede, though in the margent you would faine pray aide of the Greeke to eſtabliſh your Popes tyrannicall rule. Yea you will giue him a rodde of yron which is the ſcepter of Chriſt, yea an armie of ſouldiers to ſubdue *Ireland*, and to wreſt it out of the Queene of *Englands* dominion that is ποίμανον τὸ πρόβατόν μου feede and rule my ſheepe in your ſecret meaning, and for that purpoſe you bring in the miraculous ſtriking of *Ananias* and *Saphira* for their hypocriſie, pretending that you meane but ſpirituall deſtruction by the rodde of excommunication, which how terrible it is, when it is duely exerciſed by them that haue authoritie, wee neede not learne of you. The other text *Pſalme* the 2. *Apoc.* 2. *v.* 27. wee tranſlate alwayes rule. And your vulgar Interpreter, *Pet.* 5. tranſlateth the ſame word *paſcite*, feede you the Church of God &c. and elſewhere diuers times. Doth hee ſo diminiſh Eccleſiaſticall authoritie? &c.

MART. 22. *To the diminiſhing of this Eccleſiaſticall authoritie, in the later end of the reigne of K.* Henry *the eight, and during the reigne of King* Edward *the ſixt, the onely tranſlation of their Engliſh Bibles, was*, ſubmit your ſelues unto all manner ordinance of man whether it bee VNTO THE KING, AS TO THE CHIEFE HEAD. 1 *Pet.* 2. *Where in this Queenes times, the later tranſlatours cannes finde thoſe words now in the Greeke, but doe tranſlate them*, To the King as having preeminence: *or* to the King as the Superiour. *Why ſo? becauſe then the King had firſt taken upon him this name of* Supreame head *of the Church, and therefore they flattered both him and his ſonne, till their hereſie was planted, making the holy Scripture to ſay that the King was* the chiefe head, *which is all one with*, ſupreame head: *but now being better adviſed in that point (by* Calvine *I ſuppoſe and the Lutherans of Magdeburge, who doe iointly inveigh againſt ſuch title, and* Calvine *againſt that by name, which was firſt given to King* Henry *the eight) and becauſe they may bee bolder with a Queene than with a King, and becauſe now they thinke their kingdome is well eſtabliſhed, therefore they ſuppreſſe this title in their later tranſlations, and would take it from her altogether if they could, to advance their owne Eccleſiaſticall iuriſdiction, without any dependence of the Queenes ſupreme government of their Church, which in their conſcience (if they bee true Calviniſts, or Lutherans, or mixt of both) they doe and muſt miſlike.*

Basilaſ. de ſpiritu.

Bibl. 1577. 1579. Calu. in c. 7. Amos. Magdeb. in præfa. Cent. 7. fo. 9. 10. 11.

FVLK. 22. Touching this text 1 *Pet.* 2. I haue anſwered before that the word ſignifieth him that excelleth, and therefore it is no corruption to tranſlate it the chiefe. For the name of ſupreame head in that ſenſe which *Calvine* and other abroad did miſlike it, it was never allowed, nor by authoritie graunted to the Kings *Henry* and *Edward*, but in the ſame ſenſe

ſenſe it is now granted to Queene *Elizabeth* whom wee acknowledge to haue the ſame authority in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall which her father and brother Kings before her had, and exerciſed to Gods glory. But as *Steven Gardiner* underſtood the title in conference with *Bucer* at Ratisbone, we doe utterly abhorre it, and ſo did all Godly men always, that a King ſhould haue abſolute power to doe in religion what he will. In which ſenſe the Popiſh Clergie of England, being caſt in the premunire did firſt of all aſcribe it to the King in their ſubmiſſion, looke you into it: we thinke it was rather of flattery, than of duty, wiſedome, or religion. As for the Eccleſiaſticall government which the Scripture preſcribeth may well ſtand, which craveth the aide of a Chriſtian Prince, which is the Queenes authority in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall.

MART 23. *But howſoever that be, let them juſtify their tranſlation, or confeſſe their fault. And as for the Kings ſupremacy over the Church, if they make any doubt, let them reade Saint* Ignatius *wordes, who was in the Apoſtles time, even when Saint* Peter *gaue the foreſaid admonition of ſubjection to the King, and knew very well how farre his preeminence extended, and therefore ſaith plainely in notorious wordes, that wee muſt firſt honour God, then the Biſhop, and then the King. Becauſe in all things nothing is comparable to God, and* in the Church nothing greater then the Biſhop, who is conſecrated to God, for the ſalvation of the whole world, *and* [b] *among Magiſtrates and temporall Rulers, none is like the King. See his* [c] *other wordes immediately following, where he preferreth the Biſhops office before the Kings, and all other things of price among men.*

Epiſt. 7. [b] ὁσα ἐγχωρεῖ ἀνθρώπῳ ἐν ἐπιτροπῇ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐν τάξει ἀντιτύπου ἀρχόντων. [c] ἀντιτύπου ἀρχόντων.

FVLK. 23. Howſoever thoſe Epiſtles be truly or untruely aſcribed to *Ignatius* which here I will not diſpute, there is nothing ſaid in this that you cite of the Biſhops preeminence above the King, but we acknowledge it to be true of the meaneſt Prieſt of Gods Church in matters properly belonging to his office, which yet doeth not exempt him from ſubjection to his Prince, but that in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall alſo he is to be commanded by his Prince to doe his duty, and to be puniſhed by him, if he doe otherwiſe.

MART. 24. *But in the former ſentence of Saint* Peter, *though they haue altered their tranſlation about the Kings headſhip, yet there is one corruption remaining ſtill in theſe wordes,* Submit your ſelves VNTO ALL MANER ORDINANCE OF MAN. *Whereas in the Greeke it is word for word as in the old vulgar Latine tranſlation,* omni humanæ creaturæ, *and as we haue tranſlated,* to every humane creature: *meaning temporall Princes and Magiſtrates, as is plaine by the exemplification immediately following, of* King, *and* Dukes, *and other ſent or appointed* by him. *But they in favour of their temporall ſtatutes, actes of Parliament, Proclamations, and injunctions made againſt the Catholike religion, doe tranſlate all with one conſent,* Submit your ſelves to all maner ordinance of man, *Doeth* πᾶσα *ſignify* ordinance? *or is it all one to be obedient to every one of our Princes, and to all manner ordinance of the ſaid Princes?* πᾶσα ἀνθρωπίνη κτίσει. 1 Pet. 2. v. 13. 14.

FVLK. 24. The word ordinance you doe violently draw to every ſtatute, proclamation, or injunction, which is underſtood of the ordinance or appoyntment of Magiſtrates in what forme ſoever they be created, or at the worſt cannot be referred but onely to ſuch decrees as are not contrary to the word of God. The word πᾶσα we know ſignifyeth a creature or creation, which ſpeeches being not uſuall in our Engliſh tongue to ſignify Magiſtrates: our Interpreters haue expreſſed the ſame by the word ordinance. You your ſelves tranſlate that which is in Greeke πᾶσα in Latine *Creatura*. *Mark*, 16. of the creation and in the ſame ſenſe doe our Tranſlatours uſe the word of ordinance.

MART. 25. *A ſtrange caſe and much to be conſidered, how they wring and wreſt the holy Scriptures this way and that way and every way to ſerve their heretical proceedings. For when the queſtion is of due obedience to Eccleſiaſticall Canons, and decrees of the Church and generall Councells, where the holy Ghoſt by Chriſts promiſe is aſſiſtant, and whereof it is ſaid,* if he heare not the Church, let him bee unto thee as an heathen and Publicane: *and,* Hee that heareth you, heareth mee: hee that deſpiſeth you deſpiſeth mee: *there they cry out alounde and odiouſly tearme all ſuch ordinances,* mens traditions, *and,* commandements of men, *and moſt deſpitefully contemne and condemne them. But here, for obedience to temporall edicts, and Parliament ſtatutes daylie enacted in favour of their ſchiſme and hereſies, they once maliciouſly forged, and ſtill wickedly retayne without alteration, a text of their owne, making the Apoſtle to commaund ſubmiſſion unto all manner ordinance of man, whereof hath enſued the falſe crime of treaſon and cruell death for the ſame, upon thoſe innocent men and glorious Martyrs, that choſe to obey God and his Churches holy ordinances, rather then mans ſtatutes and lawes directed againſt the ſame.* Math. 18. Luc. 10.

FVLK. 25. It is no ſtrange caſe for an heretike and a traytour that hath ſould his tongue to utter ſlanders againſt the Church of God and the Chriſtian magiſtrate protectour of the ſame, to deviſe and ſurmiſe that which never was intended, never was practiſed. As that againſt the Godly and lawfull decrees of the Church wee ſhould tranſlate mens traditions com-

commandements of men, and to the maintenance of all temporall lawes be they never so wicked, we should translate ordinance in stead of creature. As for the crime of treason and just execution of them that have suffered of your viperous brood, I referre to the tryall of the lawes and judgements that have passed upon them, as no matter meete for me to dispute of: onely this all good subjects know, yea all the world may know that they which take part with the Pope, our Princes open and professed enemy, not in matters of religion onely, but in cases concerning her crowne and dignity, her Realmes and Dominions cannot beare dutifull and obedient hearts to her Majesty. Whose clemency hitherto hath spared them that acknowledge her Princely authority, although in all other poynts of Poperie they continue as obstinate as ever they were.

MARTIN.

Chap. XVI.

Hereticall translation against the Sacrament of Matrimonie.

BVT as they are injurious translatours to the sacred order of Priesthood, so a man would thinke they should bee very friendly to the Sacrament of Matrimonie. For they would seeme to make more of Matrimony then we doe, making it equall at the least with virginity. Yet the trueth is, wee make it, or rather the Church of God esteemeth it as an holy Sacrament, they doe not: as giving grace to the married persons to live together in love, concord, and fidelity: they acknowledge no such thing. So that Matrimony with them is highly esteemed in respect of the flesh, or (to say the best) onely for a civill contract, as it is among Iewes and Pagans: but as it is peculiar to Christians, and (as S. Augustine saith) in the sanctification also and holinesse of a Sacrament, they make no account of it, but flatly deny it.

FVLKE.

WE make no more of Matrimonie then the holy Scripture doeth teach us neither doe wee in all respects make it equall with virginity, howsoever you doe slaunder us. But you so make it an holy Sacrament, that you thinke the holy order of Priesthood is prophaned by it. Wee acknowledge that God giveth grace to them that bee faithfull, to live in love, concord, and fidelity, even as he did to the Fathers of the old Testament living in the same honourable estate, which prooveth that Matrimonie is no Sacrament of the new Testament, although it bee an holy Ordinance for Gods Children to live in, and in it is contained, an holy secret or mysterie of the spirituall conjunction of Christ and his Church. It is therefore nothing else but a divelish slaunder to say that wee esteeme it but in respect of the flesh or for a civill contract.

MART. 2. *And to this purpose they translate in the Epistle to the Ephesians, 5. Where the Apostle speaketh of Matrimonie,* That is a great secret. *Whereas the Latine Church and all the Doctours thereof have ever read,* This is a great Sacrament: *the Greeke Church and all the Fathers thereof,* This is a great mysterie, *because that which is in Greeke, mysterie: is in Latine, Sacrament; and contrarywise, the wordes in both tongues being equivalent: so that if one bee taken in the large signification, the other also: as,* Apoc. 17. I will shew thee the Sacrament of the woman. And I will shew thee the mystery of the woman. *And so in sundry places, againe if one be restrayned from the larger signification, and peculiarly applyed, signify the Sacraments of the Church, the other also. As,* the Sacrament *of the body and blond of Christ: or,* the Mystery *of the body and blond of Christ: and the Calvinists in their Latine and Greeke Catechisme say,* two Sacraments, or, two Mysteries.

Sacramentum hoc magnum est μυστήριον.

Sacramentum μυστήριον.

Duo Sacramenta. Duo μυστήρια.

FVLK. 2. The English word secret, signifyeth fully as much as the Greeke word μυστήριον, in which wee must seeke no holinesse as Papists doe in vaine sound of wordes: but in the matter annexed, which plainely expresseth that it is a great secret of great holinesse whereof the Apostle speaketh. And it is very false that you say that the Latine word *Sacramentum* is equivalent to the Greeke: for both it signifyeth an oath which the Greeke word doeth not, and also it includeth holinesse, which the Greeke word doeth not. Or else why turn not your vulgar Translatour and you, the Sacrament of iniquity? *Iniquus* therefore signifyeth every secret, *sacramentum* onely an holy Sacrament, as when you say, *Apoc.* 17. the Sacrament of the woman, the meaning is, the secret to bee revealed concerning her, is an holy thing: else in the same chapter you have not a Sacrament written in her forehead, but a mystery or secret, Babylon the mother of abominations. That the Sacraments are called mysteries we confesse, but that whatsoever is called a mystery, may also be called a Sacrament, that doe we utterly deny.

MART. 3. *This being so, what is the fault of their translation in the place aforesaid? This, that they translate neither* Sacrament, *nor* Mystery. *As for the word* Sacrament, *they are excused, because they translate not the Latine: but translating the Greeke, why said they not* Mystery, *which is the Greeke word here in the Apostle? I meane, why said they not of matrimony,* This is a great Mystery? *No doubt there can bee no other cause, but to avoyd both these words, which are used in the Latine and Greeke Church, to signify the Sacraments. For in the Greeke Church the Sacrament of the body and blond it selfe is called but a mystery, or mysteries, which yet the Protestants themselves call a true Sacrament. Therefore if they should have called Matrimony also by that name, it might easily have founded to be a Sacrament also. But in saying it is a great secret, they put it out of doubt, that it shall not be so taken.*

Were it lawfull or lawfull translatours Baptizo, I wash, or Baptisma, washing, or Euangelium, good newes? Yet the words prophanely taken, signify no more.

FVLK. 3. Seeing the word secret that wee use, signifyeth wholly as much as mystery, wee hope all reasonable men will allow the same also. Sacrament without prejudice to the trueth wee could not translate, and mystery for the better understanding of the people, wee have expressed in the English word secret. Out of which if it have any force of argument in it, you may prove Matrimonie to be a Sacrament, as well as out of the Greeke word mysterie. But it is the sound of an unknowne word that you had rather play upon in the eares of the ignorant, then by any sound argument out of the Scripture, to bring them to the knowledge of the trueth.

MART 4. *They will say unto mee, Is not every Sacrament and mystery in English a secret? Yes, as Angell is a messenger; and Apostle, one that is sent. But when the holy Scripture useth these words to signify more excellent and divine things then those of the common sort, doth it become Translatours to use baser tearmes in stead thereof, and so to disgrace the writing and meaning of the holy Ghost? I appeale to themselves, when they translate this word in other places, whether they say not thus,* And without doubt, great was that MYSTERIE of godlinesse: God was shewed manifestly in the flesh, &c. *Againe,* The MYSTERIE which hath beene hid since the world beganne, but now is opened to his Saints. *Againe,* I shew you a MYSTERY; we shall not all sleepe, but we shall all be changed. *And the like, Where if they should translate* secret *in stead of* mystery, *as the Bezites doe in one of these places, saying,* I will shew you a secret thing; *what a disgracing and debasing were it to those high mysteries there signifyed? And if it were so in these, is it not so in matrimony, which the Apostle maketh such a mystery, that it representeth no lesse matter then Christ and his Church, and whatsoever is most excellent in that conjunction? Now then, if in all other places of high mystery, they translate it also* mystery, *as it is in the Greeke, and onely in Matrimony doe not so, but say rather,* This is a great secret, *using so base a tearme in so high and excellent a mystery, must we not needes thinke (as no doubt it is) that they doe it because of their hereticall opinion against the Sacrament of matrimony, and for their base estimation thereof?*

1 Tim. 3. Col. 1. v. 26. Eph. 3. v. 9. 1 Cor. 15. v. 51.

FVLK. 4 Now you fly to your old shift of the Ecclesiasticall use of tearmes, which you cannot proove to bee like of this English word mystery, which is commonly as prophanely and secularly used, as any other word. For what is more common among Artificers, then their science or mystery, of weaving, of dying, and such like? And yet the word may bee used of the highest secrets of Christian Religion, as it is of our Translatours. And whersoever they have sayd a mysterie, they might as truely have sayd a secret, and where they say a secret, they might have said a mystery. But where you say, that in all other places of high mystery, they translate the word mystery, it is false: for *Matth.* 13. *Marke* the 4. *Luke* the 8. where all the mysteries of the Kingdome of God are spoken of, they translate *Mysteria*, the secrets of the Kingdome of Heaven: and 1 *Corinth.* 4. where the Sacraments and all other secrets of Christian Religion are spoken of, they translate μυστηρίων, Stewards of the Mysteries of God. Wherefore it is a shamefull and senselesse slaunder, that here onely wee use this word secret to shew our base estimation of Matrimonie.

MART. 5. *But they will yet reply againe, and aske us what wee gaine by translating it either Sacrament, or mysterie: Doth that make it one of the Sacraments properly so called, to wit, such a Sacrament as Baptisme is? No surely: but howsoever wee gaine otherwise, at least we gaine the commendation of true Translators, whether it make with us or against us. For otherwise it is not the name*

How make they such a peculiar Sacrament. For (as is said before) Sacrament is a generall name in Scripture to other things. Neither doe we therefore so translate it, as though it were forthwith one of the seven Sacraments, because of the name: but as in other places wheresoever we find this word in the Latin, we translate it Sacrament (as in the Apocalyps, the Sacrament of the woman) so finding it here, wee doe here also so translate it: and as for the diverse taking of it here, and elsewhere, that we examine otherwise, by circumstance of the text, and by the Churches and Doctours interpretation: and we finde that here it is taken for a Sacrament in that sense as we say, seven Sacraments; *not so in the other places.* Apoc. 17.

FVLK. 5. No reasonable man can charge us to bee false Translatours, when wee turne the Greeke word into that which it doeth generally, properly, and alwayes signify. And for all your bragging of sincere translating, if you should translate *Tob.* 12. I am perswaded you would not say, It is a good thing to hide the Kings Sacrament. Yet is the Latine word in that place *Sacramentum*, and the Greeke μυστήριον. But it is sufficient for you to have a shaddow of something to finde your selfe occupyed, rather then you would bee saying of nothing.

MART. 6. *As when we reade this name* Iesus *in Scripture common to our Saviour and to other men, wee translate it alwayes alike,* Iesus: *but when it is* [b] IESVS *Christ, and when some other Iesus,* [c] *wee know by other circumstances. Likewise presuppose Baptisme in the Scripture were called a Sacrament, yet the Protestants themselves would not, nor could thereby conclude, that it were one of their two Sacraments. Yet I trow they would not avoyde to translate it by the word Sacrament, if they found it so called. Even so wee finding Matrimonie so called, doe so translate it, neither concluding thereby that it is one of the Seven, nor yet suppressing the name, which no doubt gave some occasion to the Church and the holy Doctours to esteeme it as one of the Seven. They contrarywise, as though it were never so called, suppresse the name altogether, calling it a secret, to put it out of all question, that it is no Sacrament: which they would not have done, if the Scripture had said of Baptisme or the Eucharist,* This is a great Sacrament. *So partiall they are to their owne opinions.*

[b] Iude v. 5.
[c] Act. 7. v. 45. Coloss. 4. v. 18.

FVLK. 6. Except you thought you had to doe with very ignorant persons, or else esteemed too much of your lately professed Divinity, you would never cumber the Reader with such childish trifles of the name of Iesus, of the bare name of Sacrament, which could not proove Baptisme or the Lords Supper to bee Sacraments, &c. and what we would doe if we found them so called, &c. I have already told you what wee have done, where not onely the Sacraments, but all other pretious Iewells of Christs Church committed to the dispensation of his Ministers, are called μυστήρια, and translate it secrets, without any abasement of the dignity of them, or without any intent to suppresse any of the honour and reverence which is due unto them. Wherefore using the word secret in this text, wee had no purpose to derogate any thing from the worthinesse of matrimonie, much lesse from the spirituall mystery which the Apostle offereth to be considered by it in Christ and his Church.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XVII.

Hereticall translation against the blessed SACRAMENT and SACRIFICE, and ALTAR.

NOW let us see concerning the Eucharist, which they allow for a Sacrament, how they handle the matter to the defacing and disgracing of the same also. They take away the operation and efficacy of Christs blessing pronounced upon the bread and wine, making it only a thanksgiving to God: and to this purpose they translate more gladly thanksgiving, *then* blessing, *as* Mat. 26. *the Greek words being two, the one signifying properly* to blesse, *the other* to give thanks, *they translate both thus,* When wee had given thankes. *Likewise* Mark. 14. *in the Bible printed* 1562. *And when they translate it* blessing, *they meane nothing else but giving thankes, as* Beza *telleth us in his annotations,* Mat. 26. v. 26. *We reply, and by most manifest Scripture prove unto them, that the former Greeke word doeth not signify thanksgiving properly, but blessing, and a blessing of creatures to the operation of some great effect in them: as when Christ tooke the five loaves and two fishes, to multiply them,* he blessed them, Luk. 9. *What say they*

εὐλογίαν. εὐχαριστίαν. *Bib.* 1562. 1577.

Great difference in the Scriptures betweene blessing and giving of thankes. *Benedixit eis.*

they to this, thinke you? Doeth not the Greeke word here plainely signify, blessing of creatures, &c. No (saith Beza) no doubt but here also it signifyeth giving thankes. *How* Beza? *He addeth,* Not as though Christ had given thankes to the bread, for that were too absurd: but we must mollify this interpretation thus, that he gave thankes to God the Father for the loaves and the fishes. *Is not this a notable exposition of these words,* benedixit eis?

Annot. in Luke 9. 16.

FVLKE.

THE Sacrament of the body and bloud of Christ, being a matter of some great weight and controversie betweene us, you might not omit, but note our false translations against it. But because wee have dealt so sincerely, as malice hath nothing to blame therein, you must feigne a quarrell and forge a controversy, where none is betweene us, namely, that wee take away Christs blessing pronounced upon the bread and wine, making it only a thanksgiving unto God: which is a false and impudent slaunder, as in that which followeth concerning this matter, most plainely shall appeare, even by testimonie of him whom you doe most slaunder in this case. But let us see what fault is in our translation: *Matth.* 26. and *Mark.* 14. two of our translations for εὐχαριστήσας say, when he had given thankes. To this I answer, that *Beza* telleth you that in seven Greeke copies the word is εὐλογήσας, which signifyeth giving of thankes, without controversie, as also εὐχαριστῶν doeth, but not onely so expressing rather the Hebrew word בָּרַךְ which signifyeth both to blesse, and to give thankes. But seeing Saint *Luke* and Saint *Paul* reporting the institution of the Supper doe use the word εὐχαριστήσας, which signifyeth giving of thankes, we count them the best interpreters of the other two Evangelists, which plainely teach us, that by blessing they meane giving of thankes, or that the Greeke word doth here signify giving of thankes, as in many other places. The place *Luke* 9. where Christ blessed the loaves, is also interpreted by Saint *John*, who reporting the same miracle, (as *Beza* sheweth) useth the word which signifieth onely thanksgiving: but because εὐλογεῖν is in *Luke* used as a verbe transitive, which cannot signify thanksgiving or prayer made to the creatures, we must understand, that hee blessed the loaves, that is, he gave thankes to God for them, and withall prayed, that so small a quantity of bread and fish might feede so great a multitude, and that this whole feast might bee referred to the glory of God. This is *Bezaes* interpretation, which because it was too long for your quarrell, you cut off the better part of it, and like a grinning hypocrite scoffe at a peece, as though it were the whole exposition of these words, *benedixit eis*, he blessed them.

MART. 2. *We aske him in the like cases, when God blessed* Adam *and* Eve, Gen. 1. *and* 9. Noe *and his children saying,* Increase and multiply; *when* hee blessed the Children of Israel, and they multiplyed exceedingly: *when* hee blessed the latter things of Iob more then the first, Iob 42. *was this also a giving of thankes, and not an effectuall blessing upon these creatures? What will they say, or what difference will they make? As God blessed here, so hee was God and man that blessed the loaves and fishes there. If they will say hee did it as man, and therefore it was a giving of thankes to God his Father: to omit that hee blessed them as hee multiplyed them, that is, rather according to his divine nature then humane: wee aske them, when he blessed as man, was it always giving of thankes? Hee blessed the little Children, hee blessed his Disciples when hee ascended: was this giving thankes for them, as* Beza *expoundeth his blessing of the loaves and fishes? When* we blesse the table, or the meat upon the table, when S.* Paul *saith,* 1 Tim. 4. *All meat is lawfull that is* sanctified by the word and by prayer: is all this nothing but giving thankes? So saith* Beza *in expresse words.*

εὐλόγησεν αὐτούς. Psal 16. εὐλόγησε τὰ ἔθνη.

Luke 24. * *Beza doth cite* ἁγιάζεται, which word can never signify giving thankes.

FVLK. 2. When I see those often most impudent invectives against *Beza* and other, I muse with my selfe whether you have read *Beza*, and the other your selfe, or whether you give credite to some malicious caviller, who is set on worke to picke quarrells out of other mens writings to serve your turne. But when I consider all circumstances of every place, and namely, how you object against *Beza*, that which hee saith of the blessing or consecrating of our ordinary meates and drinkes, I thinke it is not like but that you have read the places your selfe: And then of all that ever I knew, I must esteeme you the furthest from sincerity and honest dealing, that so often, so openly, so confidently, so purposedly, committe so vile and shamefull forgery. *Beza* saith, that our meat is sanctifyed by the word of God, and prayer, and thanksgiving. For 1 *Timoth.* 4. the Apostle joyneth both, as here *Luke* 9. wee must joyne both together. For partely for the meate given to us, thankes is given to God; partly petition is made, that wee may use it purely and soberly, that wee may spend the rest of our life in the worship of God. Hereof it commeth, that

Christians are said to blesse the Table, and to consecrate the table, whereas yet this blessing pertaineth not to the meates themselves, but to God rather, and them that shall bee partakers of them. But in the cup of blessing which wee blesse (as it is written 1 *Cor.* 10. v. 16.) although the word of blessing may bee expounded after the same manner, yet the end of the blessing is altogether diverse, as in due place wee shall expound. These are the wordes of *Beza*. Is all this nothing but giving of thanks?

MART. 3. *Wee goe forward, and prove the contrary, yet more manifestly, in the very matter of the blessed Sacrament, for the which they multiply all the foresaid absurdities. Wee tell them that S.* Paul *saith thus,* The chalice of blessing, which wee blesse, is it not, &c. *How could hee speake more plainely, that the chalice or cup (meaning that in the cup) is blessed? Which S.* Cyprian De Cœn. Dom. *explicateth thus*: Calix solenni benedictione sacratus, The chalice consecrated by solemne blessing. Oecumenius *thus*, The chalice which blessing wee prepare, *that is, which wee blesse and so prepare, for so it must signify, and not as* Beza *would have it*, which with thanks-giving wee prepare, *and that I proove by his owne wordes immediately before, where hee saith, that the Greeke word being used of the Apostle transitively, that is, with a case following, cannot signify giving thankes. How then can it so signify in* Oecumenius *words, who doeth interpret the Apostles meaning by the Apostles owne wordes and phrase? yea, (that you may note a notorious contradiction) how doeth* Beza *then in the place of* Luke *before alleadged (where the same Greeke word is a plaine transitive, as in this place) expound it of giving thanks for the bread and fishes? A lyar (they say) must bee mindefull to make his tale agree in every point. He that before forced the word in every sentence to bee nothing else but thankes-giving, even when it was a plaine transitive, now confesseth that hee never read it in that signification when it is a transitive: and so wee have, that the blessing of the cup or of the bread, is not giving thankes, as they either translate, or interpret it.*

τὸ ποτήριον τῆς εὐλογίας

εὐλογῶμεν ὁ εὐλογοῦντες κατασκευάζουσιν. Œcumen. in 1 Cor. 10. v. 16.

εὐλογησαι αὐτὸς.

FULK. 4. I must continue my admiration of your impudence, for *Beza* saith expressely in this place 1 *Corinth.* 10. that to blesse here is to sanctifie or consecrate, because that the ordinance of God being rehearsed and set foorth, the bread and wine are appointed to this holy use, that they should bee the Sacraments of the true and naturall body and bloud of Christ, that is, the signes and pledges thereof, and that in such sort, that the same thing which is signifyed, is offered to us to bee received spiritually. And because this whole action is joyned with the prayse of God, and solemne thankes-giving, therefore I esteeme that Saint *Paul* signifyed this whole matter in the verbe εὐλογεῖν. So that in my judgement *Oecumenius* hath plainely and briefely expounded ὁ εὐλογοῦμεν, that is, which with prayse and thankes-giving wee prepare. Which I admonish, least any man should thinke that by the tearme of consecration, wee meane any magicall incantation. That you would proove by *Bezaes* wordes, that he hath not justly explicated the meaning of *Oecumenius*, it is too too beyond all measure of impudence. For *Beza* not contrarying that which hee said before, sheweth how the cup is blessed, sanctifyed, consecrated, namely by prayer, prayse of God, and thankes-giving. For which hee citeth *Chrysostome*, who expoundeth these wordes of Saint *Paul* (which we blesse) to meane, which wee receive with thanks-giving. As for the place of Saint *Luke* 9. *Beza* himselfe citeth it, and many other like, to proove that εὐλογεῖν with an accusative case signifyeth to blesse, to sanctify, to consecrate, as also in that place, *Luk.* 9. he expoundeth it. And yet you will make him a lyar, forgetting what tale he told before. Indeed that rule you give, is meet for a crafty lyar, that hath some care to maintaine his credit. But such an impudent lyar and shameless forger as you are, hath no regard of any thing, but to deceive them, whose ignorance and simplicity is such, as they neither can, nor care to examine your slaunders.

MART. 4. *And surely in the word* εὐλογεῖν *this is most evident, that it signifyeth in this case the blessing and consecration of the creature or element: Insomuch that S.* Basil *and S.* Chrysostome *in their Liturgies or Masses, say thus by the same Greeke word.* Blesse (O Lord) the sacred bread: *and,* Blesse (O Lord) the sacred cup: *and why, or to what effect? It followeth,* changing it by thy holy spirit. *Where is signifyed the transmutation and consecration thereof into the body and bloud. But in the other word* εὐχαριστεῖν *there may be some question, because is signifyeth properly to give thankes, and therefore may seeme to bee referred to God onely, and not to the element and creature. But this also we find contrary in the Greek Fathers, who use this word also transitively saying,* panem & chalicem eucharistisatos, *or* panem in quo gratiæ actæ sunt, *that is,* the bread and the cup made the Eucharist: the bread over which thankes are given: *that is,* which by the word of prayer and thankes-giving is made a consecrated meat, the flesh and blood of Christ, *as S.* Iustine in fine 2. Apologo, *and S.* Irenæus, lib. 4. 34. *in the same places expound it. Whereas it may also signify that, for which thankes are given in that most solemne sacrifice of the Eucharist, as S.* Denys *in one place seemeth to take it,* Eccl. Hier. c. 3. in fine, *who in the selfe same chapter speaketh of the consecration thereof most evidently.*

εὐλογησαν τὸν ἄρτον, τὸ ποτήριον. μεταβαλὼν.

τὸν ἄρτον εὐχαριστηθέντα.

ἄξιον εὐχαριστεῖσθαι τὰ δῶρα.

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FULK. 4. That the creatures, or elements, are blessed and consecrated, that by the working of Gods spirit, they should bee changed into the body and bloud of Christ, after a divine and spirituall manner, unto the worthy receivers, *Beza* and wee agree with the Greeke Liturgies. But that this blessing is performed by the word of God, prayer, and thankes-giving, both *Iustinus*, and *Irenæus*, doe most plainely testifie with *Beza* and us. When the mixed cuppe, and bread, saith *Irenæus*, receiveth the word of God, it is made the Eucharist, &c. The bread on which, or for which, thankes is given. The bread which is of the earth, receiving the vocation or invocation of God. So saith *Iustinus*, the meat for which thankes are given, by the word of prayer, which is received from him. And speaking of the very manner of the consecration used in his time: when the bread and wine, with water, is offered: the chiefe Minister sendeth for the prayers, and thankes-giving, with all his might, and the people consenteth, saying, *Amen*. Then followeth the distribution, and participation of those things, for which thankes was given, to every one, &c. As for the Magicall mysteries of *Dionyse*, although in this behalfe, they make nothing against us, wee make not so great account of, that wee will stand to his judgement any more, then you to his practice.

Lib 5. cap 4. Lib 4 cap. 34 Apolog. 2.

MART. 5. *Whereby we have to note, that the Heretikes in urging the word,* Eucharist, *as meere thanks-giving, thereby to take away blessing, and consecration of the Elements of bread and wine, doe unlearnedly, and deceitfully. Because all the Fathers make mention of both: Saint* Paul *also calleth it, blessing of the chalice, which the Evangelists call, giving of thankes. Whose words* Theophylact *explicateth thus,* THE CHALICE OF BLESSING, that is of the Eucharist. *For holding it in our handes, wee blesse it, and give thankes to him that shed his bloud for us. See here both blessing, and Eucharist, blessing the chalice, and thankes-giving to Christ. Saint* Iames, *and the Greeke Fathers in their Liturgies, put both wordes in the consecration of each element, saying thus,* give thankes, sanctifying, breaking: *and,* giving thankes, blessing, sanctifying: *and,* taking the cuppe, giving thankes, sanctifying, blessing, filling it with the holy Ghost, hee gave it to us his Disciples. *Saint* Chrysostome, *who in many places of his workes, speaketh much of thankes-giving in these holy mysteries, doeth hee not as often speake of the blessing, consecration, yea, and the transmutation thereof, and that with what wordes, and by what power it is done? Doeth not Saint* Augustine *say of the same,* benedicitur, & sanctificatur, it is blessed, and sanctifyed, *who often speaketh of the solemne giving of thankes in the sacrifice of the Church? Doth not the Church at this day, use the very same tearmes, as in S.* Augustines *time,* Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro, Let us give thankes to the Lord our God, *and,* Verè dignum et justum est, semper & ubique tibi gratias agere, &c. It is very meete and right, alwayes, and in all places, to give thee thankes: *Which the Greeke Church also in their Liturgies, expresse most abundantly? yet doeth there follow blessing, and consecration, and whatsoever S. Ambrose describeth to be done, in this holy sacrifice, touching this poyns, writing thereof most excellently in his booke,* de iis qui initiantur ministerijs, c. 9.

Liturg. S. Iac. Basil. Chrys. εὐχαριστήσας. εὐλογήσας. ἁγιάσας. Hom. 83 in Mat. Hom. de Iuda proditore. Aug. ep. 59. De bono vid. lit. cap. 16. Ho. 2 in Tim. 2.

FULK. 5. If it were to proove any thing that wee deny, you would bee as bare and hungry, as now you are franke and plentifull of your testimonies. *Theophylact* saith the same that *Beza* said out of *Chrysostome*, and *Oecumenius*. The Greeke Liturgies, falsely intituled to Saint *Iames*, *Basil*, and *Chrysostome*, have none other thing: nor any other Authour whom you name. But your Popish Church, doeth not, either as the Greeke Liturgies, or as the Churches in *Ambrose* and *Augustines* time. For they hold, that the Elements are consecrated by prayer, and thankes-giving, whereof, although you use some tearmes in your Masse, yet you hold, that the consecration consisteth onely in a Magicall murmuration of the word, *Hoc est corpus meum*, over the bread by a Priest, with intent of consecration, wherefore you are farre from the judgement that the auncient Fathers had and wee have, of the consecration of the bread and wine, to bee the Sacraments of the body and bloud of Christ.

MART. 6. *Of all which, this is the conclusion, that the Eucharist is a solemne name, taken of the word* εὐχαριστεῖν *so called, because this Sacrament and sacrifice, is blessed, and consecrated with prayer, and thankes-giving, as Saint* Iustine *speaketh, and because in this sacrifice, so blessed and consecrated into the body and bloud of Christ, him we offer up a most acceptable oblation of thankes-giving, and a memory of all Gods marvellous benefits towards us. In this sense, the Fathers, and the holy Church speake of the Eucharist, including all the rest, to wit, Sacrament, sacrifice, blessing and consecration, without which this were no more to bee called Eucharist, then any other common giving of thankes, as Saints* Irenæus *doeth plainely signify, when hee declareth,* that being before bread, and receiving the invocation of God over it, now is no more common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two things, the earthly, and the heavenly. *So that it is made the Eucharist by circumstance of solemne wordes, and ceremonies and therefore is not a meere giving of thankes, and further we learne that Saint* Iustines, *and Saint* Irenæus *wordes*

Lib. 4. c. 34.

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alledged, Panis et calix Eucharistisatus, *signifie*, the bread and chalice made the Eucharist: *and consequently wee learne that the active thereof, is, by thankesgiving to make the Eucharist,* εὐχαριστῆσαι. εὐχαριστεῖν. *and because the other word of blessing, and this of thankesgiving, are used indifferently one for another, in Christs action, about this Sacrament, wee learne undoubtedly, that when it is said,* εὐλογήσας, *or,* εὐχαριστήσας, *the meaning is, blessing, and giving thankes, hee made the Eucharist of his body and bloud, that is, the Sacrament and Sacrifice of a singular thankesgiving, which (as Saint* Augustine *is wont to say) the faithfull onely doe know and understand in the sacrifice of the Church: and because the faithfull onely understand, therefore the Protestants and Calvinists are so ignorant in this mystery, that to take away all the dignity thereof, they bend both their expositions and translations.*

LK. 6. That the Elements are blessed and consecrated by prayer, and thankes-giving, *as Iustine, Ireneus*, and other auncient Fathers write, it is the thing that wee contend for. But you (except you bee a schismatike from all other Papists) doe teach, that they are consecrated by these wordes pronounced by a Priest, this is my body: which are wordes neither of prayer, nor of thankes-giving. Nevertheless, to pricke us with a pinne, you have wounded your selfe with a sword, and say the Sacrament is blessed, and consecrated with prayer, and thankes-giving. Except you have some sophisticall meaning, that it is consecrated with them, but not by them. The signification of the Active, which you gather out of the Passive, used by *Iustine*, sheweth what a learned Clerke you are. *Iustine* writeth to the Gentiles or heathen men, of whom hee could not have beene understood, if hee had not used the passive, εὐχαριστοῦτε, in that signification, that all other men did use it in, in that time. What wee understand of the mystery of the Lords Supper, and the Sacrifice of prayer and thankes-giving, which is the onely Sacrifice of Christians, as *Iustine* writeth, the Church of God doeth acknowledge, though the Synagogue of Antichristian heretikes will not confesse it.

MART. 7. *After they have turned blessing or consecration into bare thankes-giving, which is one steppe toward the denying of the reall presence, they come neerer and so include Christ in heaven, that he cannot be withall upon the Altar, translating thus,* Whom heaven must containe, untill the times that all things be restored, Act. 3. vers. 21. *and yet* Beza *worse, and hee that alledgeth him, Master* Whitakers: who must be contained in heaven. *Which is so farre from the Greeke that, not onely* Illyricus *the Lutherane, but* Calvine *himselfe doeth not like it.* Beza *protesteth, that he so translateth of purpose: to keepe Christs presence from the Altar, and wee marvell the lesse, because wee are well acquainted with many the like his impudent protestations. M.* Whitaker, *onely wee doe marvell at, that hee should either be so deceived by another mans translation, or himselfe be so overseene in the Greeke word, that hee knoweth not a meere deponent, and only deponent, from a passive.* ὃν δεῖ μὲν οὐρανὸν δέξασθαι. δέξασθαι.

FVLK. 7. The answer to this cavill is at large contained, *Chap.* 1. *sect.* 36. your owne translation is, whom heaven must receive. If there bee now such difference betweene, receiving, and containing, *capere* and *recipere*, it is very strange to learned eares, howsoever sottish Papists will accept whatsoever proceedeth from you. But forasmuch, as this section, with two other following, are directed principally against Master *Whitakers*, I shall neede to say little, seeing he hath fully answered for himselfe. This one thing I may say, concerning his knowledge in the Greeke tongue, which you make to bee so small, that hee knoweth not a deponent from a passive, hee is well knowne to bee so well learned therein, that many of your Seminarie may marvell at him, as you say, but neither you, nor any of you all is able to match him therein.

MART. 8. *This doeth not become him that * objecteth ignorance of the Greeke to another man, and that after hee had well tryed by publike conference, that hee was not ignorant: and so objecteth it, as though he knew not three wordes in that tongue, whereas hee had heard him reade and interprete Saint* Basil, *not the easiest of the Greeke Doctours. This is palpable impudencie, and a face that cannot blush, and full of malice against the Saints of God, who, if they knew not a word in the Greek tongue, were never the worse, nor the lesse learned, but among fooles and children, that esteeme learning by such trifles, which Grammarians know farre better then great Divines. For were not hee a wise man that would preferre one Master* Humphrey, *Master* Fulke, *Master* Whitakers, *or some of us poore men, because wee have a little smacke in the three tongues, before Saint* Chrysostome, *Saint* Basil, *Saint* Augustine, *Saint* Gregory, *or Saint* Thomas, *that understood well, none but one? howbeit, if they esteeme learning by knowledge of the tongues, they will not (I trow) compare with Catholikes, either of former time, or of these latter ages, specially since their new Gospell begunne: and if they will compare with us herein for their simple credite, wee may perhaps give them occasion ere it bee long, to muster their men all at once, if they dare shew their face before our Campe of excellent Hebricians, Grecians, Latinists, of absolute linguists in the Chaldee, Syriacke, Arabike, &c. whom they must needes confesse to have beene, and to* *Ibid. pag.* 84.

If he had not yet tryed him, he presumed to belie him, before hee knew him.

to be, even at this day, their Masters and Teachers.

FVLK. 8. It becommeth you that have cast off all feare of God, and duety to your Prince, to cast off all civill honesty, and humane modesty also. If you speake of such matters, as you might not bee controuled in them, yet, if you forbeare the truth, it were somewhat tollerable. But when you speake of *Campions* learning in the Greeke tongue, wherein you may bee so manifestly convicted by hundreths of witnesses, you stoppe the way from any credite to bee given you in other matters. All Oxford knew that *Campion* was no Grecian when hee departed from that Vniversity. His time spent in Ireland, and other places, where hee travelled, would not yeelde him great knowledge since his departure, except hee had wholly applyed it, which hee could not doe, nor any other serious studie in such sort as hee travelled in diverse places. But admitte hee might have knowledge by extraordinary meanes or myracle if you will, how shall hee bee tryed, but by reading and understanding that which greatly concerneth his cause, in disputation and conference. You said hee did reade and interprete Saint *Basil*, not the easiest of the Greeke Doctours. I was not present at that conference, and therefore have the lesse to say: But I my selfe making tryall of his skill, by a place of *Epiphanius*, both read it to him, and offering him the booke, hee understood no more the matter thereof, then, if I had cited it in the Arabicke, or Persian language. And therefore, upon the acknowledging of his dissembled ignorance, with great laughter of the hearers, I was content to expound it to him in English, before I could receive any answere to the argument taken from that authoritie. Wherefore, I verily thinke, and am certainely perswaded, that if hee pretended to interprete any thing out of Saint Basil, it was altogether by artificiall conjecture, either of the place which hee knew, and had read in Latine, or else by firmising of some one common word, hee gathered what the sense of the whole should bee. Indeede if hee had never knowne a word of Greeke, although hee had beene no meete man to challenge a whole realme to disputation: yet hee might have beene an honest man, and otherwise meanely learned, so hee had not pretended knowledge, when hee was in a manner altogether ignorant. For mine owne part, though it please you to name mee with Master *Humphrey*, Master *Whitakers*, and others, I never tooke upon mee but a meane knowledge in the tongues, neither desire I in comparison to bee preferred before any learned man, whole travailes have beene profitable to the Church, although hee were ignorant in the tongues. Yet, this I must freely say, that hee which shall professe to bee an absolute learned Divine, without the knowledge of three tongues, at the least, may thinke well of himselfe, but hardly hee shall get and retaine the credite hee seeketh among learned men in this learned age. And therefore *Campion*, if disputation had beene meant rather then sedition, for all his arrogance and impudence, was an unmeete Apostle to bee sent from *Gregory* of Rome, to challenge all the wise and learned in England. Neither doe I say this, as though I measured all learning by knowledge of the tongues, but wherein soever any Papist in the world, shall bee bold to challenge the name of learning, in any knowledge, that ever was, or is accounted good learning, God bee praysed there are many of Gods true Catholike Church, whereof wee are members, able to match them therein. That I say not to excell them. And whereas you would make us beholding to Papists for such knowledge, as any of us hath in the Greeke, Hebrew, Syriacke, Chaldee, Arabicke tongues, &c. It is well knowne, the Papists are more beholding to us. And although I confesse, that some Papists of late dayes, have bestowed fruitefull paynes, in setting foorth some of the orientall tongues: yet are they not the first, nor all that have travelled profitably that way. But many have attayned to competent skill in those languages many yeares before any Papists had written any thing that might further them therein. You were wont to beare ignorant men in hand, that wee were a sighte of English Doctours, understanding no languages but our mother tongue, which hath enforced diverse men to shew their skill in the tongues, which otherwise they would never have openly professed. But now that the world seeth, to your shame, how richly God hath blessed us, with the knowledge, and interpretation of diverse tongues, you exprobrate to us our knowledge in the tongues, and traduce us among the ignorant, as though wee esteemed all learning by knowledge of tongues, and that wee were but meere Grammarians, and often tell us of that stale jest, that the kingdome of Grammarians is past, as though it were but a little Grammar, whereof wee make a shew. But for that generall muster which you threaten to drive us unto, ere it be long, if you come as learned men should doe, armed with bookes, penne, inke, and paper, I doubt not by the grace of God, but you shall finde them that dare confront you, and chase you out of the fielde also. But if you come under the Popes banner with such blessing, as hee sent lately into Ireland, I hope you shall bee met withall, as those his Champions were, and finde that promotion for your good service, which

which you have long agoe deserved by your travells for upholding of his Kingdome.

MART. 9. *But to returne to you Master* Whitakers, *greater is your fault in divinity, then in the tongues, when you make your argument against the reall presence out of this place, as out of the Scripture and Saint* Peter, *whereas they are* Bezaes *wordes, and not Saint* Peters. *Againe, whether you take* Bezaes *wordes or Saint* Peters, *your argument faileth very much, when you conclude that Christs naturall body is not in the Sacrament, because it is placed and contained in Heaven. For Saint* Chrysostome *telleth you, that* Christ ascending into heaven, both left us his flesh, and yet ascending hath the same. *And againe,* O myracle, *saith hee:* Hee that sitteth above with the Father, in the same moment of time is handled with the hands of all. *This is the faith of the auncient Fathers, Master* Whitakers, *and this is the Catholike faith, and this is (I trow) another manner of faith and farre greater, thus to beleeve the presence of Christ in both places at once, because hee is omnipotent, and hath said the word: then your faith (whereof you boast so much) which beleeveth no further, then that hee is ascended, and that therefore hee cannot bee present upon the Altar, nor dispose of his body as he list.*

Hom. 2. ad po. Antioch. Lib. 3. de Sacerdotio.

FVLK. 9. Master *Whitaker* is not so young a Divine, but he knoweth that *Chrysostome* speaketh of the ineffable manner of Christs presence spiritually, though he be absent corporally. As in the place by you cited, *De sacerdotio*, it is most manifest, where hee saith that we may see the people dyed and made redde with the pretious bloud of Christ, which as it is not with the eye of the body, but with the eye of faith, so is Christ that is corporally present in heaven, spiritually present unto the faith of the worthy receiver.

MART. 10. *Againe, it is a very famous place for the reall presence of the bloud (which we have handled at large* elsewhere, but here also must be briefely touched) when our Saviour saith,* Luk. 22. This is the chalice the new Testament in my bloud, which (*Chalice*) is shedde for you. *For so (which) must needes bee referred according to the Greeke. In which speech, Chalice must needes bee taken for that in the chalice, and that in the chalice must needes be the bloud of Christ, and not wine, because his bloud onely was shed for us. And so we doe plainely prove the reall presence, according as Saint* Chrysostome *also said,* Hoc quod est in calice, illud est quod fluxit de latere. That which is in the Chalice, is the same that gushed out of his side. *All which most necessary deduction* Beza *would defeate, by saying the Greeke is corrupted in all the copies that are extant in the world, and by translating them eleane otherwise then the Greeke will beare,* This cuppe is the new Testament in my bloud, which (*bloud*) is shedde for you.

* Chap. 1. nu. 38. τὸ ποτήριον. τὸ ἐκχυνόμενον

In 1 Cor. ca. 10. hom. 24.

τὸ πὺρ ἱμὼ αἷμα τὸ ἐκχυνόμενον.

FVLK. 10. It is a famous place indeede that never a one of the auncient writers, could consider for any reall presence to bee drawne out of it. How *Beza* hath translated it, I have at large declared before, *Chap. 1. sect. 37. 38. 39.* That which *Chrysostome* sayth, wee confesse to bee most true, after a spirituall and heavenly manner, and so hee doeth expound himselfe, in the same place, where hee saith that Christ suffered himselfe to bee broken for us, in the oblation, which hee suffered, not on the crosse, where no bone of his was broken. Which none but a mad man would take otherwise then spiritually to bee done, as he is present after a spirituall manner.

MART. 11. *But what pertaineth this to the English Heretiks, who translate,* which is shed, *so indifferently that it may signify,* which cuppe, *or* which bloud *is shed? Thus farre it pertaineth, because they doe not onely defend this translation by all meanes, but they tell us plainely, namely* Fulke, *that they referre (which) to the name* bloud, *and not to the word* cuppe, *even as* Beza *doeth, asking us what Grammarian would referre it otherwise. In which question hee sheweth himselfe a very simple Grammarian in the Greeke, or a madde heretike, that either knoweth not, or will not know, that in the Greeke it cannot bee so referred, and consequently neither in Latine nor English which in true translation must follow the Greeke. But of these and other their foule and manifold shifts to avoyd this place, * I have spoken in another place of this booke.*

Adrat. Camp. pag. 34. Against D. Sand. Rocke, pag. 309. Chap. 1 num. 37. 38. &c.

FVLK. 11. As you have placed your crimination in the first Chapter, to bee sure that it should bee read of every man that taketh your booke in hand: So have I, observing your order, answered you in the same place, and in such sort I hope discharged my selfe, that you shall have little lust hereafter to insult against mine ignorance, before you bee able to weigh the matter your selfe with sounder knowledge.

MART. 12. *Onely M.* Whitakers (*to say truely*) *hath brought somewhat to the purpose, to wit, that Saint* Basil *readeth the Greeke as they translate. But he doeth well to make light of it, because it is evident that Saint* Basil *cited not the text of the Evangelist, but the sense, which* Beza *noteth to bee the custome of the auncient Fathers; telling us withall that therfore the reading of the Fathers, is no certaine rule to reforme or alter the wordes of Scripture according to the same: and it is very like that if* Beza *or* Fulke *his advocate had thought Saint* Basils *reading of any importance, they would have used it long since, rather then so many other shiftes and so absurd, as they doe: unlesse we may thinke they knew it not, and therefore could not use it. But for Saint* Basil, *according*

pag. 35. Prefix in No. Test. an. 1556.

cording to the sense, hee citeth it very truely: for whether wee say, the cup that is shed, *or* the bloud that is shed, *both signifyeth the bloud of Christ shed for us, as S.* Basil *citeth it. The difference is, that referring it to the cup, as S.* Luke *hath it, it signifyeth the bloud both present in the cup, and also then shed in a Sacrament at the last Supper: but referring it to the word* bloud, *as S.* Basil *doeth, and as they translate it, it may signify the bloud shed on the crosse also, yea (as these Translatours meane and would have it) onely that on the Crosse, not considering that the Greeke word is the Preset tense, and therefore rather signifyeth the present shedding of his bloud then in mysticall sacrifice, then the other visible shedding thereof, which was to come in the future tense. Lastly, they translate S.* Lukes *Gospell, and not S.* Basil: *and therefore not following S.* Luke, *they are false Translatours, howsoever S.* Basil *readeth.*

FVLK. 12. The reading of Saint *Basil*, whereof *Beza* maketh mention in his annotation upon this text of Saint *Luke*, is also handled before. As the reading of the Doctours is no perpetuall rule to reforme the text of the Scripture by, so is it not to bee neglected, but that sometimes also the present reading may bee corrected thereafter. True it is, that *Beza* supposeth it rather to have beene added out of the margent; and I, as I have before declared, doe thinke that either it is to bee read as *Basil* did reade it, or else that the verbe substantive is to bee understood, and the article taken for the relative, as it is often both in prophane writings, and in the new Testament it selfe, as by sundry examples I have made it manifest.

MART. 13. *As this falsehood is both against Sacrament and Sacrifice, so against the Sacrifice also of the Altar, it is, that they controll S.* Hieromes *translation in the old Testament, concerning the Sacrifice of* Melchisedech, Who brought forth bread and wine, Gen. 14. v. 18. *that is, offered or sacrificed bread and wine: which we prove to bee the true sense and interpretation (and that this bringing forth of bread and wine, was sacrificing thereof) not onely by all the Fathers expositions, that write of* Melchisedechs *Priesthood. (*Cypr. Epist. 63. Epiph. hær. 55. & 79. Hier. in Mat. 26 & in Epist. ad Evagrium) *and by the Hebrew word, which is a word of Sacrifice,* Iud. 6. vers. 18. *and* by the greatest Rabbines and Hebricians that write thereof; but we prove it by these words of the very text it selfe.* He brought forth bread and wine, for he was the Priest of God most high. *Which reason immediately following,* Because hee was Gods Priest, *proveth evidently, that hee brought it not foorth in common manner, as any other man might have done, but as Gods Priest, whose office is to offer Sacrifice. This consequence is so plaine, that for avoyding thereof, the Adversaries will not have it translated in any wise,* For hee was the Priest, *as though the Scripture gave a reason, why hee brought foorth bread and wine; but,* and hee was a Priest, &c. *wrangling about the signification of the Hebrew conjunction.*

The facrifice of Melchisedech.

NIXIN See Pet. Gal. l. 10. c. 4. & 5. & Chro. Genebrard. pag. 13.

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FVLK. 13. That Saint *Hieronyme* was authour of the vulgar Latine interpretation of the old Testament, it is more boldly affirmed, then ever it can bee sufficiently proved by you. But what doe wee controll? Your vulgar Interpreter saith, that *Melchisedech* brought forth bread and wine, and so say we. Which how Saint *Hierome* and other understandeth, I have before declared, *Cap. 1, Sect. 42.*

Against all the Fathers that expound that bringing forth of bread and wine, to pertaine to his Priesthood, I oppose the Apostle to the Hebrewes, who could not have omitted it, if it had beene so. That the Hebrew word is a word of sacrifice, it is most impudently affirmed of you. For *Judges 6.* it signifyeth no more to offer then here, although there *Gedeon* desire the Angell to stay, untill hee returne and bring from his house with him a gift or oblation. But if you will contend, that whatsoever is brought forth, wheresoever this Hebrew word is used, is a Sacrifice, you shall make an hundred sacrifices more, then ever God ordayned. Neither will *Galatinus* or *Gerobrardus* for their credite, once affirme that it signifyeth to offer sacrifice. Though it may bee used in bringing forth of Sacrifices, as wel as of all other things that are brought forth. But the conjunction causall maketh it cleere, that this bringing forth was in respect of his Priesthood: Indeed if the Hebrew conjunction were causall, and not copulative, wee were driven to the wall: but seeing the Hebrew conjunction copulative must bee expounded according to the sense, you doe very unskilfully, to conclude the sense which is in controversy, upon the conjunction which is indefinite: and we without partiality have translated the conjunction copulative, as it doeth most commonly and ordinarily signify.

MART. 14. *Wherein the Reader may see their exceeding partiality and wilfulnesse: for besides infinite like places of Scripture, whereby wee doe easily shew, that this Hebrew particle is used to give a reason or cause of a thing. Themselves also in another place prove it for us, and that by the authority of* Theophylact, *and allegation of examples out of the Scripture, and translate accordingly thus:* Blessed art thou among women, because the fruit of thy wombe is blessed. *Let them give us a reason why the said conjunction is here by their translation* quia, *or* enim, *where it was never so translated before, and it must not be in any case in the other place of Genesis, where*

Beza annot. in Luc. v. 42. No. Test. an. 1580. Benedicta tu, &c. & benedictus, &c. Θεοτόκος.

it hath beene so translated, and generally received, even in the Primitive Church. In other places, of Scripture also, which Theophylact alleadgeth, and many moe may bee alleadged, they confesse and like very well it should so signifie: onely in the place of Genesis, they cannot abide any such sense, or translation thereof; but, He brought forth bread and wine, and hee was the Priest, &c. *not,* because he was the Priest. *What is the cause of this their dealing? None other undoubtedly (and in all these cases I knocke at their consciences) but that here they would avoyd the necessary sequell of* Melchisedechs *sacrifice, upon such translation, which typicall sacrifice of bread and wine if it should bee graunted, then would follow also a sacrifice of the new Testament, made of bread and wine, answering to the same, and so wee should have the sacrifice of the Altar, and their bare Communion should be excluded.* Gen. 14.v.18.

VVK. 14. Because wee will not falsely translate, to mainetayne a colour of your Popish Sacrifice, wee shew great partiality. Wherein I pray you? The conjunction copulative wee know may often bee resolved into the causall, where the sense so requireth. But it never hath any force in it selfe, to breede such a sense, or to conclude such a sense by it. It is against all reason therefore, that you would urge us to translate contrary to that which in our consciences before God wee take to bee the sense. Where you say, that the sacrifice of *Melchisedech*, if it were graunted, would bring in your Masse, and exclude our Communion, it is altogether untrue. For none of the auncient Fathers (who were deceived to imagine a Sacrifice, where the Apostle seeking all things pertayning to *Melchisedechs* Priesthood, could finde none) doeth allow your propitiatory Sacrifice, but contrary wise, by those onely speeches that they use about *Melchisedechs* oblation of bread and wine, wee are able to prove, that they did speake of a Sacrifice of thankesgiving onely. And your Sacrifice, in which you say is neither bread nor wine, should hardly resemble *Melchisedechs* oblation, made of bread and wine.

MART. 15. *For which purpose also their partiall translation about* Altar *and* Table, *is notorious: for the name of Altar (as they know very well) both in the Hebrew and Greeke, and by the custome of all peoples, both Iewes and Pagans, implying and importing sacrifice, therefore wee, in respect of the sacrifice of Christs body and bloud, say* Altar, *rather then* Table, *as all the auncient Fathers* (Chrysost. hom. 53. ad pop. Antioch. *and* hom. 20. in 2 Cor. *and* in Demonst. quòd Christus sit Deus, tom. 5. Nazianzen. de Gorgonia sorore. Basil. in Liturg. Socrat. lib. 1. hist. cap. 20, & 25. Theodoret. hist. lib. 4. cap. 20. Theophylact. in 23. Matth. Cyprian. epist. 63. Optat. cont. Parm. August. epist. 86. & lib. 9. Confess. cap, 11. & 13. & alibi sæpe) *are wont to speake and write, (namely when Saint* Hierome *calleth the bodies or bones of Saint* Peter *and* Paul, *the Altars of Christ, because of this sacrifice offered over and upon the same) though in respect of eating and drinking the body and bloud, it is also called a Table: so that with us it is both an Altar and a Table, whether it bee of wood or of stone. But the Protestants because they make it onely a Communion of bread and wine, or a Supper, and no Sacrifice, therefore they call it* Table *onely, and abhorre from the word* Altar, *as Papisticall. For the which purpose, in their first translation* (Bibl. Ann. 1562.) *when Altars were then in digging downe throughout England, they translated with no lesse malice, then they threw them downe, putting the word* Temple *in steede of* Altar, *which is so grosse a corruption, that a man would have thought it had beene done by oversight, and not of purpose, if they had not done it thrice immediately within two Chapters,* 1 Corinth. chap. 9. *and* 10. *saying,* Know you not, that they which wayte of the TEMPLE, are partakers of the TEMPLE? *And,* Are not they which eate of the Sacrifice partakers of the TEMPLE? *In all which places, the Apostles word in Greeke is* Altar, *and not* Temple. *And see here their notorious peevishnesse: where the Apostle saith* Temple, *there the same translation saith* Sacrifice: *where the Apostle saith* Altar, *there it saith* Temple. Διατασσόμενον. C. 9 v. 13. ispdr. 1 Cor. 10. 11. Chap. 1. sect. 11.

FVLK. 15. That the auncient Fathers used the name of Altar, as they did of Sacrifice, Sacrificer, Levite, and such like, improperly, yet in respect of the spirituall oblation of prayse and thankesgiving, which was offered in the celebration of the Lords Supper, wee doe easily graunt: as also, that they doe as commonly use the name of table, and that it was a table indeede, so standing, as men might stand round about it, and not against the wall, as your Popish Altars stand, it is easy to proove, and it hath often times beene prooved: and it seemeth you confesse as much, but that it is with you both an Altar and a Table, with us indeede it is, as it is called in the Scripture onely a Table. That wee make the Sacrament a Communion of bread and wine, it is a blasphemous slaunder, when wee beleeve, as the Apostle taught us, that it is the Communion of the body and bloud of Christ, and the Lords Supper. As for the corruption you pretend, I cannot thinke (as I haue answered before) it was any thing else but the first Printers oversight. For why should the name of Altar mislike us in that place, more then in an hundred other places, when it is certaine, wheresoever it is used in the Scriptures, in the proper sense, it signifyeth the Altars of the Iewes,

Iewes, or of the Gentiles, and never the Communion Table, or that at which the Lords Supper is prepared and received?

MART. 16. *Thus yee see how they suppresse the name of Altar, where it should bee: Now let us see how they put it in their translation, where it should not be. This also they doe thrice in one Chapter, and that for to saue the honour of their Communion Table, namely in the storie of* Bel, *where we haue it thrice called the* Table *of that Idell, under which* Bels *Priestes had made a privie entrance, and, that the King looked upon the Table, and, that they did eate up such things as were upon the Table: these wicked Translators fearing lest the name of* Bels *Table might redound to the dishonour of their Communion Table, translate it* Altar *in all these places. Wherein I cannot but pittie their follie, and wonder exceedingly how they could imagine it any disgrace, either for Table or Altar, if the Idols also had their Tables and Altars, whereas Saint* Paul *so plainely nameth both together,* The Table of our Lord, and the Table of Devils. *If the Table of Devils, why not the Table of* Bel? *If that bee no disgrace to the Table of our Lord, why are you afraid of* Bels *Table, lest it should disgrace yours? Or if you had no such feare, then you must tell us some other good reason of your unreasonable translation in this place, why you translate* Altar *for* Table, *that is, chalke for cheese.* Dan. 14. v. 11. 17. 20. trpe'm'd. See the Bible 1562. & 15 1 Cor. 10. v. 2

FVLK. 16. That the Authors of the first translation, in the fabulous storie of *Bel*, for Table, translated Altar, as I cannot excuse them of errour, so I dare discharge them of any partialitie or favour of the Communion Table. For in King *Henry* the eights time, when that translation was first printed, there was never a Communion Table in any Church of England. It is like therefore, they respected similitude of the placing thereof, so as a privie doore might bee under it, which could not bee conveyed in Tables of such formes as now adayes are in use. The Bible 1577. in the margent placeth the word Table; which is in the Greeke, signifying, that there is no great matter whether word you use. And that story being of no credit, the Translators could haue no purpose, either to proue, or improue, by authoritie thereof.

MART. 17. *And here, by the way, the Reader may note another exceeding follie in them, that thinke the name of Table maketh against Altar and Sacrifice, their owne translation here condemning them, where they call* Bels *Table, an Altar; and Saint* Paul *having said to the Corinthians,* the Table of our Lord, *saith to the Hebrewes,* *of the selfe same, wee haue an Altar: *and againe hee saith,* the Table of Devils, *which I am sure they will not deny to haue beene a true Altar of Idololatricall Sacrifice: and* Malach. 1. v. 7. *in one sentence it is called both Altar and Table, whereupon the Iewes offered their externall and true Sacrifices; and all the Fathers, both Greeke and Latine, speaking of the Sacrifice of the new Testament, call that whereupon it is offered, both Altar and Table: but the Greeke more often,* Table; *the Latine Fathers more often,* Altar: *and why, or in what respects, it is called both this and that, wee haue before declared, and here might adde the very same out of S.* Germanus, *Archbishop of* Constantinople, *in his Greeke Commentaries (called* mystica theoria) *on the Liturgies or Masses of the Greeke Fathers. But to proceed.* * Haimo. Occumeth.

FVLK. 17. It were an infinite matter to note, not onely all the follies that you commit, but also the impudent assertions that you make, upon your owne surmise, without all proofe. Who made you so privie of our thought, that you affirme us to thinke the name of Table maketh against Altar and Sacrifice? Wee know the name of Table proveth no Sacrifice: but that the Fathers call the same both a Table and an Altar, wee doe never deny unto you. Yet that the Apostle to the *Hebrewes,* 12. calleth the same an Altar, which Saint *Paul* to the Corinthians nameth a Table, you shall never bee able to proove: howsoever *Oecumenius* and *Haimo*, two late Writers, doat upon that place, which is evident even by the text, to bee understood of the onely Sacrifice of Christs death upon the Crosse. That the people whom the Prophet *Malachie* reproveth, called the Lords Altar, his Table, is no sufficient proofe, that it might bee called by the one name as well as the other. And although in respect of the meate offerings and drinke offerings, it was also a Table, at which God vouchsafed to bee entertained by the people, as their familiar friend. But what is this to the purpose of any controversie betweene us? The Altar was called a Table in the old Testament; but the Table is never called an Altar in the new Testament, although by the ancient Fathers oftentimes.

MART. 18. *There are also some places lesse evident, yet such as smatch of the like heretical humor against the blessed Sacrament. In the Prophet* Ier. c. 11. v. 19. *wee reade thus, according to the Latine and the Greeke,* Let us cast * wood upon his bread, *that is, saith S.* Hierome, in comment. huius loci, the Crosse upon the body of our Saviour: for it is he that said, I am the bread that descended from heaven. *Where the Prophet so long before saying* bread, *and meaning his body, alludeth prophetically to his body in the blessed Sacrament made of bread, and under the forme of bread, and therefore also called bread of the Apostle. So that both in the Prophets, and* * Lignum in panem eius. ξύλον εἰς τὸν ἄρτον αὐτοῦ. 1 Cor. 10.

Apostle, his bread and his body is all one: and least we should thinke that the bread onely signifieth his body, hee saith, Let us put the Crosse upon his bread, *that is, upon his very naturall body, which hung on the Crosse. Now for these words of the Prophet, so vsuall and well knowne in the Church and all antiquitie, how thinke you doe these new Masters translate? In one Bible thus,* Let us destroy the tree with the fruite thereof: *Another,* We will destroy his meat with wood; *or, as they should haue said rather,* the wood with his meat. *Doe you see how properly they agree, whiles they seeke novelties, and forsake the auncient vsuall translation?*

FVLK. 18. The phrase or manner of speech which the Prophet *Ieremie* vseth, being somewhat obscure, and unvsuall, harh bred divers translations. The most simple meaning, and agreeable unto the Hebrew, is this: Let us destroy him with wood in stead of bread, that is, let us famish him in a close prison, or in the stockes, &c. and so may the Greeke and vulgar Latine bee expounded, Let us giue him wood for bread, rather than that violent exposition of Saint *Hierome* is to be admitted, which referreth it to his crucifying, where beside, it were an intolerable figure in that place to understand his body by bread, it is cleane contrary to that you said. For the Crosse was not put upon Christ, but Christ upon the Crosse. Such wresting of the Scripture, where no neede is, maketh the Christians ridiculous to the Iewes. And yet it is more farre fetched, to draw it to the Sacrament, which is called bread, and is not bread. Neither doth Saint *Hierome* extend his interpretation so farre.

MART. 19. *They will say, the first Hebrew word cannot bee as Saint* Hierome *translateth, and as it is in the Greeke, and as all antiquitie readeth; but it must signifie,* Let us destroy. *They say truly, according to the Hebrew word which now is. But is it not evident thereby, that the Hebrew word now is not the same which the Septuaginta translated into Greeke, and Saint* Hierome *into Latine? and consequently, the Hebrew is altered and corrupted from the originall copie which they had: perhaps by the Iewes (as some other places) to obscure this prophecie also of Christs passion, and their crucifying of him upon the Crosse. Such Iewish Rabbines and new Hebrew words doe our new Masters gladly follow in the translation of the old Testament, whereas they might easily conceine the old Hebrew word in this place, if they would employ their skill that way, and not onely to novelties. For who seeth not that the Greeke Interpreters, in* number 70. *and all Hebrewes of best skill in their owne tongue, S.* Hierome *also a great Hebrician, did not reade as now we haue in the Hebrew,* Nashchita, *but* Nashitha, *or* Mashlicha. *Againe, the Hebrew word that now is, doth so little agree with the words following, that they cannot tell how to translate it, as appeareth by the diversitie and difference of their translations thereof before mentioned, and transposing the words in English otherwise than in the Hebrew, neither of both their translations having any commodious sense or understanding.*

ἐμοῦ δὲ λαμβάν. vulgatus. נשחיתה Psal. 21.

Destruamus. ponamus. Mittamus.

FVLK. 19. If wee should acknowledge the Hebrew word to bee altered in so many places, as the 70. depart from it, wee should not onely condemne the Hebrew text that now is, in many places, but your vulgar Latine text also, the Translator whereof differing oftentimes from the Greeke, followeth the trueth of the Hebrew, or at least commeth neerer unto it. Your argument of the number of the 70. Interpreters all Hebrewes, is very ridiculous and childish. *Hierome* himselfe will laugh you to scorne in it, who acknowledged for certaintie, no more than the bookes of the Law translated by them. And *Lindanus* proveth manifestly unto you, that some parts of the old Testament in Greeke, which wee now haue, are not the same that were accounted the 70. translation in the ancient Fathers time. Whether *Hierome* in this place did consider the Hebrew text, wee know not, for hee doth not, as his manner is, shew the diversitie of the Hebrew and the Septuaginta in this chapter, beside hee professeth great brevitie, intreating upon so long a Prophet. But whether a letter in this word haue beene altered or no, or whether it were corrupt in the copie which the Greeke Translator and *Hierome* did reade, for the true or simple sense thereof, there is no great difference: no nor for that sense which *Hierome* brings, which although it seemeth to bee farre from the Prophets meaning, yet it may haue as good ground upon the word *Naschita*, as upon the word *Nashlicha*.

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MART. 20. *But yet they will pretend, that for the first word at the least they are not to be blamed, because they follow the Hebrew that now is, Not considering that if this were a good excuse, then might they as well follow the Hebrew that now is,* Psal. 21. v. 18. *and so vtterly suppresse and take out of the Scripture this notable prophecie,* They pierced my hands and my feet: *which yet they do not, neither can they doe it for shame, if they will be counted Christians. So that indeede to follow the Hebrew sometime where it is corrupt, is no sufficient excuse for them, though it may haue a pretence of true translation, and wee promised in the Preface, in such cases not to call it heretical translation.*

FVLK. 20. To this cavill against the certaine truth of the Hebrew text, I haue sufficiently answered

swered in my confutation of your preface Sect. 44. shewing that the true reading of this word, as *Felix Pratensis, Ioannes, Isaak, Tremellius*, and other doe acknowledge, is still remayning and testified by the Mazzorites.

MART. 21. *But concerning the B. Sacrament, let vs see once more how truely they follow the Hebrew.* The holy Ghost *(saith S. Cyprian ep. 62. num. 2.)* by *Salomon* foreshewed a type of our Lords sacrifice, of the immolated host of bread wine, saying, Wisedome hath killed her host, SHE HATH MINGLED HER WINE INTO the cuppe. Come yee, eate of my bread, and drinke the wine that I HAVE MINGLED for you. Speaking of WINE MINGLED *(saith this holy Doctor)* hee foreshewed prophetically the cup of our Lord, MINGLED WITH WATER AND WINE. *So doth Saint* Hierome *interpret this mixture or mingling of the wine in the chalice, so doth the author of the commentaries upon this place among Saint Hieromes workes, so doe the other Fathers. So that there is great importance in these prophetical words of Salomon.* Shee hath mingled her wine into the cuppe, *and,* the wine which I haue mingled, *as being a manifest prophecie of Christs mingling water and wine in the Chalice at his last Supper, which the Catholike Church obserueth at this day, and whereof Saint* Cyprian *writeth the foresaid long Epistle.*

That water & wine ought to be mingled in the Chalice. Pro 9.

See S. Augustin. De civit. Dei lib. 17. c. 20.

FVLK. 21. It had beene to bee wished that Saint *Cyprian* when hee goeth about to proue the necessitie of wine, in the celebration of the Lords Supper, against the Heretikes, called *Aquarij*, that contended for onely water, had retained the precise institution of Christ in wine onely, which the Scripture mentioneth, and not allowed them a mixture of water, and for that purpose driven himselfe to such wattrie expositions, as this of *Proverbes* 9. which without good warrant, he draweth to represent the Lords supper. Where if he had beene urged by the adversaries, whereto the beasts slaine were referred in this Sacrament, hee must haue beene driven to some violent comment. But whereto tendeth this preparation?

MART. 22. *But the Protestants counting it an idle superstitious ceremonie, here also frame their translation accordingly, suppressing altogether this mixture or mingling, and in steed thereof saying,* she hath drawne her wine, *and,* drinke the wine that I haue drawne: *or (as in other of their Bibles)* Shee hath powred out her wine, *and,* the wine which I haue powred out: *neither translation agreeing either with Greeke or Hebrew. Not with the Greeke, which doth evidently signifie, mingling and mixture, as it is in the Latine, and as all the Greeke Church from the Apostles time hath vsed this word in this very case whereof we now speake, of mingling water and wine in the chalice. Saint* Iames, *and S.* Basil *in their Liturgies expresly testifying that Christ did so, as also Saint* Cyprian *in the place alleaged. S.* Iustine *in the end of his second Apologie, calling it of the same Greeke word κρᾶμα, that is (according to* Plutarch*) wine mingled with water: likewise Saint* Irenæus *in his fifth booke neere the beginning. See the sixth generall Councell most fully treating hereof, and deducing it from the Apostles and auncient fathers, and interpreting this Greeke word by any other equivalent, and more plainely to signifie this mixture.*

Bib. 1579. Ann. 1577. ἐκέρασεν, Miscuit. κεκέρασμ. Miscui. λαβὼν τὸ κρᾶμα. Mixtus calix. Conc. Constantinop. 6. ca. 32. μιγνύναι.

FVLK. 22. The authoritie of the holy Scriptures with us is more worth then the opinion of all the men in the world. In the Scripture wee finde the fruite of the vine, water wee finde not, therefore wee account not water to be of any necessitie in the celebration of the Lords supper. In the primitiue Church, we know water was vsed first of sobrietie, then of ceremonie, and at length it grew to be counted of necessitie. The Armenians therefore are commendable in this point, that they would never depart from the authoritie of the Scriptures, to yeeld to the custome, practise, or iudgement of any men. But against this mixture, as you surmise, wee haue translated, powred out or drawne. I confesse our translators, should more simply according to the word haue said, mingled her wine, and the wine that I haue mingled, but because that speech is not vsuall in the English tongue, it seemeth they regarded not so much the propertie of the word, as the phrase of our tongue. But that they had no purpose against the mixture of the wine with water in the Sacrament, it is manifest by this reason, that none of them did ever thinke, that this place was to bee interpreted of the Lords supper, but generally, of such spirituall foode as wisedome giveth to mens soules. Therefore it is certaine they had no meaning to avoide the word of mixing for any such intent as you surmise.

MART. 23. *Thus then the Greeke is neither drawing of wine, nor powring out thereof, as they translate, but mingling. But the Hebrew perhaps signifieth both, or at the least one of the two, either to draw, or to poure out. Gentle Reader if thou haue skill, looke the Hebrew Lexicon of* Pagnine, *esteemed the best: if thou haue not skill, aske, and thou shalt understand, that there is no such signification of this word, in all the Bible, but that it signifieth onely mixture and mingling. A strange case, that to avoide this mingling of the cup, being a most certaine tradition of the Apostles, they haue invented two other significations of this Hebrew word, which it never had before.*

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FVLK. 23. The Dictionaries are more fure to teach what a word doth fignifie, than what it doth not fignifie. I confeffe, *Pagnine* giveth none other fignification of that roote מסך, but *miscuit*. But even the word *miscuit*, may fignifie a powring out, when there is no reflect of joyning divers things together, but of ferving one with the cuppe, as *Tullie* vfeth the word. *Qui alteri misceat, mulsum ipse non sitiens.* Hee that ferveth an other with fweete wine, when hee is not a thirft himfelfe. So is the Hebrew word vfed, *Efay*, 19. where the Prophet fayth, The Lord hath powred forth among them, the fpirit of errour. Where the word of mixture, is not fo proper. Againe, your owne vulgar Latine Interpreter, *Proverb.* 23. tranflateth *mimfach*, a word derived from the fame roote, not for any mixture, but for drinking up, or making cleane the cuppes, *& studeus calicibus eporandis*, which ftudie how to emptie or drinke up all that is in the cuppes. In Hebrew it is, which goe to feeke ftrong wine, or mingled wine. And if a mixture bee granted in the place you require, how proue you a mixture, with water rather than with any thing elfe. Verily, the circumftance of the place, if there muft needes bee a mixture, requireth a mixture of fpices, hony, or fome fuch things to make the wine delectable, unto which Wifedome doth invite, and allure all men to drinke it, rather than of water onely, to abate the ftrength of it. As alfo in the text, *Proverbes* 23. the drunkards that continued at the wine, and were to feeke ממסך mingled wine, went not to feeke wine mingled with water, but fome other delicate mixture. And *Efay* 5. where woe is pronounced to drunkards, the fame word is vfed: woe bee to them, that are ftrong to drinke wine, and men of might, *limsoch*, to mingle ftrong drinke, not to mingle it with water, for fobrietie, but with fome other delectable matter, to provoke drunkenneffe, as your vulgar Interpreter tranflateth it. So that albeit the word did fignifie to mingle, never fo properly, and certainely, you can make no good argument for mingling with water, in that place, *Proverbes* 9. where either it fignifieth fimply to draw, broch, or powre out, or elfe to prepare with fome other more pleafant mixture, than of water onely.

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CHAP. XVIII.

Hereticall tranflation againft the honour of SAINTS, namely of our B. LADIE.

LEt vs paffe from Gods holy Sacraments, to his honourable Saints in heaven, and wee fhall finde that theſe tranflations plucke from them alſo as much honour as they may. In the *Pſalme* 138. where the Catholike *Church, and all antiquitie readeth thus*, Nimis honorati ſunt amici tui Deus, &c. Thy friends O God are become exceeding honourable, their princedome is exceedingly ſtrengthened: *which verſe is ſung and ſaid, in the honour of the holy Apoſtles, agreeable to that in an other Pſalme*, Conſtitues eos principes ſuper omnem terram, Thou ſhalt appoint them Princes over all the earth: *what meane they in all their Engliſh Bibles to alter it thus*: How deare are thy counſels (or thoughts) to me O God: O how great is the ſumme of them? *Doth not the Hebrew make more for the old received Latine tranſlation, than for theirs, becauſe the Hebrew word is vſed more commonly for to ſignifie friends, than cogitations? doth not Saint* Hierome *ſo tranſlate in his tranſlation of the Pſalmes according to the Hebrew? doth not the great* Rabbine R. Salomon? *Doth not the Greeke put it out of doubt, which is altogether according to the ſaid auncient Latine tranſlation?*

Pſalm.138.

Pſalm.44.

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THe context of the verſe going before, and alſo the verſe following, not any way againſt the Saints of God, haue moued our tranſlators to depart from the vulgar tranſlation, which is neither ſo proper for the words, and altogether impertinent to the matter of the text. For when the Prophet had in the verſe going before, celebrated the wonderfull worke of God, in the framing of his body in his mothers wombe, in this verſe hee breaketh out into an exclamation, to behold the marvelous and unſearchable wiſedome of Gods counſels, whoſe ſtrength is aboue mans reach, whoſe number is as the ſand of the ſea. To anſwere *R. Salomon*, wee haue *R. David Kimchi*, as great a Rabbine as hee, and a more ſincere Interpreter, that expoundeth the whole verſe even as we doe.

MART. 2. *And you my Maſters, that tranſlate otherwiſe, I beſeech you, is it ſo in Hebrew*, How great is the ſumme of them: *and not rather word for word moſt plainely*, how are the heads of them ſtrengthened, or their Princedomes, *as in the Greeke alſo it is moſt manifeſt? Why doe you then hunt after novelties, and forſake the traden path of the ancient, and paſſe the bounds which our holy forefathers haue ſet and appointed, preferring your owne ſingularities and new deuiſes, euen there where you cannot iuſtly pretend either the Hebrew, or Greeke? When the Hebrew Lexicon hath given the common interpretation of this place, and then ſaith*, Quidam exponunt, *Some expound it otherwiſe: why had you rather bee of that leſſer*, ſome that expound otherwiſe, *than of the great ſociety of all auncient Interpreters.*

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Epito. Theſ. Pagn. in 157 radice. רעה

FVLK. 2. The Hebrew is as we haue tranſlated, how great is the ſum of them. So doth *Kimchi* expound it, ſo doth *Pagnine*, and to the ſame effect, *Iuſtinian*. And the ſame word, *jaſmu miſſapel*, the ſumme of them is greater than can bee numbred, *Pſal.* 40. Where the Prophet ſpeaketh of the counſailes or thoughts of God, as in this place. Where you quarrell at us, for following the leſſer number, when *Pagnine* ſaith, *Quidam, &c.* You may know if you liſt, that *Pagnine* himſelfe is one of thoſe *quidam*, that tranſlateth even as wee doe. How precious are their thoughts unto mee, how are the ſummes of them multiplied? As for *Hierome*, whom you would haue us to follow, in ſteed of Princes, hath poore men. And therefore you do iniuriouſly, to require us to follow him, whom you follow not your ſelues. You muſt therefore indite *Pagnine* of hereticall tranſlation, beſide all Proteſtants, or elſe you are very partiall.

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MART. 3. *But this new fangled ſingularitie of teaching and tranſlating, otherwiſe than all antiquity hath done, ſhall better appeare in their dealing about our B. Lady, whoſe honour they haue ſought ſo many wayes to diminiſh, and deface, that the defenſe and maintenance thereof againſt the Heretikes of our time, is growne to a great booke, learnedly written by the great Clerke and Ieſuite, father* Caniſius, *entituled*, Mariana.

FVLK. 3. I thinke *Caniſius* in all his great booke called *Mariana*, medleth not with our Engliſh tranſlations, and therefore very idlely was this matter brought in, to tell us of *Caniſius* booke, called *Mariana*. I haue ſeene a blaſphemous booke againſt, I may iuſtly ſay, (though it were pretended in the honour of) the bleſſed Virgine, called *Mariale*. I haue ſeene that horrible blaſphemous Pſalter of *Bonaventure*, perverting all the Pſalmes unto the honour of the Virgine *Mary*, with intollerable blaſphemie againſt God, and the holy mother of Chriſt, whoſe greateſt honour is in the kingdome of her ſonne, and in his infinite glory.

MART. 4. *Concerning our purpoſe, What was ever more common, and is now more generall, and uſuall, in all Chriſtian Countries, than in the* Ave Marie, *to ſay*, Gratia plena, full of grace, *inſomuch, that in the firſt Engliſh Bible, it hath continued ſo ſtill, and every childe in our Countrie, was taught ſo to ſay, till the* Ave Marie *was baniſhed altogether, and not ſuffered to be ſaid, neither in Latine, nor Engliſh? What auncient father of the Latine Church, hath not always ſo read, and expounded? What Church in all the Weſt, hath not ever ſo ſung, and ſaid? Our new tranſlatours haue found a new kinde of ſpeech, tranſlating thus*: Haile thou that art freely beloved: *and*, Haile thou that are in high favour. *Why this, and that, or any other thing, rather than*, Haile full of grace? *Saint* Iohn Baptiſt *was full of the holy Ghoſt, even from his birth, Saint* Stephen *was full of grace, as the Scripture recordeth of them both: why may not then our Lady much more be called full of grace, (who as S.* Ambroſe *ſaith)* only obtained the grace, which no other women deſerved, to be repleniſhed with the author of grace.

Bib. 1579. & 1573. Luc. 1. v. 15. Act. 7. v. 8. Ambr. lib. 2. in 1. Luc.

FAIK. 4. The ſalutation of the Virgine, may bee ſaid ſtill, either in Latine, or Engliſh, as well as any part of the holy Scripture beſide. But not to make a popiſh Orizon, of an Angelike ſalutation

salutation. That wee haue translated Haile *Marie* freely beloved, or, that art in high favour, wee haue followed the truth of the Greeke word, not so denying thereby, but that the Virgine *Marie* of Gods speciall goodnesse without her merits, as she confesseth was filled with all gracious gifts of the holy spirit, as much as any mortall creature might be, except our Saviour Christ, whose onely priviledge it is to bee free from sinne, and to haue received the gifts of the holy Ghost without measure in his manhood.

MART. 5. *They will say, the Greeke word doth not so signifie. Doth it not? I make themselues witnesses of the contrary, and their owne translation in other places shall confute them, where they translate an other word of the selfe same nature and forme and in all respects like to this,* full of sores. *If* κεχαριτωμενος *bee full of sores, why is not* κεκονιαμενος *full of grace? Let any Grecian of them all, make mee a difference in the nature and significancy of these two words. Againe, if* ulcerosus *(as* Beza *translateth) bee full of sores, why is not* gratiosa *(as* Erasmus *translateth) full of grace? or why doth* Beza *marvell, that* Erasmus *translated,* gratiosa, *when himselfe translateth the like word,* ulcerosus? *All which adiectiues in osus, (you know) signifie fulnesse, as* periculosus, cruminosus. *Yet what a stirre doth* Beza *keepe here in his annotations, to make the Greeke word signifie,* freely beloved? Luk 16.v.20.

FVLK. 5. The signification of the Greeke word, with your foolish cavillation of *Ulcerosus*, I haue discussed sufficiently, *cap.1.sect.43.*

MART. 6. *But hath it indeed any such signification? tell us you that professe this great skill of the tongues, what syllable is there in this word, that soundeth to that signification? S.* Chrysostome, *and the Greek Doctors, that should best know the nature of this Greek word, say that it signifieth, to make gracious, and acceptable, and beloved, and beautifull, and amiable, and so to be desired, as when the Psalme saith;* The King shall desire thy beautie. *Beza himselfe saith, that it is word for word,* gratificata, made gratefull, *and yet hee expoundeth it,* accepted before God, *and translateth it,* freely beloved, *because hee will haue no singular grace or goodnesse, or vertue, resident in our B. Lady, but all by imputation, and acceptation, whereof I haue spoken before. S.* Athanasius *a Greeke Doctor saith, that shee had this title* κεχαριτωμενη, *because the holy Ghost descended into the Virgin, filling her with all graces and vertues. And I beseech the Reader, to see his words, which are many more concerning this fulnesse of grace and all spirituall gifts. S.* Hierome, *that knew the Greeke word as well as the Protestants, readeth* gratia plena, *and findeth no fault with this interpretation, but saith plainely, shee was so saluted,* full of grace, *because shee conceiued him in whom all fulnesse of the deitie dwelt corporally.* Comm in Eph. 1. Psal.44. S.Athan. de S. deip. Eph.140.in expos.Psal.44.

FVLK. 6. Looke in the best Greeke Lexicons, and you shall finde it the same signification, that wee translate, and none other. *Chrysostome* is of the same iudgement, as I haue shewed, in the place aboue mentioned: That the Virgin *Mary* was iustified before God by faith, imputed to her for righteousnesse without workes or iustice, as you will haue it called, wee doubt no more of her, than of *Abraham*. But, that shee was also sanctified with most excellent graces, and indued in her soule, with all Christian vertues. *Beza*, and all that esteeme *Beza* in the word, will confesse as much as is convenient for her honour, so nothing bee derogated from the honour of God. That which *Athanasius* saith, wee doe likewise admit, and that which *Hierome* writeth also. But this is all the controversie whether the Virgin *Mary* were freely accepted and beloved of God, and so by his spirit indued with gracious vertues, or whether, for her vertues which shee had of her selfe, shee were worthy to bee beloved of God, and deserved that honour, whereof shee was vouchsafed to become the mother of God. *Athanasius* saith expresly, that all those graces and gifts were freely given her by the obumbration or overshadowing of the holy Ghost, which the Angell prosmised should come upon her.

MART. 7. * *Now let the English Bezites come with their new terme,* freely beloved, *and controll these and all other ancient fathers both Greeke and Latine, and teach them a new signification of the Greeke word, which they knew not before. Let* John Keltridge *one of their great Preachers in London, come and tell us,* that the Septuagint and the best translations in the Greeke haue no such words as wee use in the Aue Mary, *but that the word which the Septuagint use, is* κεχαριτωμενη *&c. Who ever heard such a iest, that the Preacher of the word of God in* London *(so hee is called in the title of his booke) and Preacher before the Iesuites and Seminaries in the Tower, which is next degree to the disputers there, whose Sermons bee solemnely printed, and dedicated to one of the Queenes Councell, who seemeth to be such a Grecian that hee confuteth the vulgar Latine translation by the signification of the Greeke word, and in other places of his booke alleageth the Greeke text: that this man for all this, referreth us to the Septuagint either eares of Saint* Lukes *Gospell, which is too ridiculous: or as translators thereof, as though S.* Luke *had written in Hebrew, yea as though the whole new Testament had beene written in Hebrew (for so no doubt he presupposed) and that the Septuagint had translated it into Greek as they did the old, who were dead three hundred yeeres before S.* Lukes *Gospel and the new Testament was written.*

* *John Keltridge preacher of the word in London. In his Sermons within the Tower, printed, fol.14. Grosse ignorance & singular pride in many of the new Clergie. So he called the Priests of the Seminary, as if one would call a Monke a Monastery, or a Nun a Nonry,* Pag.37. of the 2. part. Concer.

FVLK. 7. Concerning *John Keltridge*, against whose ignorance and arrogancie you insult, I can say nothing, because I haue not seene his booke. But knowing how impudently you slander mee, Master *Whitaker*, *Beza*, and every man almost, with whom you haue any dealing, I may well suspect your fidelitie in this case, and thinke the matter is not so hard against *John Keltridge*, as you make it seeme to bee. If hee haue overshot himselfe (as you say) he is the more unwise: if you slander him, as you doe others, you are most of all to blame.

MART. 8. *All this is such a pitifull iest, as were incredible, if his printed booke did not giue testimonie. Pitifull, I say, because the simple people counts such their Preachers solly fellowes, and great Clerkes, because they can talke of the Greeke and of the Hebrew text, as this man doth also concerning the Hebrew letter* Tau, *whether it had in old time the forme of a Crosse, or no, euen as wisely and as skilfully, as he did of the Septuaginta, and the Greeke word in Saint* Lukes Gospell. *Whose incredible follie and ignorance in the tongues, perhaps I would never haue mentioned (because I thinke the rest are sorry and ashamed of him) but that hee boasteth of that, whereof hee hath no skill, and that the people may take him for a very patterne and example of many other like boasters and braggers among them, and that when they heare one talke lustily of the Hebrew and Greeke, and cite the text in the said tongues, they may always remember* Iohn Keltridge *their Preacher, and say to themselues, what if this fellow also be like* Iohn Keltridge. Fol.11.part.2.

FVLK. 8. Reserving *John Keltridge* to the triall and defense of himselfe, I say, you haue shewed your selfe as ridiculous in this booke divers times, and so haue many that beare a greater countenance among you ten times, than *John Keltridge* doth among us, howsoever it pleaseth you to make him the next degree to the Disputers. But if *John Keltridge* haue shewed himselfe to bee a vaine boaster of that knowledge whereof perhaps hee is ignorant, what reason is it that other learned men, which know the tongues indeed, should bee drawne into suspicion of ignorance for his follie? But that you delight by all meanes to discredit their learning and good gifts of God in them, to whom if you were comparable your selfe, yet it were not tolerable that you should seeke their reproach, before their unskilfulnesse may plainely be reproved.

MART. 9. *But to proceed: These great Grecians and Hebricians that controll all antiquity, and the approued aneient Latine translation, by scanning the Greeke and Hebrew words; that thinke it a great corruption,* Gen. 3. *to reade,* Ipsa conteret caput tuum, shee shall bruise thy head, *because it pertaineth to our Ladies honour, calling it* a corruption of the Popish Church, whereas S.* Ambrose, *S.* Augustine, *S.*Gregorie, *S.* Bernard, *and the rest reade so, as being the common received text in their time (though there hath beene also always the other reading euen in the vulgar Latine translation, and therefore it is not any late reformation of these new correctors, as though the Hebrew and Greeke text before had beene unknowen) these controllers (I say) of the Latine text by the Hebrew, against our Ladies honour, are in another place content to dissemble the Hebrew word, and that also for small devotion to the blessed Virgin, namely* Ierem.7. *and* 44. *where the Prophet inveigheth against them that offer sacrifice to the* Queene of heaven, *thus they think is very well, because it may sound in the peoples eares against the use of the Catholike Church, which calleth our Lady,* Queene of heaven. *But they know very well, that the Hebrew word doth not signifie* Queene *in any other place of the Scripture, and that the Rabbines and latter Hebricians (whom they gladly follow) deduce it otherwise, to signifie rather the whole corps and frame of heaven, consisting of all the beautifull starres and planets, and the Septuaginta call it not onely* Stan Nouran, Queene, *but* τὴν στρατιὰν, the host of heaven, c. 7. Ierem. *and S.* Hierome *not onely* Reginam, *but rather* militiam cæli: *and when hee nameth it* Reginam, Queene, *he saith we must understand it of the Moone, to which and to the other starres they did sacrifice and commit idolatrie. But the Protestants (against their custome of scanning the Hebrew and the Greeke) translate here,* Queene of heaven, *for no other cause in the world, but to make it sound against her, whom Catholikes truely call and worthily honour as Queene of heaven, because her sonne is King, and she exalted aboue Angels and all other creatures. See the new Test. Annot. Act.1.v.14.* * *See pagn. in radice.* מלכ *and* לאמ Sand. Recte disc.pag.145.

FVLK. 9. Wee thinke it indeede a shamefull corruption of the Scripture, that your vulgar Latine text, for *ipsum*, or *ipse*, as it is in the Greeke, readeth *ipsa*, and blasphemous it is to ascribe that to the mother of Christ, which is proper unto himselfe. But many of the ancient Fathers did reade so, and therefore *Fulke* did ignorantly belike, in calling it a corruption of the Popish Church. The best propertie I finde in you, (for which I am beholding to you) is, that when you haue made a lie, and slandered mee, you will note the place your selfe, where I may bee discharged, and your owne impudencie bee convinced. My words in the place by you noted bee these: Finally, how the Romish Church in these last dayes hath kept the Scripture from corruption, although I could shew by an hundred examples, yet this one shall suffice for all: The very first promise of the Gospell "

Disc.Sand. pag.141.

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that is in the Scripture, *Gen.* 3. That the ſeede of the woman ſhould breake the Serpents head, the Popiſh Church hath either wilfully corrupted, or negligently ſuffered to bee depraved thus: *Ipſa conteret caput tuum*, ſhee ſhall breake thine head, referring that to the woman, which God ſpeaketh expreſly to the ſeede of the woman. Whether the myſterie of iniquitie working in the Latine Church, long before the Apoſtaſie thereof into the kingdome of Antichriſt, began this corruption, I leaue it in doubt: but that the Popiſh Church hath ſuffered this depravation to continue, it is out of all queſtion, although you ſay you haue the other reading alſo, which though ſome copies haue, yet will you not admit it to bee authenticall. And whereas you bragge, that this reading hath beene always in your vulgar Latine tranſlation, *Hentenius* confeſſeth, that of 28 ancient copies, by which hee reviſed the vulgar tranſlation, he found it only in two. As for S. *Ambroſe*, how hee did reade, it is not certaine: for in his booke, *De fuga ſeculi, cap.* 7. where this text is cited, though the printed bookes haue *ipſa*, yet there is nothing in his expoſition that agreeth therewith: and ſeeing that hee followed the Greeke text, which hath the pronoune of the maſculine gender, it is like hee did reade rather *ipſe*; but becauſe his Greeke was very corrupt, ſo that for τηρήσει, *conteret*, hee did reade τηρεῖ, *ſervabit*; there is no great account to bee made of his reading. S. *Auguſtine* in *Pſalm.* 103. readeth *Ipſa*, but hee referreth it to the Church, not to the Virgin *Mary*: as alſo, for *conteret*, out of the corrupt Greeke, hee readeth *obſervabit*. *Gregorie* followeth the ſame corrupt verſion, out of the Greeke, *Ipſa obſervabit*, but hee referreth it to every Chriſtian man, which is the ſeede of the woman, not to the Virgin *Mary*; *Mor. lib.* 2. *cap.* 38. By which it is evident, that your vulgar Latine text was not received in the Church of Rome for ſixe hundred yeeres after Chriſt: for you reade *conteret*, and not *obſervabit*. Onely *Bernard* indeede, a late writer, hath your reading, *ipſa conteret*, which hee expoundeth as a prophecie of the Virgin *Mary*, who withſtood the temptations of the Devill, not underſtanding the promiſe of the overcomming of the Devill by Chriſt, even as the Apoſtle alludeth to it, the Lord ſhall tread downe Sathan under your feete, *Rom.* 16. The ſame *Bernard*, *Serm. de Vilic. iniquo*, readeth the text, *Gen.* 4. *Si recte offeras, & non recte dividas*, after the Greeke, by which alſo it is plaine, as by other arguments, that your vulgar Latine tranſlation was not received for 1000. yeeres after Chriſt. How true therefore it is that you ſaid, *Ipſa conteret caput tuum*, was the common received text in the ancient Fathers time, the Readers may ſee and iudge.

But the chiefe complaint is behinde, that in *Ierem.* 7. *v.* 44. wee tranſlate the Queene of heaven, as the Septuaginta, *Hierome*, and the vulgar Latine tranſlation doth, and wee onely doe it in deſpight of the Virgin *Mary*, becauſe the Papiſts blaſphemouſly call her the Queene of heaven. The Hebrew word indeede may ſignifie Queene, although with thoſe points it bee not elſewhere read for a Queene, and it may ſignifie the workmanſhip, but then you muſt ſupply *Aleph* of the roote, that is wanting, and reſteth under no long vowell, and ſo ſome Proteſtants doe tranſlate it, as *Tremellius* and *Iunius*. But if wee bee accuſed of hereticall tranſlation, when wee ioyne with your vulgar Latine, with *Hierome*, with the Septuaginta, it is very ſtrange that they ſhould not beare the blame with us. Certaine it is, no Proteſtant did ever teach, that the Iewes did worſhip the Virgin *Mary* for the Queene of heaven; but the Sunne, the Moone, or ſome great ſtarre, as *Paguine* ſaith. How truely you call the Virgin *Mary* Queene of heaven, and how well you proue it in your notes upon *Act.* 1. 14. ſome other more convenient time and place may bee granted to conſider.

MART. 10. *Againe, why doth the Geneua new Teſtament make S.* Matthew *to ſay, that* Hee *(to wit, Ioſeph)* called his name Ieſus? *Why not ſhe, as well as he? For in S.* Luke *the Angell ſaith to our Lord alſo,* Thou ſhalt call his name Ieſus. *S.* Matthew *then ſpeaking indifferently, and not limiting it to him or her, why doe they giue this preeminence to* Ioſeph *rather than to the bleſſed Virgin? Did not both* Zacharie *and alſo* Elizabeth *his wife by reuelation giue the name of* Iohn *to* Iohn *the Baptiſt? Yea did not* Elizabeth *the mother firſt ſo name him before* Zacharie *her husband? Much more may wee thinke, that the bleſſed Virgin, the naturall mother of our Sauiour, gaue him the name of Ieſus, than* Ioſeph *his putatiue father, ſpecially if wee conſider that the Angell reuealed the name firſt unto her, ſaying, that ſhee ſhould ſo call him: and the Hebrew word,* Eſay. 7. *whereunto the Angell alludeth, is the feminine gender, and referred by the great Rabbines,* Rabbi Abraham, *and* Rabbi David, *unto her, ſaying expreſly in their commentaries,* Et vocabit ipſa puella, And the maid her ſelfe ſhall call. *And ſurely the uſuall pointing of the Greeke text (for* Beza *maketh other points of his owne) is much more for that purpoſe. Now if they will ſay, that* Theophylact *underſtandeth it of* Ioſeph, *true it is, and ſo it may be underſtood very well: but if it may be underſtood of our Lady alſo, and rather of her than of him, why doth your tranſlation exclude this other interpretation?* Anu. 1580. Cap. 1. v. 25. Cap. 1. v. 31. Luk. 1. v. 60. and 63.

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FULK. 10. The matter is not worth the weight of an haire, whether wee reade, hee called, or ſhee called, for both called him ſo. But becauſe *Ioſeph* had a commandement in the ſame chapter, that hee ſhould call his name Ieſus, it is more probable, that S. *Matthew* in this place meant of him, rather than her; at the leaſt, it is no hereticall tranſlation, to ſay, that *Ioſeph* did that, which he was in few verſes before commanded to doe: and it was more ordinary and vſuall, that the man gaue the name, rather than the woman, although in this caſe the woman had more right than the man. As for *Elizabets* example, proueth nothing, becauſe ſhee ſpake when her husband was dumbe.

MART. 11. *Where by the way I muſt tell you (and elſewhere perhaps more at large) that it is your common ſhifte to make ſome one Doctors interpretation the text of your tranſlation, and ſo to exclude all the reſt that expound it otherwiſe, which you know is ſuch a fault in a Tranſlator, as it may not be counted. Secondly, the Reader may haue obſerued and learned, that if they finde not alſo the diuerſe and their explanation of any place, by ſome Doctors expoſition, agreeable thereunto, that will not ſerue nor ſuffice them, becauſe euery Doctor may ſay his opinion in his commentaries, but that muſt not be maintained text of Scripture, becauſe other Doctors expound it otherwiſe: any being in it falſe, and in the originall tongue, ambiguous, and indifferent to diuers ſenſes, or may not be reſtrained or limited by tranſlation, vnleſſe there be a meere neceſſitie, when the tranſlation cannot poſſibly of hir ſelfe expreſſe the ambiguitie and indifferencie of the originall text.* See chap. 1. num. 3. 43. Ch. 10. nu 1. 2 Cha. 19. nu. 1.

FULK. 11. The authoritie of one Doctor, agreeing with the proprietie of the originall tongue, is more worth than an hundred againſt it. Wee never follow one Doctor, as you falſly ſlander us, to make his interpretation the text, but where that one Doctor did ſee the truth of the naturall ſenſe, according to the tongue, that perhaps was hid from other Doctors, whoſe writings we haue. As for ambiguities and indifferences unto divers ſenſes, are better reſerved to Commentaries and Lectures upon the Scriptures, than that they either can or ought to be retained in the tranſlations.

MART. 12. *Againe (for example) in this controuerſie concerning Saints, S.* Peter *ſpeaketh ſo ambiguouſly, either, that we will remember them after his death, or they ſhall remember him, that ſome of the Greeke Fathers gathered and concluded thereupon,* (Oecum. in Caten. Gagneius in hunc locum) *that the Saints in heaven remember us on earth, and make interceſſion for us. Which ambiguitie both in the Greeke and the Latine ſhould be alſo kept, and expreſſed in the Engliſh tranſlation, and wee haue endeauoured as neere as we could poſſibly ſo to make it, becauſe of the diuers interpretations of the ancient Fathers. But it may ſeeme perhaps to the Reader, that the ſaid ambiguitie cannot be kept in our Engliſh tongue, and that our owne tranſlation alſo can haue but one ſenſe. If it bee ſo, and if there be a neceſſitie of one ſenſe, then (as I ſaid) the Tranſlator in that reſpect is excuſed. But let the good Reader conſider alſo, that the Caluiniſts in reſtraining the ſenſe of this place follow not neceſſitie, but their hereſie, that Saints pray not for us, which is euident by this, that they reſtraine it in their Latine tranſlations alſo, where there is no neceſſitie at all, but it might be as ambiguous and indifferent as in Greeke, if it pleaſed them: yea, when they print the Greeke Teſtament only, without any tranſlation, yet here they put the Latine in the margene, according as they will haue it read, and as though it might bee read no otherwiſe than they preſcribe.* 2 Pet. 1. v. 15. μιμνήσκεσθαι τῶν τῦδε, ἐφ' ὅσον ἂν ἐν τῷδε τῷ σκηνώματι ὑπάρχωμεν ζωοποιοῦντες. Beza. No. Teſt. Gre. Hen. Steph. an. 1576.

FULK. 12. *Oecumenius*, who lived in a ſuperſtitious time, telleth, that ſome men underſtood this ſaying of *Peter*, by an hyperbaton, &c. meaning to ſhew, that the Saints, even after their death, doe remember thoſe things which they haue done here for them that are aline. But other handling this matter plainely, &c. doe giue the vſuall ſenſe. Firſt *Oecumenius* counteth this an enforced expoſition, becauſe it cannot ſtand but by an hyperbaton. Secondly, he ſpeaketh never a word of the interceſſion of Saints for us. Thirdly, hee preferreth the common ſenſe, that all the Fathers before him giue of this text, as plaine and ſimple, and yet this muſt be ſufficient for us to change our interpretation, although we were put in minde immediately before, as though wee made one Doctors interpretation a ſufficient ground of our tranſlation. Yet is not this an opinion approued, but reported onely by *Oecumenius*, and *Oecumenius* himſelfe a Doctor of as little authoritie as any other, in reſpect of the late ſeaſon in which hee lived. As for *Gagneius*, that came after him, who ſeeth not how little we are to account of his credit, that would wreſt the deciding of an unprofitable queſtion, out of this place, whether Saints make interceſſion for us, which if it were granted, it followeth not, that wee muſt make interceſſion to them.

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CHAP. XIX.

Hereticall translation against the distinction of LATRIA and DVLIA.

IN this restrayning of the Scripture to the sense of some one Doctor, there is a famous example in the Epistle to the Hebrewes, where the Apostle saith, either Iacob *adored the top of* Iosephs *scepter, as many read and expound; or else, that he adored toward the top of his scepter, as other reade and interpret: and beside these, there is no other interpretation of this place in all antiquitie, but in S.* Augustine *onely, as* Beza *confesseth: yet are they so bold to make his exposition onely, and his commentarie peculiar to him alone, the text of the Scripture in their translation, saying,* Iacob leaning on the end of his staffe, worshipped God, *and so excluding all other senses, and expositions of all the other Fathers, excluding and condemning their owne former translations, adding two words more than are in the Greeke text,* leaning, God; *forcing ἐπὶ τὸ, so αὐτῷ, which may bee, but is as rare, as* virgæ eius, *for* virgæ suæ: *turning the other words cleane out of their order and place, and forme of construction, which they must needs haue correspondent and answerable to the Hebrew text, from whence they were translated: which Hebrew words themselues translate in this order,* Hee worshipped toward the beds head. *If* hee worshipped toward the beds head, *according to the Hebrew, then* did hee worship toward the top of his scepter, *according to the Greeke: the difference of both being onely in these words,* scepter *and* bed, *(because the Hebrew is ambiguous to both) and not in the order or construction of the sentence.*

Heb. 11. 21.

Quæst. 16. Gen. Bib. 1579.

Bib. 1562. 1577.

Gen. 47. v. 31. יִשְׁתַּחוּ עַל רֹאשׁ הַמִּטָּה

προσεκύνησεν ἐπὶ τὸ ἄκρον τῆς ῥάβδου αὐτοῦ.

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THe restrayning of simple men from errour, is counted of you the restrayning of the Scripture, as though the Scripture were a nose of wax, as some of you haue called it, which might bee writhed every way, and especially it pleaseth you, when it may be wrested to some colour of your errour. So haue you not one place of Scripture cleare on your side, for any of your heresies, but you are glad to uphold ambiguities, and diversities of senses, whereas if you had the truth, you might haue texts of infallible certaintie, whereof there could not bee divers interpretations, without manifest violence offered unto the words and true signification of them. But concerning the place now in question, your vulgar text, omitting the preposition, which is both in the Greeke and in the Hebrew, hath comitted a manifest errour, in saying that *Iacob* worshipped the top of his rod or staffe, where S. *Augustine* hath rightly observed the true sense of the place, and saith, that *Iacob* (as a weake old man) worshipped upon the top of his staffe, that is, leaning on his staffe. The Hebrew is, towards the beds head. Although it is not unlike, that either the Apostle did reade the word *Mattah*, which wee reade *Mittah*, or else that *Mittah* signifieth a staffe, as well as *Mattah*. For it is not like (as *Beza* saith) that *Iacob* kept his bed when *Ioseph* came first to him, for after it was told *Ioseph* that his father was sicke. That other Translators observed not this matter, whereto shall it bee imputed, but to humane imperfection? That wee adde to the text, it is false: the words *leaning* and *God*, are printed in the same letter, to signifie that they are not of the originall text, but added for plainenesse. And yet the sense may stand without them: And hee worshipped upon the end or top of his staffe. That ἐπὶ is forced to signifie αὐτῷ, it is a forgerie of you, and no enforcement by us: for it is in a manner as commonly taken so, as otherwise, except there be another antecedent, to whom it may bee referred, then to avoide ambiguitie, it is αὐτῷ rather than ἐπὶ τῷ: As *Matth.* 4. his paths, his meat, his hand: *Matth.* 5. his Disciples, and elsewhere in every place.

MART. 2. *To make it more plaine, when the Prophet* David *saith,* Adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum, Psal. 5. *and* 137. *is not the true translation and Grammaticall sequele of the words thus,* I will adore toward thy holy Temple? *Is it not a common phrase in the Scripture, that the people*

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people of God adored toward Ierusalem, *toward his holy Mount, before the Arke, toward the place where his feete stood? May any man bee so bold, by adding and transposing to alter and obscure all such places of holy Scripture, that there may appeare no manner of adoration toward or before a creature? and for worshipping or adoring toward the things aforesaid, and the like, may we say, leaning upon these things to worship, or adore God? Were they afraid, lest these speeches of holy Scripture might warrant and confirme the Catholike and Christian maner of adoring our Saviour Christ, toward the holy Roode, at, or before his Image and the Crucifix before the altar, and so forth? For had they not feared this, why should they translate* on, leaning upon, *rather than,* towards, *yea, why in Genesis,* towardes his beddes-head, *and here not,* towardes?

2 Esdr. Dan. 6. 3 Reg. 8. Psal. 98. Ios. 7. εἰς τὸν τόπον. Psal. 131.

FVLK. 2. You abound in leasure, thus to trifle about nothing, wee allow worshipping toward the Temple, the holy hill, the foote-stoole, the Arke of God, and such like: yea if you will haue it toward the beds-head, or the toppe of his staffe, what gaine you for the worshipping of Images, forbidden by the second commandement; or before Images? for so you would creepe upon poore mens consciences, first, to worship before images, then to worshippe images, thirdly, to worship them with *Dulia*, and not with *Latria*, at last to worship the image of God, of Christ, of the Trinitie, with *Latria*, even the same worship that is due to God himselfe.

MART. 3. *And (which is more) when the ancient Greeke fathers,* Chrysost. Oecum. in Collectan. Damasc. lib. 1. pro imaginibus, Leont. apud Damasc. *put so little force either in this preposition* ἐπὶ, *(or the other alledged) that they expound all those speeches, as if the prepositions were of phrase onely, and not of signification, saying:* Iacob adored Iosephs scepter, the people of Israel adored the Temple, the Arke, the holy Mount, the place where his feete stood, *and the like, whereby Saint* Damascene *proveth the adoration of creatures, named* Dulia, *namely, of the Crosse, and of sacred images: if I say they make so little force of the prepositions, that they inferre not onely adoration towards the thing, but adoration of the thing: how doe these goodly translators, of all other words, so straine and racke the little particle* ἐπὶ *to signifie,* leaning upon; *that it shall in no wise signifie any thing, tending towards adoration?*

προσεκύνησεν. πρὸς, εἰς, τῇ ῥάβδῳ προσεκύνησεν. πρὸς τοῖς θεῖα. τῷ τοῦ θεοῦ προσκυνήσει.

FVLK. 3. The worship that *Chrysostome*, and *Oecumenius* speake of, is a civill reverence done to *Ioseph*, or to his scepter, in respect of the kingdome of *Ephraim*, that should bee set up in his posteritie. What Damascene gathereth hereof, to maintaine idolatrie, wee regard not, certaine it is, that *Iacob* worshipped none but God, and bowed himselfe, either toward the beds head, or leaning upon his staffe, as Saint *Augustine* saith. That they will follow constrained expositions, are inforced to neglect the prepositions, it is no warrant for us, when wee see how the sense may best stand without making the prepositions, which the holy Ghost vseth, idle or unprofitable, both in the Hebrew, and in the Greeke. And if ἐπὶ should signifie toward, as it doth not properly, but upon your counterfet distinction of *Dulia*, and *Latria*, should never the sooner bee received.

MART. 4. *And if the Greeke Doctors suffice not to satisfie those great Grecians herein, tell me, you that haue skill in the Hebrew, whether in the foresaid speeches cited out of the Psalmes, there be any force in the Hebrew prepositions? surely no more than if we should say in English, without prepositions,* Adore yee his holy hill: wee will adore the place where his feete stood: Adore yee his foote-stoole: *for you know that there is the same preposition also, when it is said,* Adore yee our Lord: *or, as your selues translate,* worship the Lord: *where there can be no force nor signification of the preposition. And therefore in these places also, your translation is corrupt, and wilfull, when you say thus:* Wee will fall downe before his foote-stoole: fall yee downe before his foote-stoole, before his holy Mount, or worship him upon his holy hill: *Where you shunne and avoide, first the terme of adoration, which the Hebrew and Greeke, duely expresse by termes correspondent in both languages, throughout the Bible, and are applied for the most part, to signifie adoring of Creatures. Secondly, you avoide the Greeke phrase, which is at the least, to adore towards these holy things, and places: and much more the Hebrew phrase, which is, to adore the very things rehearsed:* to adore Gods foote-stoole (*as the Psalme saith*) because it is holy; *or,* because he is holy, *whose foote-stoole it is, as the Greeke readeth.*

לאחר Psal. 98. 1 3t. לְרַגְלָיו Psal. 99. or 98. לִיהוֹה προσεκυνεῖτε. לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה Psal. 98.

FVLK. 4. If the Apostle had meant nothing by the preposition, hee might, and would, (as it is most like) haue left it cleane out, yea, if hee had meant no more, but the adoration of *Iosephs* scepter, what needed hee to haue added the toppe, or the extremitie? or why was the top of his scepter more to bee adored, than all the other length of it? But certaine it is, the Apostle would expresse the Hebrew preposition, which must needes haue some signification. And, where you aske them that haue skill in the Hebrew, whether there bee any force in the preposition, in those sayings out of the *Psalme*, that speake of worshipping, or falling downe before his foote-stoole, his holy hill, &c. I answere, yea, there is great force, for the hill was not to bee worshipped, but hee whose Tabernacle or Temple

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was on it. But you obiect, that wee our selues neglect the preposition, *Psalme 96.* and say, worshippe the Lord. The fault is the lesse, because the worshippe is referred to none but the Lord: yet the precise translation in that place, should bee, bow downe, or fall yee downe before the Lord, in the glorious sanctuarie. And where you say, wee shunne the word of adoration, which the Hebrew, and Greeke, dusly doe expresse, by tearmes applied, for the most part signifie adoring of creatures. You haue packed up a great number of untruths, together, as it were in a budell. First, that wee shunne the tearme of adoring, for doubt of your *Dulia*, which is vtterly untrue, for it is avoyded partly, because it is more Latine, than English, partly because it doth not expresse either the Greeke, or the Latine tearmes, which the Scripture vseth. Secondly, you avouch, that both the Hebrew, *hishtachaveh*, and the Greeke προσκυνεῖν, whereas all that bee learned in both the tongues, doe know, that the Hebrew word doth signifie properly, to bow downe, and therfore is vsed of such bowing downe, as is not to the end of adoration, as *Psalme 42. v. 5. 6.* Why art thou cast downe O my soule? and in divers other places. The Greeke word also signifieth, to vse some gesture of body in worshipping, and sometimes, to fall downe as *Herodotus*, προσκυνεῖν προσκυνέοντες, they must worship the King falling downe before him. Finally, where you say, they are applied to the adoring of creatures, if you call it adoration which is vsed in civill manner to Princes, and other persons of authoritie, I grant it is often so applied, but if you meane of religious adoration, it is expresly forbidden to any creature or Image of creature, by the second commaundement in the Hebrew tearme, and by the words of our Saviour Christ to the Devill, *Math. 4.* In the Greeke word, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him onely shalt thou serue. Where Sathan desired not to bee worshipped as God with divine honour, but that our Saviour Christ would fall downe before him and worship him, as an excellent Minister of God, to whom the disposition of all the kingdomes of the world, as hee fally said, were by God committed, *Luk. 4. v. 6.* which utterly overthroweth your bold distinction of *Dulia* and *Latria*, seeing it was that which you call *Dulia*, that the Devill required, but our Saviour Christ telleth him, that all religious worship and service pertaineth only to God. Touching the adoration of Gods footstoole, I haue spoken sufficiently before, *Cap. 1. Sect. 41.* לשחוה

MART. 5. *This being most manifest to all that haue skill in these tongues, it is evident that you regard neither the Hebrew nor Greeke, but onely your heresie: and that in Saint* Pauls *place aforesaid of adoring* Iosephs *scepter, you alter it by your owne fancie, and not by Saint* Augustines *authoritie, whom I am sure you will not admit reading in the* Psalme, Adore yee his footstoole: *and so precisely and religiously reading thus, that hee examineth the case, and findeth thereby that the Blessed Sacrament must bee adored, and that no good Christian doth take it, before hee adore it. Neither will you admit him when hee readeth thus of* David, Hee was caried in his owne hande, *and interpreteth it mystically of Christ, that he was caried in his owne hands, when hee gaue his body and blood to his Disciples. Yet are Saint* Augustines *interpretations (howsoever you like or mislike them) very good, as also that above named of* Iacobs *leaning upon his staffe, and adoring, may bee one good sense or commentarie of that place, but yet a commentarie, and one Doctors opinion, not the sacred text of Scripture, as you would make it by so translating.* *Præfa in Ps 33*

FVLK. 5. Let *Pagnine* for the Hebrew word, the Greeke Lexicons for the other, bee iudge betweene us. For you are the most impudent advoucher I thinke that ever became a Writer. That wee leane to *Augustines* iudgement, in this case, it is not because wee make him an author of truth, but a witnesse of the same, against such venemous tongues and pens, as yours is, that call every thing hereticall, that sauoureth not of your owne drowsie dreames, of antichristian heresie. Neither is it reason that by vsing the testimonie of *Augustine*, where hee beareth witnesse to the trueth, wee should bee bound to every interpretation of his, when hee declineth therefro. Where you say, that by adoring the footstoole of God, hee findeth that the blessed Sacrament must bee adored, you say untruely, hee gathereth that Christs humanitie or body, must bee adored, but not the blessed Sacrament thereof. Likewise when hee saith, upon a feeble ground, of a false interpretation, that Christ was caried in his owne hands in the Sacrament, hee affirmeth it not so absolutely, as you alleadge it, but *quodam modo*, after a certaine manner, hee bare himselfe in his hands, when hee said, this is my body. Yea, in that place *Augustine*, as in many other, declareth his iudgement, that hee acknowledged not the corporall manner of presence, and eating of Christs body, in the Sacrament, for which, you Papists so greatly contend, that you are content to make so many senses of the Scripture, it declareth, that you acknowledge none certaine, and so derogate all credit and authoritie from the word of God, which may haue so many meanings, as there bee divers Doctors that haue commented upon it. Whereas divers interpretations may haue all a true sense, but it is impossible

possible, that they should all be senses of the same Scripture.

MART. 6. *And if Saint* Hierome *like not the Greeke Doctours interpretation, in this place of adoring* Ioseph *and his scepter, yet he also saith, that* Iacob *adored toward* Ioseph *rod, or toward the beddes head, and not,* leaning upon his staffe he adored, *which you make the text of Scripture. And though hee thinke, that in this place is not meant any adoration of* Ioseph, *yet I am sure, for adoration of holy things, namely, Reliques, the Holy land, and all the holy places and monuments of Christs being and doing upon the earth, you will not bee tryed by Saint* Hierome. *And against, why S. Paul should say, that by faith hee adored, and in respect of things to come, it is not otherwise easy to understand, but that hee partly foresaw the kingdome of* Ephraim, *in the posterity of* Ioseph: *partly the kingdome of Christ, prefigured in* Ioseph *then Prince of Egypt, and so by faith adored his scepter or toward his scepter, (which is all one) as the Greeke Fathers for the most part expound it. But let us haften toward an end.*

FVLK. 6 Saint *Hierome* indeed denyeth that *Iacob* did worship his staffe or his scepter, or toward the top of his sonnes scepter, but onely toward the beds head as the Hebrew text is. For reverene estimation of Reliques, the Holy land, and the monuments of Christs doing and being, as he sometime upon contention perhaps, was immoderate, so for adoration of such things, after such Idolatrous manner as is used in the Popish Church he was farre off: yea, he saith expresly, that he doeth not allow the adoration of any creature, and that, to adore any creatures, is plaine idolatry. *Hos autem non diso martyrum reliquias, &c.* But we doe « worship and adore, I say, not the reliques of Martyrs, but neither the Sunne truely, nor the « Moone, &c. not Angells not Archangells, not Cherubin, nor Seraphin, or any name that is « named in this world, or in the world to come, lest we should serve the creature rather then « the Creator which is blessed for ever. But we honour the reliques of Martyrs, that we might « adore him, whose Martyrs they are.

Doe you not heare how *Hierome* alloweth the adoring of creatures? I see no cause therefore why wee may not be tryed by his judgement, for adoration of holy things, and namely, reliques, and whatsoever you will name beside, seeing he maketh adoration proper onely to God.

Finally, the Apostle saith, not that *Iacob* adored, in respect of things to come, but, that by faith, he blessed his sonne, concerning things to come, and worshipped God, whom no man can worship truely, but by faith. And *Iacobs* faith, was the more commendable, that being neere his end, and in that infirmity of body, he both beleeved the promises of God made to him concerning his sonnes, and also gave thankes unto God, for those benefits which he should never taste of in the flesh, but was assured by them, as tokens of Gods favour towards him, to the attainement of the land of eternall life, whereof the land of Canaan was but a holy figure and Sacrament.

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Chap. XX.

Hereticall translation, by Adding To The Text.

BEcause in the last corruption I spake of adding to the text, though it bee their common and universall fault in every controversy, as is to bee seene in every Chapter of this booke: yet here I will adde certaine places, not yet mentioned. As, The rest of the acts of Iehoakim, and his abhominations which hee did, and Carved Images That Were Layd To His Charge, Behold They Are Written, &c. these wordes, carved images layd to his charge, are more then is either in the Greeke or the Hebrew.

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YOV forget your selfe in the first place, whereof is made mention, *cap. 3. sect. 9.* where I have answered, that our first Translatours added that which is the common interpretation, and supply of them that write upon this place, but, because that had beene better in the note then in the text, it is corrected in two later translations.

MART. 2. *Againe*, Saul confounded the Iewes, proving, (by conferring one Scripture with another) that this is very Christ. *These words*, by conferring one Scripture with another, *are added more then is in the Greeke text: in favour of their presumptuous opinion, that conference of Scripture is enough for any man to understand them, and so to reject both the commentaries of the Doctours, and exposition of holy Councells, and Catholike Church, it is so much more I say, then is in the Greeke text, and a notorious corruption in their Bible, read dayly in their Churches, as most authenticall. See the rest of their Bibles, and thou shalt finde no more, for all those wordes, but*, affirming, *or*, confirming. *And the selfe same Bible, in the first Epistle to the Corinthians, translateth the same Greeke word thus*, Who shall instruct? *And indeed, that is the true and usuall signification of the word, both in the old Testament, and in the new, as* Deut. 4. Thou shalt teach them thy Children. *And* Esay 40. Who shall instruct our Lord? *The Hebrew word also in both places, signifying no more, but instructing and teaching. And so doeth the Apostle cite it to the Corinthians out of* Esay, *and hee useth it to the Colossians, (c.2.v.2.) in the same signification, as the Church readeth and expoundeth it, and so consequently, Saint* Luke *in the place whereof wee now treat, said nothing else, but that Saint* Paul *earnestly taught or instructed them, that Iesus is Christ. And yet our new Translatours without respect of Hebrew, or Greeke, have coyned a new signification, of conferring one Scripture with another. So ignorant they are in the signification of Greeke words, or rather so wilfully malicious.*

Acts.9.v.22. *Bib.1577.* For conference of Scriptures, against fathers Councels, &c.

συμβιβάζων. c.2.v.16. τὸς συμβιβάσας. מורה

FVLK. 2 Either you make a lowd ly, or else some one print, which you have of the Bishops Bible, which you call *Bib.* 1577. hath put that into the line, which should bee the note in the margent. For, of foure translations, that I have, never a one hath that addition. The Bishops Bible hath that 22. verse *Chap.* 9. this. But *Saul* increated the more in strength, and confounded the Iewes, which dwelt at Damascus, affirming, that this was very Christ. The Geneva Bible thus. But *Saul* increased the more in strength, and confounded the Iewes that dwelt at Damascus, confirming, that this was the Christ, where the note in the margent vpon the word, confirming, is this: proving by the conference of the Scriptures. *Thomas Mathewes* Bible translateth that verse thus. But *Saul* increased in strength, and confounded the Iewes, which dwelt at Damascus, affirming, that this was very Christ. *Master Coverdales* Bible, 1562. hath it thus. But *Saul* increased the more in strength, and confounded the Iewes which dwelt at Damascus, affirming, that this was very Christ. Thus are all our translations without that addition, which, although it is not to bee borne in the text, yet is no hereticall addition, except you count it heresie, to proove a thing by conference of Scriptures.

MART. 3. *Againe, in the first Epistle of Saint* Peter *they translate thus:* The word of the Lord endureth ever: and this is the word which by the Gospel was preached unto you. *Where these wordes*, by the Gospel, *are added deceiptfully, and of ill intent, to make the Reader thinke, that there is no other word of God, but the written word, for the common Reader hearing this word* Gospell, *conceiveth nothing else. But indeed all is the Gospell, whatsoever the Apostles taught, either by writing, or by tradition and word of mouth, as Saint* Paul *speaketh* 2 Thess.2. *and Saint* Peter *saith nothing else in that place alledged; but*, This is the word which is preached among you, *as the Geneva Bibles translate, or more significantly*, which is evangelized *among you, as wee translate, for though there bee greater significancy in the Greeke word, then is expressed by bare preaching or telling a thing, as having a goodly relation, and allusion to the word*, Evangelium Gospell, *yet neither doe they in any other place, neither can they translate it to preach by the Gospell, but simply, to preach, to tell, to shew: as*, preaching peace by Iesus Christ, Act. 10.v.39. *so themselves translate it. And* Psal.95. *(or* 96.v.2.) Bee telling of his salvation from day to day. *Which in other places is spoken by other Greeke wordes, that have no signification at all of Gospell, as immediately in the said Psalme*, 95. *(or* 96. verse 3.) *and* Psalm. 104. *(or* 105. verse 1.) *and* Act. 13.v.5. *and* c.17.v.23. *and* Io.1.v.3.

1 Pet.1.v.25. *Bi.*1562.1577. Against traditions.

τὸ ῥῆμα τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν.

Evangelizo.

εὐαγγελίζω. ευ&Θ. εὐαγγελίζωδε εὐαγγείλατο. εὐαγγείλατο. κατήγγελον. κατηγγέλλω. ἀπηγγελμένῳ.

FVLK. 3. The other before is not a more lewd slaunder, then this is a foolish cavill. The Greeke word signifyeth not simply to preach the Gospell, or good tydings, which, both may, and

and ought to bee expressed, where the phrase of our tongue will abide it. And therefore the Geneva translation is imperfect in this place, rather then the other. When you say, Evangelized, you doe not translate, but feigne a new word, which is not understood of meere English eares, as you doe in an hundred places beside, to make the Scripture darke and unprofitable to the ignorant Readers. And if the word signifyeth no more, but to preach, to tell, to shew, as you would seeme to proove by a number of quotations, why doe you use that new word Evangelize? which, if it were understood, and in use, is more then simply to preach, to tell, to shew. But of all other your middle surmises, this is the most monstrous, that this is added, to make the Reader thinke, that there is no other word of God, but the written word. Doth Gospell, I pray you, signify the written word? The common hearer, you say, hearing this word Gospell, conceiveth nothing else. I am perswaded there is no such Reader in England, except it bee some of your vnlearned broode, that thinketh the Gospell to bee nothing but the storie written by the foure Evangelists: whereas all true Christians know the Gospell to bee contained not onely in those stories, but also in other writings of the Apostles, and that the Gospell is preached whensoever a good Sermon teaching the way unto salvation is preached. Howsoever the Septuagints used the word *Evangelize* in the old Testament, wee are not to learne the signification thereof out of their translation, but out of the Scribes of the holy Ghost in the new Testament.

MART. 4. *All which words signify onely to tell, to shew, to declare, and are used indifferently for and with the other word, which they here only translate* to preach by the Gospell. *Where as in all other places, when they will translate it most significantly, they expresse it by* bringing glad tidings: *and in some places, where it should bee expressed most significantly in respect of evangelizing or preaching the Gospell, there they translate it barely*, Preachers, *and* preaching. *Only* S. Peters *place aforesaid must bee preached to signify*, The word preached by the Gospell, *to insinuate and uphold their heresy of the written Gospell onely, or onely written word, against Apostolicall traditions not written. If this bee not their meaning, let them give us a good reason, why they translate it so in this one place onely.*

Luk.2.v.10. Act.13.v.32. Gal.3.8. *Dominus debit verbum Evangelizantibus. Qui* Evangelizas *Hierusalem* Psal.67. 11.40.

FVLK. 4. When wee vary about the signification of the word εὐαγγελίζω, or indeede when wee vary not in substance, though you must babble about it for a countenance, what meane you to teach us the signification of other wordes, except you would make folke beleeve that wee know nothing but what wee learne of you? I say againe, if in the new Testament wee have not fully expressed the signification of the Greeke word εὐαγγελίζω, either it is because our English phrase could not expresse it, or else it is a fault of negligence. But in the old Testament, where wee have not that word, because wee translate out of Hebrew, what reason is there that you should exact the significancy of that word, when wee doe not translate it? The senselesse insinuation that you dreame of, I am sure was farre from the Translatours mindes, seeing wee have manifest and inevitable Scriptures, to confound your heretickall blasphemie of the imperfection and insufficiency of the word and Gospell of God written unto eternall salvation. And if the word Gospell, when it is added to the text out of the verbe of *Evangelizing*, doe insinuate the heresie of the written Gospell onely, why doe you, *Matth.* 11. *verse.* 5. translate, *Pauperes evangelizantur*, to the poore the Gospell is preached? would you thinke it were an honest surmise of mee, to say, you avoyd the name of the Gospell, so often as you expresse it not in translating that word, for hatred you beare the Gospell? And yet it hath more likelyhood, then many that you have invented, and prosecuted against us.

MART. 5. *It is written of* Luther, *that hee for the selfe-same heresie, in his first translation into the Germane tongue, left out these wordes of Saint* Peter *altogether.* This is the word which is evangelized or preached to you. *Why so? because S.* Peter *doth here define what is the word of God saying*, that which is preached to you, *and not that onely which is written. Which false dealing of Luther, is no small presumption against the like heretickall meaning of our English Protestants, who (I am sure) in the point of controversy of the word written and unwritten, will not deny that they agree with the Lutherans.* Lind.Dubit. pag.88.

FVLK. 5. That any such sentence was upon any purpose left out by *Luther* in his translation, for my part I believe it not, neither upon your report, nor upon your Authour *Lindanus* credite. If the Printer did omitte a line, yet what reason were it to thinke, that *Luther* did it upon such a cause? which were to no purpose for him, except hee should have left out all those texts of Scripture, where preaching of the Gospell or word of God is mentioned. What you have left out, I have noted before, and yet I have not pronounced the cause why, so confidently as you doe of that omission, which you know not whether it be so or no.

MART. 6. *Againe, in the Epistle of Saint* Iames *they adde the word* Scripture *into the text, saying*, But Iam.4.v.6.

the Scripture offereth more grace: *where the Apoſtle may ſay as well, and indifferently,* The Spirit or holy Ghoſt giveth more grace, *and it is much more probable, and is ſo expounded of many. Let the good Reader ſee the circumſtance of the place, and abhorre their ſaucineſſe in the text of holy Scripture.*

FVLK. 6. The nominative caſe in the Greeke is wanting, which is expreſſed in the verſe before, and in this verſe is ſupplyed by the Tranſlatours: yet printing it ſo in another letter, that the Reader may know it is not in the Greeke, as they doe in 500. places beſide, where a verbe, or a nowne, or a pronowne, or any other word, muſt of neceſſity bee underſtood, to fill up the ſenſe: which you in your preciſe tranſlation obſerve not, when you adde any ſuch thing, beſide many imperfect ſentences that you make, becauſe you will not ſeeme to adde that which in tranſlation is no addition, but a true tranſlation. But heere you ſay, the Apoſtle may as well underſtand the holy Ghoſt, as the Scripture. When there is a nominative caſe before, that agreeth with the verbe, and the ſenſe, it is farre fetcht to underſtand a nominative caſe of him, that is not ſpoken of. I will ſet downe the whole text, that the Reader may judge, what a perillous addition is here committed by our Tranſlatours. Doe you thinke that the Scripture ſaith in vaine, the ſpirit that dwelleth in us, luſteth after envy? But (the Scripture, or) it giveth more grace, and therefore ſaith, God reſiſteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. In Grammar ſchooles they uſe to examine it thus, who, or what giveth? who, or what ſaith? Doeth not the Scripture mentioned immediately before, anſwer to theſe queſtions moſt aptly? Yet men muſt abhorre our ſaucineſſe, or rather your ſpightfull malicioufneſſe.

MART. 7. *One addition of theirs I would not ſpeake of, but onely to know the reaſon why they doe it, becauſe it is very ſtrange, and I know not what they ſhould meane by it. This I am ſure, if they doe it for no purpoſe, they do it very fooliſhly and forgetfully, and contrary to themſelves. In the Goſpell of S. Marke, in the reckoning of the Apoſtles, they adde theſe wordes,* And the firſt was Simon, *more then is in their Greeke text: which addition they learned of Beza, whoſe contradictions in this point are worthy noting. In S. Mathew, where theſe wordes are, he ſuſpecteth that firſt, was added by ſome Papiſt, for* Peters *primacy: here, where the word is not, he quencheth it to be the true text of the Goſpell, and that becauſe* Mathew *readeth ſo. There hee alleadged this reaſon, why it could not be ſaid, the firſt, Simon, becauſe there is no conſequence nor coherence of ſecond, third, fourth, &c. here hee ſaith that is no impediment, becauſe there be many examples of ſuch ſpeech, and namely in the ſaid place of S. Matthew. There he ſaith, it is not ſo, though all Greeke copies have it ſo: here it muſt needs be ſo, though it be onely found in certaine odde Greek copies of* Eraſmus, *which* Eraſmus *himſelfe (as Beza confeſſeth) allowed not, but thought that theſe words were added in them out of S. Mathew. What theſe contradictions meane I know not, and I would learne the reaſon thereof, of his ſchollers our Engliſh Tranſlatours, who by their Maſters authority, have made the ſelfe ſame addition in their Engliſh tranſlation alſo.* Mark.3 v.16. Bib.1579. Matt.10.v.2.

FVLK. 7. It ſeemeth you like the addition well enough, becauſe it importeth a ſhaddow of *Peters* primacy; but yet, your malice is ſo great againſt *Beza*, whoſe ſincerity in this caſe you ſhould rather commend, if there were any ſparke of honeſt equity in you, that you cannot paſſe it over without quarrelling and cavilling. But your pretence is, to know the reaſon why they doe it. I have ſome marvell that you ſhould bee ignorant of ſuch things, as are counted ſo materiall for the maintenance of the Popes primacy, eſpecially, ſith *Beza* telleth you ſo plainely the reaſon of it. True it is, that the common printed bookes have not that addition. But *Beza* taketh *Eraſmus* to witneſſe, that in diverſe Greeke coppies theſe wordes are expreſſed, and becauſe they agree beſt with the context, *Beza* tranſlateth them out of thoſe coppies. For except you ſo reade (ſaith *Beza*) the next verſe beginning of the particle, *&*, ſhall have no word at all, with which it may bee knitte. But in Saint *Mathew* (you ſay) hee ſuſpecteth that the word (firſt) was added by ſome Papiſt for *Peters* primacy. Hee onely objecteth, what if it were ſo, and anſwereth the objection himſelfe out of Saint *Marke*: as upon Saint *Marke*, for the coherence with that which followeth. Wherefore it is not without great and malicious impudence, that you charge him with contradiction, where there is none, and where hee ſaith more toward your cauſe, then any of you could ſay for your ſelves.

MART. 8. *There is alſo another addition of theirs, either proceeding of ignorance, or of the accuſtomed hatred, when they tranſlate thus*: If yee continue ſtabliſhed in the faith, and be not moved away from the hope of the Goſpell, which yee have heard, how it was preached to every creature; *or*, whereof yee have heard how that it is preached; *or*, whereof yee have heard, and which hath beene preached to every creature, &c. *For all theſe varieties they have, and none according to the Greeke text, which is word for word, as the vulgar Latine Interpreter hath moſt ſincerely tranſlated it,* Vnmoveable from the hope of the Goſpell, which you have heard, which is, or hath beene preached among all creatures, &c. *So that the Apoſtles exhortation* Col.1.v.23. *ſ. univerſæ, ſũ τῇ κτισει τῇ ὑπο τὸν ὐρανὸν*

exhortation is unto the Coloſſians, that they continue grounded and ſtable in the faith and Goſpel which they had heard and received of their firſt Apoſtles: as in the Epiſtle to the Romans, and to the Galatians, and to the Theſſalonians, and to the Hebrewes, and to Timothy, and S. Iohn in his firſt Epiſtle, c.2.v.24. and S. Iude, v.3. and 20. all uſe the like exhortations. Rom.16. Gal.c.1.&2. 2 Theſſ.2. Heb.13. 1 Tim.6. 2 Tim.1.&2.

FVLK. 8. Here is no addition of any word, that may not bee comprehended in the Greeke: for ὃ being the genitive caſe, ſignifyeth not onely which, but alſo whereof, or of which, and ἐκηρύχθη, that hath beene, or which hath beene preached. Here is onely the poore word (how) which is a ſuperfluous word even in our Engliſh, for the ſenſe is all one, if you leave it out, Vnmoveable from the hope of the Goſpell, of which you have heard, that it hath beene preached among, or to all creatures. Here is therefore no addition to the text, but a ſenſe differing from that which pleaſeth you beſt, and yet your vulgar Latine may well beare that ſenſe, which our Tranſlatours doe follow.

MART. 9. *But this doeth not ſo well like the Proteſtants, which with* Hymenæus *and* Alexander, *and other old Heretikes, have fallen from their firſt faith, and therefore they alter the Apoſtles plaine ſpeech, with certaine words of their owne, and they will not have him ſay,* Bee unmoveable *in the faith and Goſpell which you have heard and received, but,* whereof you have heard, *how that it is preached: as though hee ſpake not of the Goſpell preached to them, but of a Goſpell which they had onely heard of, that was preached in the world. Certaine it is, theſe wordes,* whereof you have heard, how it was preached, *are not ſo in the Greeke, but,* which you have heard, which hath beene preached. *Which is as much to ſay, as that they ſhould continue conſtant in the faith and Goſpell, which themſelves had received, and which was then preached and received in the whole world. So ſay wee to our deere Country-men, Stand faſt in the faith, and bee unmoveable in the hope of the Goſpell, which you heard of your Apoſtles, which was, and is preached in all the world. If the Proteſtants like not this exhortation, they doe according to their tranſlation.* 1 Tim.1.&6.

FVLK. 9. The Lord is witneſſe, there is nothing liketh the Proteſtants better, then that all nations ſhould continue grounded and ſtable in that faith and Goſpell, which they had heard and received of their firſt Apoſtles: but in this place our Tranſlatours underſtand not onely that continuance in the Goſpell, but alſo they comprehend the myſtery of the preaching of the Goſpell to the Gentiles, whereof the Apoſtle in this text beginneth to ſpeake, that the Coloſſians might know that they have beene inſtructed in that Goſpell, which at ſuch time as the Apoſtle did write unto them, had beene ſpread by preaching, according to our Saviour Chriſts commandement, over all the world. As for your bruitiſh collection, as though hee ſpake not of the Goſpell preached to them, but of a Goſpell, which they had onely heard of, that was preached in the world; what ground can it have of our tranſlation, according to the ſenſe I ſhew, that the Tranſlatours followed? Is it poſſible they ſhould continue in a Goſpell that was not preached unto them, but whereof they had heard onely a fame, that it was preached to others? The whole context before, inforceth as much as you ſay, is the ſenſe of the place. And the vulgar Tranſlatour ſeemeth to favour this ſenſe, that our Tranſlatours follow, rather then that bare tranſlation of yours, becauſe hee ſaith not, *à ſpe Evangelij, quod audiſtis prædicati in univerſa creatura, &c.* but, *à ſpe Evangelij quod audiſtis, quod prædicatum eſt in univerſa creatura.* The words of the exhortation you make to your Country-men, are well to be liked, if your meaning were as good. But when by the Goſpel you meane Popiſh traditions, by your firſt Apoſtles, not the Apoſtles of Chriſt, but of the Biſhop of Rome, by which was preached in all the world the doctrine of Antichriſtian apoſtaſie, we are ſo to conſider, that under ſo good and holy words, ſo divelliſh and deteſtable a meaning is craftily covered, and cloaked with hypocriſy.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XXI.

Certaine other hereticall TREACHERIES and CORRUPTIONS worthy of obſervation.

THey hold this poſition, that the Scriptures are not hard to bee underſtood, that ſo every one of them may preſume to interpret and expound them. And becauſe Saint Peter ſaith plainely, that Saint Paules Epiſtles are hard, and other Scriptures alſo, which the unlearned (ſaith hee) pervert to their owne deſtruction, therfore they labour tooth and naile, to make this ſubtile difference thus Saints Peter ſaith not, Paula Epiſtles are hard, but ſome things in Saint Paula Epiſtles are hard, (as though that were not all one) and therefore they tranſlate ſo, that it muſt needes bee underſtood of the things, and not of the Epiſtles, pretending the Greeke, which yet they know in ſome copies cannot bee referred to the things, but muſt needs bee underſtood of the Epiſtles. Wherefore, the Greeke copies being indifferent to both, and the thing alſo in very deed being all one, whether the hardneſſe bee in the Epiſtles, or in the matter, (for when wee ſay the Scripture is hard, wee meane ſpecially the matter) it is not onely an hereticall, but a fooliſh and peeviſh ſpirit, that maketh them ſo curious and preciſe in their tranſlations, as here to limit and abridge the ſenſe to the things onely, Beza tranſlating, inter quæ ſunt multa difficilia, and not, in quibus, as it is in the old vulgar tranſlation, moſt ſincere, and indifferent both to Epiſtles and things.

2 Pet. 3. Corruption concerning the eaſineſſe of the ſcripture Beza in Annot. in vlg. in alt. Teſt. Gr. Griſp.]

in Tex. in alt.

FVLKE.

WEE hold of the Scriptures, as Saint *Auguſtine* teacheth, *de doctrin. Chriſt. lib.* 2. *cap.* 6. that the holy Ghoſt hath ſo magnifically, and wholeſomely attempered the holy Scriptures, that with open and cleare places hee hath provided againſt famine, and in darke and hard places hee hath wiped away loathſomeneſſe. And that nothing almoſt is gathered out of thoſe darke places, which is not found elſewhere to bee uttered moſt plainely, ſpecially if it containe matter neceſſary unto ſalvation. But that every one may preſume to interprete and expound the Scriptures, it is one lye of an hundred, that *Martine* hath made in this booke, and hath faigned of us, never held or mainetayned by us. But Saint *Peter* (you ſay) plainely ſaith, that Saint *Paules* Epiſtles are hard, and other Scriptures alſo. Howbeit, Saint *Peter* ſayth neither the one, nor the other, eſpecially not the latter. For albeit, in the moſt approoved Greeke Coppies, the relative bee of the neuter gender, limiting that which Saint *Peter* ſpeaketh, not to any matter at large in Saint *Paules* Epiſtles, but to thoſe things which Saint *Paul* hath written concerning the ſecond comming of Chriſt; yet of the other Scriptures hee ſaith not, that they are hard, although hee might ſay, there are hard things in them, but that the unſtable and unlearned pervert them to their owne deſtruction, which they doe oftentimes, when they bee moſt playne and eaſy, and not onely where they bee difficult and hard. That you can underſtand no difference betweene the ſenſe which is made of the neuter gender, and that which the feminine gender doeth yeeld, I know not whether it bee to be imputed to the dullneſſe of your wit, but rather I thinke it proceedeth of the crafty malice of your minde. As alſo that you charge us with an hereticall, fooliſh, and peeviſh ſpirit, when wee tranſlate according to the moſt uſuall Greeke coppies, and according to that which is moſt agreeable to the place. For to accuſe all Saint *Paules* Epiſtles of difficultie and hardneſſe, had not been agreeable to that excellent commendation which Saint *Peter* before did give him. For every man that deſireth to teach, as Saint *Paul* did by his Epiſtles, ought to frame his ſpeech to bee as plaine and eaſy to bee underſtood, as the matter whereof hee ſpeaketh will admit. But that ſome things about that high myſtery of the ſecond comming of Chriſt, are hard to bee underſtood, diſchargeth *Paul* of affectation of difficulty, or not regard of perſpicuity, ſhowing the cauſe of the hardneſſe to bee in the height of the matter, not in the handling of the writer. And that ſome did miſunderſtand the Apoſtle Saint *Paul* writing of that matter, it is apparant by the ſecond Epiſtle to the Theſſalonians, *chap.* 2.

Another

MART. 1. *Another faſhion they have, which cannot proceede of good meaning, that is, when the Greeke text is indifferent to two ſenſes, and one is received, read, and expounded of the greateſt part of the auncient Fathers, and of all the Latine Church, they to follow the other ſenſe, not ſo generally received and approoved, as in Saint* Iames *Epiſtle, where the common reading is,* With intemptor malorum eſt, God is no tempter to evill, *they tranſlate,* God cannot bee tempted with evill, *which is ſo impertinent to the Apoſtles ſpeech there, as nothing more: But, why will they not ſay, God is no tempter to evill, as well as the other? is it becauſe of the Greeke word, which is a paſſive? Let them ſee their Lexicon, and it will tell them that it is both an active, and paſſive. So ſay other learned Grecians, Interpreters of this place. So ſaith the very circumſtance of the wordes next going before,* Let no man ſay that hee is tempted of God. *Why ſo?* Becauſe God is not tempted with evill, *ſay they, is this a good reaſon? nothing leſſe, how then?* Becauſe God is no tempter to evill, *therefore let no man ſay, that hee is tempted of God.*

Compariſon to make Chriſt the Author of ſinne.

Calvine & others.

Gagneius.

FVLK. 2. You have a faſhion, common to you, with many of your fellowes, to catch all occaſions that you can get, to make a ſhew, for your haynous ſlanders, wherewith you ſeeke to overwhelme the Saints of God, and eſpecially thoſe, whoſe labours have beene moſt fruitfull to his Church. Whereof, you give us an evident example in this tranſlation, which you follow with ſuch eagerneſſe in three large ſections, that the ignorant Reader, which cannot examine the matter, might thinke you had great and urgent cauſe ſo to doe. The Greeke of Saint *Iames*, ἀπείραστος κακῶν, was tranſlated paſſively, as the word ſignifyeth, and as wordes of that forme doe ſignify, God is not, or cannot bee tempted with evill. But againſt this tranſlation, you oppoſe the Lexicon, which following the judgement of the vulgar Interpreter, that hath tranſlated it actively, doeth indeede make it indifferent, to both ſignifications, but example giveth none thereof, but this now in controverſy. You alleadge further learned Grecians Interpreters of this place, and namely, *Gagneius* a late writer, to whom I may oppoſe *Hemeninus*, who tranſlating *Oecumenius* upon Saint *Iames*, turneth this place of Scripture thus. *Deus enim malis tentari nequit.* And *Oecumenius* in his Commentary is plaine of the ſame judgement, for repeating the text as before, he ſaith: *Iuxta eum qui dixit (quanquam externum ſit à nobis & à fide alienus) divina beataque natura neq; moleſtias ſuſtinet neq; alijs præbet.* God cannot bee tempted with evill, according to « him which ſaid (although it bee a forriner from us, and a ſtranger from the faith) the di- « vine and bleſſed nature, neither ſuffereth griefes, nor offereth to other. And this judgement « of *Oecumenius*, is collected out of a great number of Greeke Doctours. But the very cir- « cumſtance of the wordes next before (ſay you) doeth require it ſhould be taken actively. A good Interpreter will conſider the circumſtances of the wordes following, as well as of the wordes going before. For the wordes following declare that it muſt be taken paſſively, or elſe the Apoſtle ſpeaketh one thing twice together, without any cauſe why. Whereas « the paſſive taking of that word, agreeth to the circumſtance, as well going before as fol- « lowing after. The whole content is this: Let no man ſay, when he is tempted, I am tempted of God. For God cannot bee tempted of evills, neither doeth he tempt any man. The meaning is plaine, God is ſo farre from tempting unto evill, as his divine nature is uncapable of any temptation of evill. For temptation to evill, could not come from God, except it were firſt in God, but ſeeing it cannot bee in God, it cannot proceed from him, and ſo doth *Oecumenius* interpret the place.

MART. 3. *This reaſon is ſo coherent and ſo neceſſary in this place, that if the Greeke word were onely a paſſive (as it is not) yet it might beſeeme* Beza *to tranſlate it actively, who hath turned the active into a paſſive without ſcrupuloſity, as himſelfe confeſſeth, and is before noted, againſt the reall preſence. Much more in this place might he be bold to tranſlate that actively, which is both an active and a paſſive, ſpecially having ſuch an example, and ſo great authority as is all the auncient Latine Church till this day. But why would hee not? ſurely, becauſe hee would favour his and their hereſie, which ſaith cleane contrary to theſe wordes of the Apoſtle, to wit,* that God is a tempter to evill. *Is that poſſible to be proved? yea, it is poſſible and plaine.* Bezaes *wordes be theſe,* Inducit Dominus in tentationem eos quos Satanæ arbitrio permittit, aut in quos potius Satanam ipſum inducit, ut cor eorum impleat, ut loquitur Petrus, Act. 5. v. 3. *that is,* The Lord leadeth into tentation thoſe whom hee permitteth to Satans arbitrement, or into whom rather hee leadeth or bringeth in Satan himſelfe, to fill their heart, as Peter ſpeaketh. *Marke that he ſaith God bringeth Satan into a man, to fill his heart, as* Peter *ſaid to* Ananias, Why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie unto the holy Ghoſt? *So then, by this mans opinion, God brought Satan into that mans heart, to make him lie unto the holy Ghoſt, and ſo led him into tentation, being author and cauſer of that haynous ſinne.*

Annot. N. Teſt. an. 1556. Math. 6. v. 13.

FVLK. 3. How neceſſary the coherence is, with the former wordes, that it maketh an abſurd repetition in the wordes following, I have noted before. And therefore, there is no cauſe, that

that should drive *Beza*, to translate a word of passive signification actively, as you slander him to have translated an active passively, against the reall presence, for that you meane of *Act.* 3. he translateth not passively, so as the passive is opposite to the active, but as the one may be resolved into the other, the same sense remaining, which every child in the grammar schoole knoweth: *Ego amo te, tu amaris a me*, I love thee, thou art loved of me: and notes they may disagree, I love thee, but I am not loved of thee.

But *Beza* (you say) would not follow the vulgar Interpreter, whose antiquity I have shewed for universall receiving, not to have beene above five hundreth yeares: seeing *Bernard*, which lived a thousand and one hundred yeares after Christ, useth it not alwayes. And why did *Beza* leave the vulgar translation, in this place? Surely, in favour of our heresie, that God is a tempter to evill. The Lord himselfe bee judge, whether we abhorre not that heresy. Yet you say, it is both possible, and plaine to bee prooved, by *Bezaes* owne wordes. In his latter edition, *Anno* 1565. his wordes are these, upon that petition of the Lords prayer, Leade us not into temptation. *Inducit autem Dominus in tentationem eos quos Satanæ arbitrio permittit, ut eorum impleat, sicut loquitur Petrus, Act.* 5. "
"The Lord leadeth into temptation them, whom hee permitteth to the will of Satan, that "
"hee may fill their heart, as *Peter* speaketh. These wordes declare, that God leadeth some "
"men into temptation, and how hee leadeth them into temptation, namely, by giving "
"them over to Satan, who filleth their heart with all iniquity. But hereof it cannot bee prooved that hee tempteth unto evill. Hee sent the lying spirit into the mouth of *Achabs* Prophets, for a punishment unto *Achab*, and them: yet hee neither tempted *Achab* to evill, nor his Prophets to lie. But you grate upon these wordes, in the first edition, God bringeth Satan into a man. *Beza* meaneth no otherwise, then for a punishment, they are delivered to Satan, as the lying spirit was sent to deceive *Achab*, not that God filleth their hearts, but that Sathan filleth their hearts to their destruction, as *Peter* saith: where you doe slanderously apply that which *Peter* saith of Satan, filling the heart of *Ananias*, to the whole sentence: as though *Peter* were alleadged to say, that God sendeth Satan into a mans heart. That God did leade *Ananias* into temptation for his hypocrisy, and gave him over to Satan, who filled his heart, and possessed him, so that hee lyed unto the holy Ghost, wee may safely affirme, and yet it followeth not, that God either tempted *Ananias* to his sinne, or else was Authour and causer of that haynous sinne, otherwise then hee is the good Authour and causer of all things, which as they are caused by him, they are good. And yet of such things (as Saint *Augustine* saith,) hee is no evill authour, hee may bee, and is a just revenger. Wherefore you can no better gather of this saying, that God is the authour of sinne, then when wee say, that God created the Devill, or man to be of free-will, for if they had not beene of free-will to sinne, they should not have sinned. Or if God had not suffered, and ordayned the Devill first of all, hee could not have tempted *Eve*, and so have brought man to sinne. But as God is cleare from the sinne of the Devill, and of *Adam*, which yet hee might have kept from sinning: so is hee cleare from the sinne of them, whom for a just plague, hee leadeth into temptation, and giveth into the power of Sathan, to worke his wicked will in them, to their eternall destruction.

MART 4. *Is not this to say, God is a tempter to evill? cleane contrary to Saint* Iames *the Apostle? or could hee that is of this opinion, translate the contrary*, that God is no tempter to evill? *Is not this as much to say, as that God also brought Satan into* Iudas *to fill his heart, and so was authour of* Iudas *treason, even as he was of Pauls conversion? Let* Beza *now, and Master* Whitaker, *or any other Heretike of them all, wrest and wring themselves from the absurditie of this opinion, as they endeavour, and labour to doe exceedingly, because it is most blasphemous: yet shall they never be able to cleare and discharge themselves from it, if they will allow and maintaine their foresaid expositon of Gods leading into temptation. Doth not* Beza *for the same purpose translate*, Gods providence, *for*, Gods prescience? *Which is so false, that the English Bezites in their translation, are ashamed to follow him.*

See Beza Annot. *in Rom.* 1. v. 24. *Act.* 2. v. 23. *Whit. ad rat. Camp. pag.* 139. 145. *Act.* 2. v. 23. θεογνωσίαν.

FVLK. 4 *Beza* that said the one, defyeth the other. For Saint *Iames* saith, that God tempteth no man to evill, as hee himselfe is not tempted of evill. Therefore it is most ridiculous that you imagine that *Beza* should not translate the word actively, to avoyde that sentence (God is no tempter to evill) which followeth in the very next wordes, God tempteth no man. That God gave over *Iudas* unto Satan, it implyeth not, that God was the authour of *Iudas* treason, no more then when the Apostles say, that *Herode* and *Pontius Pilate* came together, with the Gentiles, and people of Israel, against Iesus Christ, to doe whatsoever the hand and counsell of God had determined, *Acts* 4. *verse.* 27. 28. Behold all they that murdered Christ, *Herod, Pilate, Iudas, Annas, Caiphas*, with all the rest, did whatsoever the hand and counsell of God had before determined to bee done.

done. Was God then authour of their sin? God forbid. And yet without horrible sinne, those things could not be done, which God had determined to be done, by those wicked instruments, yet necessary by Gods appoyntment, for our redemption. *Beza* therefore needed not for any such end, as you slander him, to have translated Gods providence, for Gods prescience, which I have answered before. Neither is there any need for Master *Whitaker* or other to wrest and wring themselves from this absurdity, which they never granted, but may easily be avoyded by them that hold the doctrine of Gods eternall providence, and fore-appoyntment of all things as we doe.

MART. 5: *Another exceeding treachery to deceive the Reader, is this; that they use Catholike tearmes and speeches, in such places where they may make them odious, and where they must needes sound odiously in the peoples eares. As for example, this tearme*, procession, *they put very maliciously and falsely, thus*: When the feast of Bacchus was kept, they were constrayned to goe in the procession of Bachus. *Let the good Reader see the Greeke Lexicon, if there bee any thing in this word, like to the Catholike Churches processions: or whether it signify so much as*, to goe about, *as their other Bibles are translated, which meant also heretically, but yet durst not name*, procession. Corruption in abusing Catholike wordes. 2 *Macc.* 6. v. 7. *Bib.* 1570. περιφέρεσθαι τὸν Διόνυσον. Procession. *Bib.* 1562. 1577.

FVLK. 5. Your Popish ceremonies are many of them so heathenish, and idolatrous, that they may well be resembled to the customes, and solemnities of the Gentiles, from whom they were taken. And as for the Greeke word, περιφέρω, it signifyeth to goe in a solemne pompe, such as your processions are, and so doth our Lexicon teach us, *in pompa incedere*, to goe solemnly in a pompe. And if it signifyeth not so much, as to goe about, as you say: I pray you tell us, why your vulgar Latine Interpreter hath translated it by *circuire*, or whether *circuire* doth not signify to goe about: or whether the worshippers of *Bacchus* did not goe about, with garlands of yvie on their heads, as your Priests went with garlands of flowers at some time of the yeare.

MART. 6. *Againe*, Hee put downe the Priests (of *Baal*) whom the Kings of Inda had founded to burne incense, 4 Reg. 23. verse 5. *So they translate (the Hebrew being simply to give, make, appoynt) because in the Catholike Church, there are foundations of chaunterie Priests, Chapples, diriges, &c. Neither is it sincerely, and without ill meaning, that they say here the* Priests *of* Baal, *whom &c. Because the Hebrew word signifyeth all those that ministred in the temples of false Gods.* Founded. נתנו כמרים

FVLK. 6. A childish folly. As though we were enemies to good and godly foundations, because wee mislike idolatrous and superstitious foundations. The Hebrew word which signifyeth to give, according to the circumstances of this place, may well bee translated to found, because the text speaketh of a gift, of perpetuity, intended by those wicked Kings. That *Chemarim* were the Priests of *Baal*, the storie doeth declare, although they had that name of their blacke garments, which they did weare superstitiously, as your blacke Monkes doe: or if you doubt whether *Baal* had *Sacerdotes*, sacrificing Priests, you may reade, 4 *Reg.* 11. *verse.* 18. where *Mathan, Baals* Priest, was killed before his Altar. And if the Hebrew word signify all those, that ministred in the Temples of false Gods, your vulgar Latine Translatour, by your owne judgement, hath erred in translating it *Aruspices*, which is a kinde of Southsayers

MART. 7. *Againe*, Silver shrines for Diana, Act. 19. verse. 24. *Because of the shrines and tabernacles made to the image of our blessed Lady: the Greeke word signifying* temples, *and* Beza *saith, hee cannot see how it may signify shrines.* Shrines. ναὸς.

FVLK. 7. The word in that place is taken neither for shrines, nor temples, but for pieces of coyne, in which was stricken the similitude of *Dianaes* temple, indeed such a thing as your shrines and tabernacles are, or rather such as your brooches, and leaden coynes are, which are used at your solemne Pilgrimages, and idolatrous festivities, such as I have seene a number at Amiens in France, prepared on Saint *Iohn* Baptists Eve, having the print of Saint *Iohns* head in a platter on them, and I know not what beside. But of this place, I have spoken before, *Chap.* 1. *sect.* 16.

MART. 8. *Againe*, As I passed by, and beheld your devotions I found an Altar, Act. 17. verse. 23. *So they call the superstition of the Athenians toward their false Gods, because of Catholike peoples devotions toward the true God, his Church, Altars, Saints, &c. the Greeke word signifying the things that are worshipped (as* 2 Thessal. 2. verse. 4. *and* Sap. 15. vers. 17.) *not the manner of worshipping.* Devotions σεβάσματα. σέβασμα.

FVLK. 8. Of this also I have spoken in the place above mentioned, the word may signify the exercise of their religion. And seeing Saint *Paul* accounteth the Altar, which hee found dedicated to the unknowne God, among their σεβάσματα, it seemeth hee taketh the word more generally, then to signify their Gods. For the Altar was not worshipped as God, but dedicated to the unknowne God. Againe, what folly is it to thinke, our Translatours had

had respect to your Popish devotions, by the name of devotion so applied to discredit them, when the tearme of devotion as indifferent as the tearme of religion, either to true or false devotion, and religion?

MART. 9. *Againe*, The Iewes had agreed, that if any man did confesse that he was Christ, he should be excommunicate, Ioh. 9. verf. 22. *And* Iesus heard that they had excommunicated him, verf. 35. *to make the Iewes doing against them that confessed Christ, sound like to the Catholike Churches doing against Heretikes in excommunicating them, and so to disgrace the Priests power of excommunication, whereas the Iewes had no such spirituall excommunication, but (as the Greeke must needes onely signify) they did*, put them out of the Synagogue, *and so they should have translated, the Greeke word including the very name of Synagogue. But they, as though the Church of Christ, and the Synagogue of the Iewes were all one, so translate*, excommunicating, *and* putting out of the Synagogue, *as all one.*

Ioan. inuenerint pro hoc?

Excommunication.

Apossynagogum fuerit.

FVLK. 9. The like discipline to the Churches excommunication, had the Iewes in excluding men from their Synagogues or assemblies, and therefore of the similitude the one hath to the other, in the thing, as well as in the end, our Translatours have used the word of excommunicating in this place, and yet not excommunicating alone, for they all adde out of the Synagogue, to make it more plaine, which you doe fraudulently suppresse. But how vaine a thing it is, that wee should have any purpose against the discipline of excommunication, all the world may see, when wee practise it our selves, and teach, that it is necessary to be perpetuall in the Church, against them that hold it was but temporall. And what wee are to esteeme of the excommunication of heretikes, both out of this place, and diverse other, wee may be sufficiently instructed.

MART. 10. *I omit here as spoken before, that they call an Idol*, the Queene of heaven, *because wee call our Lady by that title: so to make both seeme like. Also, that they say* Bels *altar thrice, for* Bels *table, to disgrace altars: and that for Idols, they say images, in despite of the Churches images: that they say tradition duely in the ill part, yea sometime when it is not in the Greeke, to make traditions odious, and such like. Thus by similitude, and like sound of words they beguile the poore people, not onely in their false expositions concerning Iudaicall fasts, meates, observation of days, (as is elsewhere shewed) but also in their translations. So doeth Calvins new Testament in French, for* Nolite vocari Rabbi, *translate, Be not called nostre maistre, or* Magister noster: *in derision and disgrace of this title or calling, which is peculiar to Doctors of Divinity in the Catholike Universities beyond the seas: even as* Wiclife *their grand-father did upon the same words condemne such degrees in Universities. But their Rabbines can tell them that* Rabbi *signifyeth*, Magister, *and not*, Magister noster. *And Saint* Iohn *telleth them so* chap. 1. v. 38. *and* chap. 3. verf. 2. *and* chap. 20. v. 16. *and yet it pleaseth them to translate otherwise and to abuse Christs owne sacred words against Catholike Doctors and schooles: not considering that as Christ forbad them to bee called* Rabbi, *so he forbad them the name of father and fathers. and yet I trow they will not scoffe at this name either in their owne fathers: or in themselves so called of their children: though irreligious men, according to their heretical humour, they scoffe also at this name, as they doe at the other in Doctours.*

Altars.

Images.

Traditions.

Math. 23.

FVLK. 10. And I omit here, as answered before, the Queene of Heaven, Altars, Images, and Traditions. But now as though wee had any thing to doe therewith, wee are charged with *Calvines* new Testament in French, which translateth *Matth.* 23. *Nolite vocari Rabbi*, be not called *Nostre maistre*, or *Magister noster*. I suppose it is not credible, that any man would translate, *Rabbi, Nostre maistre*, or *Magister noster*. Specially seeing it is made a great difference among dunsticall Doctours, betweene *Noster magister*, and *Magister noster*, as also it is a like jest betweene *Noster magistrande*, and *Nostrande magister*. Wherefore, except I see the booke of *Calvines* translation, I must thinke you feigne. For I have two new Testaments printed at Geneva, the one 1555. the other 1559. and in both them *Rabbi* is translated consonantly, *Maistre*, and not *Nostre maistre*, or *Magister noster*. That the text may bee well applyed against your pompous titular Doctors, that desire to bee called *Nostre maistre*, as also that which followeth against your Iebusites, that must bee called fathers, though they bee but young and light persons, I will not deny. And yet I thinke the titles of Doctour, and Master, in the Universities, and of fathers, ascribed to any auncient and grave personage, in respect of civility, and not of superstition, may bee well used without transgression of our SAVIOVR CHRISTS commandement, *Mathew* 23.

A heape of corruptions.

MART. 11. *Contrariwise as they are diligent to put some words odiously where they should not, so they are as circumspect not to put other words and termes, where they should. In their first Bible, (printed againe, Anno 1562.) not once the name of Church in the same, for charity, love: for altar, temple: for heretike, an author of sects: and for heresie, sects: because in those beginnings of these words sounded exceedingly against them. The Church they had then forsaken. Christian charity*

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they had broken by schisme, Altars they digged downe, heresie and heretike they knew in their conscience were like in the peoples eares to agree unto them, rather then to the old Catholike faith and professors of the same. Againe, in all their Bibles indifferently, both former and latter, they had rather say, righteous, *then* just; righteousnesse, *then* justice; gift, *then* grace; *specially in the Sacrament of holy Orders*; secret, *rather then* mystery, *specially in matrimony*; dissention, *rather then* schisme: *and these wordes not at all*, Priest, (*to wit, of the new Testament*) Sacrament, Catholike, hymnes, confession, penance, justifications, *and* traditions, *in the good part; but in stead thereof*, Elders, secret, Generall, prayses, acknowledging, amendment of life, ordinances, instructions: *and which is somewhat worse, carcase, for* soule, *and* grace, *for* hell. *Wee may say unto you, as* Demosthenes *said to* Æschines, τί ταῦτα; *quæ monstra sunt? What are these? wordes or wonders? Certainely they are wonders, and very wonderfull in Catholike mens eares, and whether it bee sincere, and not heretically dealing, I appeale to the wise and indifferent Reader of any sort.*

Demost. de Cor. & Legat.

FVLK. 11. For all the tearmes quarrelled at in this section, wee have answered before, except perhaps, for the tearme of love, which is used instead of charity, expressing what charity is indeed, and not as it is commonly taken of the common people, for an effect of charity, when they call almes, charity. No man that patiently could abide the people to bee instructed, would cavill at the explication of the word charity, by love, when in the English tongue, the word charity of the common people is either not understood, or taken for another thing then the Latine word *charitas* doeth signify. As for the wonders of words that *Demosthenes* spake of, I know not where more properly they shall bee found, then in your affected novelties of tearmes, such as neither English nor Christian eares ever heard in the English tongue, *Scandal, prepuce, neophyte, depositum, gratis, parasceve, paraleipsis, exinanire, repropitiate*, and an hundred such like inkhorne tearmes. Yea, I would gladly know, why among so many Greekish and Latine-like tearmes, *Gazophylacium* is not a Gazophylace, but a treasury; *encænia*, the dedication, and not the encænes, as well as Pasche, Pentecost, azymes parasceue: belike the Church must have treasure, and the feast of dedication must not lie hid in a new found tearme. Why should *Adventus* be sometime the comming, and sometime the advent, except it were for the sound of the time of advent, before the feast of the Nativity of Christ? Why should Latine words be translated in Greekish tearmes? as *scissuras* into schismes, *æmulatores*, zelators, and such like. These and such other, be wonders of words, that wise men can give no good reason why they should be used.

Rom. 11. Act. 20.

MARTIN.

CHAP. XXII.

Other faults, *Iudaicall, prophane*, meere *vanities, follies*, and *novelties*.

NOw leaving matters of controversy, let us talke a little with you familiarly, and learne of you the reason of other points in your Translation, which unto us seeme faults, and savour not of that spirit which should bee in Christian Catholike Translatours.

FVLKE.

OVR translations, as neere as the Translatours could see the trueth, are even and just with the originall text, the sense whereof, if it doe not alwayes containe such excellent matter, as the Septuaginta, or vulgar Latine translation have supposed, there is no cause why our Translatours should bee blamed, whose office is to regard what the originall trueth is, and not to draw it for any respect to another meaning then the spirit of God expresseth in those words.

MART. 2. *First, you are so prophane, that you say*, The ballad of ballads of Salomon, *so terming that divine booke*, Canticum Canticorum, *containing the high mystery of Christ and his Church, as if it were a ballad of love betweene* Salomon *and his Concubine, as* Castalco *wantonly translateth it. But you say more prophanely thus*, Wee have conceived, wee have borne in payne;

Esa. 26. v. 18.

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as though wee ſhould have brought forth wind. *I am aſhamed to tell the literall commentary of this your tranſlation. Why might you not have ſaid,* Wee have conceived, and as it were travelled to bring forth, and have brought forth the ſpirit? *Is there any thing in the Hebrew, to hinder you thus farre? Why would you ſay* wind, *rather then* ſpirit, *knowing that the Septuaginta in Greeke, and the auncient Fathers, and Saint* Hierome *himſelfe, who tranſlateth according to the Hebrew, yet for ſenſe of the place, all expound it both according to Hebrew and Greeke, of the ſpirit of God, which is firſt conceived in mi, and beginneth by feare, which the Scripture calleth, the beginning of wiſedome; inſomuch, that in the Greeke there are theſe goodly wordes, famous in all antiquity:* Through the feare of thee, O Lord, wee conceived, and have travelled with paine, and have brought forth the ſpirit of thy ſalvation, which thou haſt made upon the earth. *Which doeth excellently ſet before our eyes the degrees of a faithfull mans increaſe, and proceeding in the ſpirit of God, which beginneth by the feare of his judgements, and is a good feare, though ſervile, and not ſufficient: and it may bee, that you condemne with* Luther *this ſervile feare, as evill and hurtfull, meane alſo ſome ſuch thing by your tranſlation. But indeede the place may bee underſtood of the other feare alſo, which hath his degrees more or leſſe.*

Ambr lib. 2. de interpel. c. 4. Chryſ in Pſ. 7. prope finem. See S Hierome upon this place

FVLK. 2. I marvell why this word ballet ſhould ſeeme to you to bee prophane, more then this word ſong, or canticle. Songs and canticles bee many as ill as any ballads. But the other matter is of great weight, *Eſay*, 26. where for the ſpirit wee tranſlate winde, which is ſuch an abſurdity, that you are aſhamed to tell the literall commentary of this our tranſlation. Belike you are afrayd of ſuch a fault as Saint *Lambert* in your Legend is reported to have committed. But except you had a prophane minde, you would never have imagined any ſuch matter thereof, which you are aſhamed to utter. The circumſtance of the place requireth, that wee ſhould tranſlate the word in this place for winde, and not the ſpirit: for the Prophets purpoſe was to ſhew, that people were in deſperate caſe, without hope of helpe, till God did rayſe them even as it were from death. The ſimilitude is taken of a travelling woman, whoſe wombe, if it be full of winde, ſhe is in great torments. But you aske us whether there bee any thing in the Hebrew, that hindreth us to ſay, wee have conceived, and as it were travelled, and have brought forth the ſpirit. Yea verily, the context of the Hebrew wordes will not beare that tranſlation, for the word *chemo, quaſi,* as it were, is placed before the word *ialadnu*, which ſignifyeth bringing forth, and not before *chalnu*, which ſignifyeth travelling in payne. Therefore the text is word for word as wee have tranſlated it. And the word following, Wee could make no helpe to the land, or there was no helpe in the earth, declareth a continuance of their miſery, and cannot agree with that ſenſe which you would have, becauſe they which have received the holy Ghoſt, have found helpe, and are able to helpe. Beſide that, it is a monſtrous phraſe, that the Godly ſhould ſay, they have conceived, travelled, and brought foorth the holy Ghoſt, by which they are borne againe to bee the children of God, rather then the holy Ghoſt, by which they are borne againe to bee the children of God, rather then that they have conceived or brought forth Gods ſpirit. And therefore howſoever *Hierome* like your interpretation, it agreeth neither with the wordes of the Hebrew, nor with the circumſtance of the place, and it is ſcarce tollerable to make ſuch a conception and generation of Gods ſpirit in men. That ſervile feare is to bee reprooued in the children of God, which ſhould feare him as ſonnes, and not as ſlaves, wee are content to acknowledge with *Luther*. But what place is this for us to meane any thing againſt ſervile feare, when there is no mention of feare in the Hebrew text? and the Greeke hath ſuch licentious additions, that *Hierome* is faine to ſtrike them through with a ſpit, and note them to bee wiped out.

כמו יולדנו חלנו

MART. 3. *But to ſay,* we have brought forth winde, *can admit no ſuch interpretation: but even as if a meere Iew ſhould tranſlate or underſtand it, who hath no ſenſe of Gods ſpirit, ſo have you excluded the true ſenſe which concerneth the holy Ghoſt, and not the cold tearme of winde, and whatſoever naked interpretation thereof. And it is your faſhion in all ſuch caſes, where the richer ſenſe is of Gods holy ſpirit, there to tranſlate* winde, *as* Pſalme, 147. verſe 18. *as you number the Pſalmes.*

FVLK. 3. Wee muſt ſay in Engliſh, as the Prophet hath ſaid before us in Hebrew, and ſo truely tranſlate the Scripture, that never a Iew in the world may have juſt cauſe to accuſe our falſehood or partiality. And how cold ſoever the tearme of winde ſeeme to your crooked minde, and how naked ſoever the interpretation bee thought of your cloaked hypocriſy, it is the word of the everliving God, and the true ſenſe thereof, as it is expreſſed by the Prophet. Likewiſe *Pſalm.* 147. the Prophet ſheweth who doeth execute the commaundement of God, in thawing and diſſolving the froſt, namely, the winde, which being ſoutherly, wee ſee the effect of it: what neede wee here to cauſe the holy Ghoſt to be ſent to melt the ice?

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MART. 4. *And it is not unlike to this, that you will not tranſlate for the Angels honour that carried* Abacuc, He ſet him into Babylon, over the lake, by the force of his ſpirit; *but thus,* through a mighty winde, *ſo attributing it to the winde, not to the Angels power, and omitting cleane the Greeke pronoune αὐτῦ,* his, *which ſheweth evidently, that it was the Angels ſpirit, force, and power.* רוחו ו׳ עשה בעבור הבית

FVLK. 4. That wee have tranſlated in the ſtorie of *Abacuks* taking up, that it was through a mighty winde, it hath good probabilitie by the circumſtance of the place: and the ſignification of ῥοιζῶ, which is a force with a noiſe, is more apt to the winde, than to the ſpirit. And in other writers, πνεύματος ῥοιζῶ, is taken for the vehement noiſe of windes. But the pronoune, I confeſſe, ſhould not have beene omitted, and then it may bee referred either to the winde, or ſpirit of God, whoſe Angell this is ſaid to be, rather than to the Angell: for the Angell being nothing but a ſpirit, it is not ſo convenient to ſay, by his ſpirit, as by his owne force: againe, the pronoune is not αὐτῦ, but ἑαυτῦ, whereof you made a great difference, as indeed there is difference in another caſe.

MART. 5. *Againe, where the Prophets ſpeake moſt manifeſtly of Chriſt, there you tranſlate cleane another thing: as* Eſa. 30. v. 20. *when Saint* Hierome *tranſlateth thus, and the Church hath alwayes read accordingly,* Non faciet avolare a te ultra Doctorem tuum: & erunt oculi tui videntes præceptorem tuum: *that is, And (our Lord) ſhall not cauſe thy Doctors to flie from thee my more: and thine eyes ſhall ſee thy maſter: which is all one in effect with that which Chriſt ſaith,* I will bee with you unto the end of the word: *there you tranſlate thus,* Thy raine ſhall bee no more kept backe, but thine eyes ſhall ſee thy raine. *So likewiſe* Ioel. 2. v. 23. *where the holy Church readeth,* Rejoyce you children of Sion in the Lord your God, becauſe hee hath given you the Doctor of juſtice; *there you tranſlate,* the raine of righteouſneſſe. *Doth the Hebrew word force you to this? You know that it ſignifieth a Teacher or Maſter. And therefore the Iewes themſelves, partly underſtand it of* Eſdras, *partly of Chriſts Divinity. Why are you more profane (I will not ſay more Iudaicall) than the Iewes themſelves? Why might not Saint* Hierome *a Chriſtian Doctor, and lacking no skill in the Hebrew, (as you well know) ſatisfie you, who maketh no doubt but the Hebrew in theſe places is* Doctor, Maſter, Teacher? *Who alſo (in* Pſal. 84. 7. *tranſlateth thus,* With bleſſings ſhall the Doctor be arayed, *meaning Chriſt. Where you with the latter Rabbines, the enemies of Chriſt, tranſlate,* The raine covereth the pooles. *What cold ſtuffe is this, in reſpect of that other tranſlation, ſo cleerely pointing to Chriſt our Maſter and Doctor?* Bib. 1579. מוריך See ירה Lyra in 30. Eſa.

FVLK. 5. I have told you in the beginning of this Chapter, wee muſt not, neither is it ſafe for the ſtrengthening of our faith, to draw places of Scripture unto Chriſt, which by the holy Ghoſt had another meaning: ſo ſhall the Iewes laugh us to ſcorne, and the faith of the ignorant, which is grounded upon ſuch tranſlation, if it ſhall bee opened unto them, that it is untrue, ſhall bee mightily ſhaken, and brought in doubt of all other places of Scripture, applied to the like end. God bee thanked, there bee plaine and evident teſtimonies of Chriſt in the Scripture, which no malice of Iewiſh or Heathenish enemies can wreſt out of our hands, which are ſufficient for inſtruction, and confirmation of our faith. Now concerning thoſe places, where you would have מורה to ſignifie a Doctor, Teacher, or Maſter; firſt, it ſeemeth you have your Hebrew but from hand to mouth: for Chapter 3. ſect. 25. whereas wee tranſlate, *moreh ſhaker*, a teacher of lies, *Abacuk* 2. you ſay, we tranſlate another thing, without any neceſſary pretence of Hebrew, or Greeke: and here you would have it of the neceſſitie of the Hebrew, that wee ſhould tranſlate, a Teacher: yet *Pagnine* in the roote ירה, whereunto you referre us, ſaith, that *Eſay* 30. *verſe* 20. this word is taken either for raine, or for a Teacher, *Ioel* the ſecond; hee maketh no queſtion, but it ſignifieth raine, ſaving that ſome thinke it to bee the name of a place. In the third place, *Pſalme* 84. after hee hath told you how *Hierome* tranſlateth it, hee telleth you how *R. David*, and other doe tranſlate it for raine, as wee doe: and in all theſe places, the ſenſe is more proper for raine, than for a Teacher, ſaving that in *Eſay* perhaps it may ſignifie more aptly a Teacher, and ſo the Geneva tranſlation noteth it. In *Ioel*, where the Prophet before had threatned famine through drought, nothing is ſo convenient to bee underſtood, as ſeaſonable raine. In the *Pſalme* 84. where the Prophet commendeth the courage of the people that travelled to *Ieruſalem*, through the dry deſerts, and places that wanted water, it is moſt apt to underſtand, that God filleth their pits with raine, for their comfort. This, how cold ſoever it is counted of you, that care not whereon faith ſhould bee grounded, yet it is an hundred times more comfortable to a godly conſcience, that deſireth to bee eſtabliſhed in truth, than any violent wreſting of the Scripture, from the true and naturall ſenſe, to any other interpretation, how good in ſhew ſoever it bee. מורה שקר

MART. 6. *And againe, where S.* Hierome *tranſlateth, and the Church readeth, and all the Fathers interpret*

terprit and expound accordingly. There ſhall bee faith in thy times; *to expreſſe the marvellous faith that ſhall be then, in the firſt Chriſtians ſpecially, even unto death, and in all the reſt concerning the hidden myſteries of the new Teſtament; there you tranſlate,* There ſhall bee ſtabilitie of thy times. *The Prophet ieyneth together there, iudgement, iuſtice, faith, wiſedome, knowledge, the feare of our Lord: you for a little ambiguitie of the Hebrew word, turne faith into ſtabilitie.* Eſa. 53.

FVLK. 6. The word ſtabilitie, *Eſay* 33. *v.* 6. excludeth not faith, but ſheweth wherein faith is grounded. And therefore this is, as all the reſt, a fond quarrell, without any good ground at all. Seeing our tranſlation may ſtand with the truth of the words, and of the matter, and comprehendeth as much as you would haue, and more alſo. Yea it ſheweth that faith is ſetled upon ſtabilitie, and ſtedfaſtneſſe of truth, which ſhall flouriſh in the time of Chriſt.

MART. 7. *If I ſhould burden you with tranſlating thus alſo concerning Chriſt,* Ceaſe from the man whoſe breath is in his noſtrils: for wherein is hee to be eſteemed? *you would ſay I did you wrong, becauſe it is ſo pointed now in the Hebrew: whereas you know very well by S.* Hieromes *commentaries upon that place, that this is the Iewes pointing or reading of the word, againſt the honour of Chriſt; the true reading and tranſlation being as he interpreteth it,* for he is reputed high: *and therefore beware of him. Otherwiſe (as S.* Hierome *ſaith) what a conſequence were this, or who would commend any man thus,* Take heed yee offend not him, who is nothing eſteemed? *Yet that is your tranſlation. Neither doth the Greeke helpe you, which (if the accent be truely put) is thus,* becauſe hee is reputed for ſome body, or ſome thing: *as S.* Paul *ſpeaketh of the chiefe Apoſtles, and it is our phraſe in the commendation of a man.* Eſa. 2. בחדל לו. Gal. 2. v. 6.

FVLK. 7. So long as you acknowledge wee haue tranſlated truely according to the Hebrew text that wee reade, there is no reaſon that you ſhould burden us with falſe interpretation. The Septuagintá, as *Hierome* confeſſeth, did reade as wee doe, and plaine it is, not onely by the vowels, but alſo by the context, that ſo it muſt be read: for the Prophet diſſwadeth the people from putting affiance in any mortall man, for God will bring downe the pride of all ſuch as they truſt moſt in, as it followeth in the next chapter, whereof this verſe ſhould bee the beginning. The diſmembring whereof, by the ill diviſion of the chapter, deceived *Hierome,* to thinke the Prophet ſpake of Chriſt, when hee ſpake of a proud man, whoſe breath was in his noſtrils, and therefore hee was of no ſtrength: even as *David* vſeth the ſame argument, *Pſal.* 146. for the purpoſe. The Chaldee Paraphraſe alſo did reade even as the Septuagint.

MART. 8. *The like excuſe you would haue by alleadging the Hebrew vowels, if you were told, that you much obſcure a notable ſaying of the Prophet concerning Chriſt, or rather the ſpeech of Chriſt himſelfe by his Prophet, ſaying,* I haue ſpoken by the Prophets, and I haue multiplied viſion, and in the hand of the Prophets *(that is, by the Prophets)* haue I beene reſembled. *Which latter words doe exceedingly expreſſe, that all the Prophets ſpake of Chriſt, as our Saviour himſelfe declareth,* beginning from *Moſes* and all the Prophets to interpret unto the two Diſciples, the things that concerned him: *and as Saint* Peter *ſaith in theſe words,* All the Prophets from *Samuel,* and that ſpake after him, did tell of theſe dayes. *This prophecie then being ſo conſonant to theſe ſpeeches of the new Teſtament, the Greeke alſo being word for word ſo, the Hebrew by changing one little pricke, (which the latter Iewes haue added at their owne pleaſure) being fully ſo as wee reade with the Catholike Church, why pretend you the Iewes authoritie to maintaine another leſſe Chriſtian tranſlation, which is thus,* I uſe ſimilitudes by the miniſterie of the Prophets, *as though there were nothing there concerning Chriſt, or the ſecond perſon peculiarly?* Oſee. 12. 10. Luk. 24. v. 27. Acts 3. ובדמות אדמה אדמה

FVLK. 8. Seeing our Saviour Chriſt hath promiſed, that never a pricke of the Law ſhall periſh, we may underſtand the ſame alſo of the Prophets, who haue not received the vowels of the latter Iewes, but even of the Prophets themſelues, howſoever that heatheniſh opinion pleaſeth you and other Papiſts.

MART. 9. *This will alſo perhaps alleadge not only the latter Iewes, but alſo ſome latter Catholike men, that ſo tranſlate the Hebrew. But the difference betweene them and you is, that they with reverence and preferment alwayes of S.* Hieromes, *and the Churches ancient tranſlation, tell us how it is now in the Hebrew: you with derogation and diſanulling the ſame altogether, ſet downe your owne, as the onely true interpretation according to the Hebrew; avouching the Hebrew that now is, and as now it is printed, to be the only authenticall truth of the old Teſtament. Where you can never anſwer us, how that in the* Pſalme 22. As a Lion my hand and my feet, *(as now it is in the Hebrew) can be the true and old authenticall Hebrew, which none of the Fathers knew, the ancient Rabbines condemne as a corruption, your ſelues tranſlate it not, but after the old accuſtomed reading,* They haue pierced my hands and my feet. *Which is a notable prophecie of our Saviours kinde and manner of paſſion, being crucifyed on the Croſſe. Only the latter Iewes and* The Hebrew text is no certaine rule to interpret by. כארי ידי

ſuch Heretikes, in thinke hee died upon a gallowes or gibbet, and not upon the Croſſe; why like this Hebrew text well, and ſtand upon it, as you doe upon all without exception, and yet where it commeth to certaine particulars, you are compelled to forſake it, as in inſtances in her place, ſet example.

FVLK. 9. *Iſidorus Clarius,* retaining the word, *aſſimilatione ſumi,* doth thus expound it, in his note: *Hoc eſt voluntatem meam ſimilitudinibus & variis loquutionis generibus eloquutus ſum.* That is, I haue uttered my will by ſimilitudes and diverſ kindes of ſpeech: you ſee therefore, how you are deceived in advouching this matter of your owne pleaſe to the Biſhop, not departing from your reading, yet expoundeth this text according to the Hebrew, and was allowed in ſo doing, by the Deputies of the Councell of Trent, whoſe cenſure was obſerved in printing this Bible. Where you repeate yet once againe, that wee can never anſwer that of a Lyon, *Pſal.* 22. you ſhew your skill, and great reading. I haue anſwered before in the preface. *Sect.* 44. that wee forſake the Hebrew in this, or in any other, it is utterly falſe, for wee follow no text, but the Hebrew, ſo neere as wee can underſtand it, and expreſſe it.

MART. 10. *Where the Hebrew ſaith,* Achaz king of Iſrael, 2 Paralip. 28. v. 19. *which is not true, you are compelled to tranſlate,* Achaz King of Iuda, *as the truth is, and as it is in the Greeke and the vulgar Latine: yet ſome of your Bibles follow the falſhood of the Hebrew.* Faults in the Hebrew text. Bib. 1579.

FVLK. 10. While you take upon you, to diſcouer faults in the Hebrew text, you bring three examples, which if they were all faults, containe no matter of doctrine, whereby we may be deceived in any article of faith. The firſt is, that *Achaz,* 2 *Chron.* 28. *v.* 19. is called King of Iſrael, whereas he was King only of Iuda. But I pray you ſir, was not *Iuda* part of *Iſrael?* why might he not then bee called a King, or one of the Kings of *Iſrael?* The Queene of *England* may well be called *Regina Britannia,* although there bee a King in *Scotland.* Although there may be an other cauſe why *Achaz* is called King of *Iſrael,* becauſe in his dayes when *Pekah* the ſonne of *Remaliah* was ſlaine, the kingdome of *Iſrael,* that had continued from *Ieroboams* time untill then, was now in a manner decayed. For *Hoſea* was of ſmall power, and made tributary to the King of *Aſſyria,* and peradventure alſo in the time of *Achaz* was kept in priſon: as it is certaine hee was empriſoned, 2 *Reg.* 17. *v.* 4. ſo that, when there was none other King of *Iſrael* to account of, *Achaz* might be called King of *Iſrael,* as alſo in the ſame Chapter the laſt verſe, though hee were buried at *Ieruſalem,* and in the Citie of *David,* it is ſaid, that he was not laid in the ſepulchres of the Kings of *Iſrael:* where your vulgar Latine text hath, *Iſrael,* and not *Iudah.*

MART. 11. *Likewiſe, where the Hebrew ſaith,* Zedechias his brother, *meaning the brother of* Ieachim, *you tranſlate,* Zedechias his fathers brother, *as indeede the truth is, according to the Greeke, and to the Scripture,* 4 Reg. 24. *v.* 19. *and therefore your Bible which followeth the Hebrew here alſo, tranſlating,* his brother, *yet in the margent putteth downe as more true,* Vncle. Bib. 1579.

FVLK. 11. This argueth no fault in the Hebrew text, but groſſe ignorance of the Hebrew tongue in you, which know not, that *ach,* ſignifieth, not onely a brother, but alſo, any other kinſman, as the Vncle, conſins, and ſuch like, as, *Gen.* 13. *Abraham* and *Lot,* are called brethren, yet was *Abraham Lots* Vncle, *Deut.* 25. when brethren ſhall dwell together, the law of marrying the brothers wife, that died without iſſue, there the word brethren pertaineth to kinſmen farre off, as appeareth in the ſtory of *Ruth, cap.* 3. & 4. finally, it is a thing ſo commonly knowen to them, which haue but a little ſmacke in the Hebrew tongue, that I will ſpend no time about it. And even your vulgar tranſlation in ſome ancient copies, hath *fratrem,* and not *patruum,* as you may ſee in the Bible printed by *Plantin,* 1567. אח

MART. 12. *Likewiſe in an other place, the Hebrew is ſo out of frame, that ſome of your Bibles ſay,* hee begate Azuba of his wife Azuba. *And otherſome tranſlate,* Hee begat Ierioth of his wife Azuba: *the Hebrew being thus:* he begat Azuba his wife and Ierioth, *which, neither you, nor any man elſe can eaſily tell what to make of. Thus you ſee how eaſie it were (if a man would multiply ſuch examples) to ſhew by your owne teſtimonies the corruption of the Hebrew, and that your ſelues doe not, nor dare not exactly follow it, as of the Greeke text of the new Teſtament alſo is declared elſewhere.* In the preface of the new Teſtament.

FVLK. 12. The third fault you finde, is 1 *Chron.* 2. *v.* 18. where the Interpreters are deceived; while they take *eth,* for a ſigne of the accuſative caſe, which in that place, as in divers other, is taken for a prepoſition of, or by, as *Gen.* 4. *Eue* ſaith, I haue obtained a ſonne *eth Iehouah,* of the Lord, or by the Lords gift, &c. *Gen.* 44. they were gone out *eth hayir,* of, or from the Citie. So here the true tranſlation of this verſe in queſtion, is this, *Caleb* the ſonne *Chetzron,* begate of *Azuba,* his wife, and of *Ieriath:* that is, hee had children by theſe two women, *Azuba* his wife, and *Ieriath,* which was his Concubine, ſo they called אח. יהוה אה. הע יר

called them, that were lawfull wiues, in reſpect of matrimonie, but yet had not the honour of wiues, but being of baſe condition before they were married, ſo continued: by this *Ieriboth* hee had thoſe three ſonnes, that in this verſe are named, his children by *Azuba* are named afterward, *verſe* 42. Wherefore here is no fault in the Hebrew, but in your vulgar tranſlator, which maketh *Ieriboth* the ſonne of *Azuba*, and addeth to the text, becauſe hee underſtood it not: It is falſe therefore that you ſay, we dare not follow the Hebrew, becauſe ſome tranſlator, by overſight, hath not attained to the right underſtanding thereof: as alſo, that wee dare not exactly follow the Greeke of the new Teſtament, which we deſire to follow as exactly as we can.

MART. 13. *But it is greater marvell, why you follow not the Hebrew in other places alſo, where is no varruption. You proteſt to tranſlate it according to the points or vowels that now it hath, and that you call the Hebrew veritie. Tell me then I beſeech you, why doe you in all your Bibles tranſlate thus, O Virgin, daughter of Sion, hee hath deſpiſed thee, and laughed thee to ſcorne: O daughter of Hieruſalem, hee hath ſhaken his head at thee. In the Hebrew, Greeke, Saint Hieromes tranſlation and commentarie, it is cleane contrary,* The virgin daughter of Sion, hath deſpiſed thee (*O Aſſur*) the daughter of Hieruſalem hath ſhaken her head at thee. *All are the fœminine gender, and ſpoken of Sion literally, and of the Church ſpiritually triumphing over* Aſſur, *and all her enemies: you tranſlate all as of the maſculine gender, and apply it to* Aſſur, *inſulting againſt* Hieruſalem, *&c. I cannot conceiue what this tranſlation meaneth, and I would gladly know the reaſon, and I would haue thought it ſome groſſe ouerſight, but that I find it ſo in all your Engliſh Bibles, and not only in this place of* Elay, *but alſo in the bookes of the* Kings, 4 Reg. 19. *where the ſame words are repeated. And it is no leſſe marvell unto us, that know not the reaſon of your doings, why you haue * left out* Alleluia *nine times in the fixe laſt Pſalmes, being in the Hebrew nine times more than in your tranſlation: ſpecially when you know that it is the ancient and ioyfull ſong of the Primitiue Church. See the new Engliſh Teſtament,* Annot. Apoc. 19:

Biſay 37.v.22. נזה בתולת בת־ציון לך ראש הניע בת־ירושלם׃ αὐτοῦ θυγάτηρ Σιων ἐξουθένησέν σε καὶ ἐμυκτήρισέν σε θυγάτηρ Ιερουσαλημ ἐπὶ κεφαλὴν ἔσεισεν σοι׃ בזה לך בתולת בת־ציון ראש הניד בת־ירושלם׃ Alleluia. * Bib. 1577. הללויה

FVLK. 13. It ſeemeth that our tranſlators followed too much the judgement of the Tigurine tranſlator, who, what reaſon mooved him ſo to tranſlate, I know not, it ſeemeth they weighed not well the Hebrew in that place, but ſuch is mans frailtie, that hee is apt and eaſie to bee deceived, if hee be not very vigilant, and attentiue in thoſe caſes. And the example of one mans errour, that is of credit, ſoone draweth other men into the ſame, by countenance of his authoritie. Nevertheleſſe two of our tranſlations, the Biſhops Bible, and *Couerdales* Bible, tranſlate the very ſame words according to the Hebrew, 2 *Reg.* 19. referring the ſaying againſt *Senacherib* deſpiſed, and laughed to ſcorne by *Ieruſalem*. And therefore you ſay, untruely, that it is in all our Engliſh Bibles, 4 *Reg.* 19. Where you marvaile, why we haue left out *Alleluia* nine times in the ſix laſt Pſalmes, I marvell as much, why you ſhould ſo ſay: for in the Biſhops Bible which I haue, and which you call *Bib.* 1577. It is ten times in the fiue laſt Pſalmes, and ten times there is in the tranſlation, Praiſe yee the Lord. In the 145. it is not in the Hebrew. But in the other fiue Pſalmes, it is both in the beginning, and in the end of every one of them.

MART. 14. *Againe, you tranſlate thus:* Many which had ſeene the firſt houſe, when the foundation of this houſe was laid before their eyes, wept, &c. *Looke well to your Hebrew, and you ſhall finde it according both to the Greeke and the Latine, thus:* Many which had ſeene the firſt houſe in the foundation thereof, (*that is, yet ſtanding upon the foundation, not deſtroyed*) and this temple before their eyes, wept. *You imagined that it ſhould be meant, they ſaw* Salomons *temple, when it was firſt founded, which becauſe it was unpoſſible, therefore you tranſlated otherwiſe than is in the Hebrew, Greeke, and Latine. But yet in ſome of your Bibles, you ſhould haue conſidered the matter better, and tranſlated accordingly.*

FVLK. 14. The Hebrew is indifferent, *Ezra*, 3. to either of both tranſlations, and the ſenſe is all one, whether *beiaſedho* be referred to the firſt houſe, named before, or to this houſe before their eyes, which followeth. And therefore your coniecture of our imagination, as in other places, is no more bold, than vaine. בידו

MAR. 15. *And ſure why you ſhould tranſtate* (4 Reg. 23. v. 13.) On the right hand of mount Olivet, *rather than as it is in the vulgar Latine: and why,* yee abiect of the Gentiles, *Eſa.* 45. *v.* 20. *rather than, ye* that are ſaued of the Gentiles: *you belike know ſome reaſon, we doe not, neither by the Hebrew, nor the Greeke.* לחר החשחית מן עבר ליושלם ויהי על־הר המשחית אשר בנה שלמה לעשתרת שקוץ צידנים ולכמוש שקוץ מואב ולמלכם תועבת בני עמון טמא המלך׃ על ישן גוים

FVLK. 15. The Geneua Bible hath according to the Hebrew, the mount of corruption, which was indeed the Mount Olivet, as is proved by 1 *Reg.* 11. *v.* 7. and 2 *Sam.* 15. *v.* 30. and of the fruitfulneſſe of oyle was called *Miſchebhithh*: but in this place, in deteſtation of the idolatrie, is called *Maſchith*, ſignifying corruption, as *Bethel* was called *Bethaven*, *Oſee* 4. *v.* 15.

In *Eſay* 45. two of our tranſlations, haue according to the vſuall ſignification of the Hebrew

Hebrew word *peliſei*, you that eſcaped of the people; but that the word alſo ſignifieth an abiect, you might haue learned by *Pagnine*, and ſo ceaſed to haue marvelled, why the Geneua Bible tranſlateth, you abiects of the Gentiles. As your owne vulgar tradition, *Ier* 44. tranſlateth it, of them that fled, or fugitiues. פלוחי

MART. 16. *Howbeit in theſe leſſer things (though nothing in the Scripture is to be counted little) you might perhaps more freely haue taken your pleaſure, in following neither Hebrew nor Greeke: but when it concerneth a matter no leſſe than vſurie, there by your falſe tranſlation to giue occaſion vnto the Reader, to be an vſurer, is no ſmall fault, either againſt true religion, or againſt good manners. This you doe moſt evidently in your moſt authentical tranſlations, ſaying thus:* Thou ſhalt not hurt thy brother by vſury of money, nor by vſurie of corne, nor by vſurie of any thing that bee may bee hurt withall. *What is this to ſay, but that vſurie is not here forbidden, vnleſſe it hurt the partie that borroweth, which is ſo rooted in moſt mens hearts, that they thinke ſuch vſurie very lawfull, and daily offend mortally that way. Where Almighty God in this place of holy Scripture, hath not a word of hurting, or not hurting, (as may bee ſeene by the Geneua Bibles,) but ſaith ſimply thus:* Thou ſhalt not lend to thy brother to vſurie, vſury of money, vſurie of meate, vſurie of any thing that is put to vſurie. Bib. 1562. Deut 23. לאחיך לא תשיך נשך כסף נשך אכל נשך כל דבר אשר ישך׃ τῷ ἀδελφῷ σου οὐκ ἐκτοκιεῖς, οὐκ ἐκτοκισμὸν ἀργυρίου, &c.

MART. 17. *Marke the Hebrew, and the Greeke, and ſee, and be aſhamed, that you ſtraine and pervert it, to ſay ſo,* Non fœnerabis fratri tuo, *which is word for word in the Greeke and Hebrew,* Thou ſhalt not hurt thy brother by vſury. *If the Hebrew word in the vſe of holy Scripture, doe ſignifie, to hurt by vſurie, why doe you in the very next words following, in the ſelfe ſame Bibles tranſlate it thus,* unto a ſtranger thou maiſt lend upon vſury, but not unto thy brother? *Why ſaid you not,* A ſtranger thou maiſt hurt with vſurie, but not thy brother? *Is it not all one word and phraſe, here and before? And if you had ſo tranſlated it here alſo, the Iewes would haue thanked you, who by forcing the Hebrew word as you doe, thinke it very good to hurt any ſtranger, that is, any Chriſtian, by any vſury, be it neuer ſo great.* Ibid. v. 20.

FVLK. 16. 17. You ſay well, that in the Scripture, nothing is to bee counted little, and therefore, even in theſe little things, wee haue endeavoured to follow the Hebrew, and haue ſo well followed it, that though you ſay much, yet you can proue little againſt us. But concerning this text of vſury, whereof you would make us great patrones, it is marvell that you cannot finde in your Dictionaries, that the verbe, *naſchach*, ſignifieth to bite, at leaſtwiſe you ſhould haue regarded, that your vulgar Latine Interpreter, *Num.* 21. tranſlateth it to ſtrike, or hurt, as they were, that were hurt, or bitten by the fiery Serpents. The conſent of all Hebritians alſo is, that *neſhech*, the name of vſury, is derived of biting, hurting, wherefore the Biſhops Bible, meaning to expreſſe, that all vſury is hurtfull, according to the etymologie of the word, rather than to defend, that any vſury is lawfull, other than ſuch as God himſelfe alloweth. And therefore it had beene well to haue tranſlated alſo in the next verſe, a ſtranger, maiſt thou bite, or hurt with vſury, howſoever the Iewes would take it, whoſe abhominable vſury, under pretence of that place, ſure I am, our tranſlators purpoſe was not to defend. נשח נשח

MART. 18. *What ſhall I tell you of other faults, which I would gladly account overſights or ignorances, ſuch as we alſo deſire pardon of, but all are not ſuch, though ſome be. As,* Two thouſand (*written at length*) to them that keepe the fruite thereof. *In the Hebrew, and Greeke,* two hundred. *Againe, in the ſame booke,* c. 1. v. 4. As the fruites of Cedar. *In the Hebrew, and Greeke,* Tabernacles. *And,* Aske a ſigne either in the depth or in the height aboue, *ſ. v.* in the depth of Hell. *And,* Great workes are wrought by him: *For,* doe worke in him, *as Saint* Paul *vſeth the ſame word,* 2 Cor. 4. v. 12. *And,* To make ready an horſe. *Act.* 23. *verſ.* 24. *in the Greeke,* beaſts, *And,* If a man on the Sabboth day receiue circumciſion, without breaking of the law of Moyſes, *Io.* 7, *v.* 23. *For,* to the end that the Law of *Moſes* bee not broken. *And,* The ſonne of man muſt ſuffer many things, and bee reproued of the Elders, *Mar.* 8. *v.* 31. *For,* bee reiected. *As in the Pſalme,* The ſtone which the builders reiected, *wee ſay not,* reproving *of the ſaid ſtone, which is Chriſt. And, rioutos, a young ſcholler, in all your tranſlations, falſly. And,* Simon of Chanaan *or* Simon the Cananite, *who is called otherwiſe,* Zelotes, *that is* Zelous, *as an interpretation of the Hebrew word,* Cananæus: *Which I marvell you conſidered not, ſpecially conſidering that the Hebrew word for Zelous, and the other for a Canamite, beginne with divers letters. And,* leaſt at any time wee ſhould let them ſlip. *For,* leaſt we ſlippe or run by, *and ſo be loſt.* Cōt. Cantic. 8. v. 11. Bib. 1579. Iſa. 7. v. 11. Matth. 14. v. 2. ἐνεργοῦσιν ἐν αὐτῷ. Bib. 1577. ויהי גם־אל לא־ישמעו ולא יקשיבו׃ ὑποκρινόμενοι. 1 Tim. 3. Mar. 3. קנני Heb. 2. v. 1. לפן נדלה

FVLK. 18. The firſt in *Can.* 8. is doubtleſſe the Printers fault, who did read in the written copie, one *Cypher* too much. That the ſecond *Can.* 1. *v.* 5. was the Printers fault, which did read fruites for tents, it is plaine by the note upon the word *Kedar*, which is this, *Kedar was Iſchmaels* ſonne, of whom came the Arabians, that dwelt in tents. In the third place *Eſay.* 7. there lacketh this word (beneath) or toward the pit downeward, for *Sheolah* is here oppoſite to *Lemaiſelah* aboue, or upward, which omiſſion, I know not whether it is

to bee imputed to the negligence of the Printer, or of the tranſlators, but notwithſtanding the ſenſe is all one. In the fourth text alſo, there is no difference for the meaning, and ſome are of opinion, that ἐνεργεῖν, may bee taken paſſiuely, as *Zonar. Beza in Marc. 6. v. 14.* others tranſlations turne it actiuely. In the fift text, *Act. 23.* if for an horſe, they had ſaid horſes, it had beene no faulte, for it is not like they rode upon Aſſes, or Camels. The word ſignifieth beaſts, that are poſſeſſed, and of poſſeſſion they bee called *Iumenta*, but here it is certaine, beaſts meete for carriage of men are ſignified. In the ſixt, *Ioan. 7. v. 23.* I thinke the tranſlators were deceiued, ſuppoſing that ὑγιῆ might bee tranſlated, ſo that the Law of *Moſes* bee not broken, as perhaps it may: but hereof I will not determine, commonly ἵνα ſignifieth to the end: yet is there no ungodly ſenſe contained in this tranſlation. The ſeuenth, *Mar. 8. v. 31.* Is but a knot in a ruſh: for reproued in that place, ſignifieth nothing but refuſed, or reiected. Your vulgar Latine ſaith *Reprobari*, which is, plainely to be reproued, and 1 *Pet. 2.* The ſtone which the builders reproued, *Reprobauerunt*, refuſed. By reproued, they doe not meane reprehended, or rebuked, but utterly refuſed, and not accepted. The eight, *Neophytus*, a young ſcholler, as I haue ſhewed before is better Engliſhed, than a Neophyte, which is neither Greeke, Latine, nor Engliſh. The ninth, is corrected in two tranſlations, and the Geneua Bible telleth you, that for Canaanite you may read zealous, ſo that wee are not beholding to you for this correction, as it ſeemeth you would haue vs. Touching the tenth text, *Heb. 2.* both thoſe tranſlations that ſay: leaſt at any time wee ſhould let them ſlippe, haue this note in the margent, by which they declare they meane even as you would haue them ſay: leaſt like veſſels full of chappes wee leake, and run out on every part, for veſſels that doe runne out, doe let goe or let ſlip that liquor that is put into them.

MART. 19. *And as for the firſt Bible, which was done in haſt, and not yet corrected, but is printed ſtill a freſh: that ſaith,* With Herods ſeruants, *as though that were the onely ſenſe: that calleth* idiotas *lay men:* a ναῦται, *a ſhippe:* b θορυβος, *wondring:* c ἐβύσσωται, *are gone out:* ἐξουσία, *his ſubſtance: and,* To know the excellent loue of the knowledge of Chriſt. *For,* the loue of Chriſt that excelleth knowledge. *And,* of men that turne away the truth. *For,* that ſhunne the truth and turne away from it. *And,* Mount Sina is Agar in Arabia. *For,* Agar is mount Sina, &c.

Au. 1562. Math. 22. a Math. 24. b Mar. 5. c Mat. 25. Eph. 3. Tit. 2.

FVLK. 19. The firſt Bible was not that you meane, but not much differing from it, neither was it done in haſt, but with as good conſideration, as God gaue for that time: neither was it printed theſe 22. yeeres, for ought I know, which you ſay is printed ſtill a freſh. In that Bible *Herods* ſeruants, put for Herodians, was lacke of knowledge of what ſect the Herodians ſhould bee. *Idiotas*, I ay men, is no more faulte, than, of the vulgar ſort, which you ſay. The ſhip for the Arke, is a ſmall fault, ſeeing that Arke into which *Noah* entred, was a ſhip, or in ſteede of a ſhippe. The wondring, for the tumult, is a popular terme: for ſo they call a great noyſe made by a multitude. The lampes are gone out, or are quenched, I know not what great difference may bee in it. His ſubſtance ἐξουσίαν, I know not where you meane, except it bee *Marke* 13. where *Eraſmus* noteth, that hee hath read in ſome copie, ὐσίαν, ſubſtance, which ſeemeth to agree aptly with the place. In the text *Eph.* 3. the true tranſlation is as wee haue corrected it in the later editions: yet the words may beare that other interpretation alſo. In *Titus* the firſt, the participle is of the meane voice, and therefore may ſignifie actiuely or paſſiuely. In *Gal.* the tranſpoſition, Sina before Agar, ſeemeth to bee the fault of the Printer, rather than of the tranſlator.

MART. 20. *Let theſe and the like bee ſmall negligences or ignorances, ſuch as you will pardon vs alſo, if you finde the like. Neither doe we greatly miſlike, that you leaue theſe words,* d Vrim *and* Thummim, *and* * Chemarim, *and* e Ziims, *and* Iims, *vntranſlated, becauſe it is not eaſie to expreſſe them in Engliſh: and wee would haue liked as well incertaine other words, which you haue tranſlated,* images, images, *and ſtill,* images, *being as hard to expreſſe the true ſignification of them, as the former. And we hope you will the rather beare with the late Catholike tranſlation of the Engliſh Teſtament, that leaueth alſo certaine words vntranſlated, not only becauſe they cannot bee expreſſed, but alſo for reuerence and religion (as Saint* Auguſtine *ſaith) and greater maieſtie of the ſame.*

d Deut. 33. * 4 Reg. 23. e Ierem. 50. *Hamaxim.* Eſay. 17. *Gillulim.* Ier. 50. *Miphletſeth.* 3 Ro. 15.

FVLK. 20. Some indeede are ſmall faults, ſome none at all. That you miſlike vs not, for not tranſlating a few words, whoſe ſignification is vnknowen, or elſe they cannot bee aptly expreſſed in the Engliſh tongue, it is of no equitie towards vs, but that you might vnder that ſhadow, creepe away with ſo huge a multitude of words, which may as well bee tranſlated, as any in the Bible, and that in the new Teſtament, which is ſcarſe the ſixt part of the whole Bible. The words which wee haue tranſlated Images, are out of queſtion tearmes ſignifying images, and of your Tranſlator, they bee called either *imagines, ſimulachra, ſculpſtia, Idola, &c.* Our Engliſh tongue, being not ſo fruitfull of words, wee call them ſometimes Idols, ſome-

ſometimes Images, which when wee ſpeake of worſhipped Images, can bee none others but ſuch as you call Idols. To obſcure ſuch a multitude of words, and ſo much matter by them, as you doe, Saint *Auguſtine* will not warrant you, who ſpeaketh only of two or three words vſually received in the Latine Church in his time; not of ſuch a number as you haue counterfetted.

MART. 21. *Of anything wee can by no meanes excuſe you, but it muſt ſauour vanitie, or novelrie, or both: As when you affect ſtrange words, which the people are not acquainted withall, but is it rather Hebrew to them than Engliſh:* μᾶλλον ἑρμηνεὺς ἢ ποιητὴς, *as* Demoſthenes *ſpeaketh, writing with great countenance and maieſtie; Againſt him came up Nabuchadnezzar* King of Babel, a *Par. 36. v. 6. for Nabuchodonoſor* King of Babylon: *Sancherib, for Sennacherib: Habbakuk* prophecie, *for Micheas: Iehoſhaphats* prayer, *for Ioſaphats: Vzza* ſhine, *for Oza: When Zorubbabel* went about to build the Temple, *for Zorobabel: Remember what the Lord did to* Miriam, *for* Mary, Deut. 34. *And in your firſt tranſlation,* Eliſa, *for* Eliſeus: Beelphia *and* Pekah, *for* Phaceia *and* Phacee: Vziahu, *for* Ozias: Thiglathpeleſer, *for* Teglath-phalſar: Ahazialiu, *for* Ochozias: Peka the ſonne of Remaliahu, *for* Phacee the ſonne of Romelia. *And why ſay you not as well,* Shelomoh, *for* Salomon, *and* Coreſh *for* Cyrus, *and ſo alter euery word from the knowen ſound and pronuntiation thereof? Is this to teach the people, when you ſpeake Hebrew rather than Engliſh? Were it a goodly hearing (thinke you) to ſay for* IESVS, Ieſhuah; *and for* MARY *his mother,* Miriam; *and for* Meſſias, Meſſiach; *and* Iohn, Iachanan; *and ſuch like monſtrous nouelties? which you might as well doe, and the people would underſtand you as well, as when your Preachers ſay,* Nabuchadnezer King of Babel. Bib. 1579. Demoſth. 2 Par. 36. v. 6. c. 32. Fol. 172. 173. Fol. 160. Epiſtle to the Queene. Bib. 1562. 4 Reg. c. 23. Calſil.

FVLK. 21. Seeing the moſt of the proper names of the old Teſtamẽt were vnknowen to the people, before the Scripture was read in Engliſh, it was beſt to vtter them according to the truth of their pronuntiation in Hebrew, rather than after the common corruption, which they had receiued in the Greeke and Latine tongues. But as for thoſe names which were knowne vnto the people out of the new Teſtament, as *Ieſus, Iohn, Mary,* &c. it had beene follie to haue taught men to ſound them otherwiſe than after the Greeke declination, in which we finde them.

MART. 22. *When* Zuinglius *your great Patriarke did reade in* Munſters *tranſlation of the old Teſtament,* Iehizkiahu, Iehezchel, Coreſh, Darianeſch, Belzezzer, *and the like for* Ezechias, Ezechiel, Cyrus, Darius, Baltaſar; *hee called them barbarous voyces, and uncivill ſpeeches, and ſaid, the word of God was ſoiled and depraued by them. Know you not, that proper names alter and change, and are written and ſounded in euery language diuerſly? Might not all antiquity, and the generall conſtreme, both of reading and hearing the knowen names of* Nabuchodonoſor, *and* Michæas, *and* Ozias, *ſuffice you, but you muſt needs inuent other, which the people never heard, rather for vaine oſtentation, to amaze and aſtoniſh them, than to edification and inſtruction? Which is an old heretical faſhion, noted by* Euſebius, lib. 4. cap. 10. *and by the Author of the vnperfect commentaries vpon Saint* Matthew, hom. 44. *and by Saint* Auguſtine, lib. 3. cap. 26. contra Creſconium. Preface in Eſa.

FVLK. 22. That *Zuinglius* is no Patriarke of ours, you may know by this, that wee doe freely diſſent from him, when wee are perſwaded that hee diſſenteth from the truth. But where you charge vs with an hereticall faſhion, in ſounding Hebrew names according to the truth of the Hebrew tongue, if your Authors bee well weighed, they will convince you of an hereticall faſhion, in framing of new words, which are more apt to amaze and aſtoniſh men, than to inſtruct or edifie them: and in vſing ſtrange language in all your Church ſervice, and in that alſo divers Hebrew words. So did the Marcoſians, of whom *Euſebius* out of *Irenæus* writeth in baptizing. And the Author of the vnperfect worke vpon *Matthew*, though himſelfe an heretike, yet truely ſaith of heretike Prieſts, as you are, in the homilie by you quoted, *Sic & modo heretici Sacerdotes, &c.* Even ſo the heretike Prieſts ſhut up the gate of truth. For they know that if the truth were made manifeſt, their Church ſhould bee forſaken, &c. For which cauſe, vntill this time, you haue beene vtter enemies to the tranſlation of the Scripture. But now you ſee you cannot prevaile againſt the tranſlation, you haue begunne ſo to tranſlate the Scripture, as in many things it were as good not tranſlated, for any thing the people ſhall vnderſtand by it: for you haue not explicated the fourth part of the faigned inkhorne tearmes that you haue vſed. And that Saint *Auguſtine* ſaith, *Creſconius* went fondly about to terrifie him with the Greeke word *Anticatheguria*, you doe the like with Paraſceue, Azymes, ſcandals, Neophyte, yea with Latine words, *gratis, depoſitum*, and ſuch like, ſeeke to bring the ignorant in great admiration of your deepe knowledge, which is nothing elſe but an heretical faſhion, vnder ſtrange tearmes, to hide the poiſon of your peſtilent doctrine.

MART. 23. *What ſhall I ſpeake of your affectation of the word* Iehoua *(for ſo it pleaſeth you to accent it) in ſtead of* Dominus, *the* Lord? *Whereas the ancient Fathers in the very Hebrew text did reade and* Iehouah יהוה

and found it rather Adonai, *as appeareth both by S.* Hieromes *translation, and also his commentaries. And I would know of them the reason, why in the Hebrew Bible, whensoever this word is ioyned with* Adonai, *it is to bee read* Elohim, *but only for avoyding* Adonai *twice together. This I say we might iustly demand of those that take a pride in using this word* Iehoua *so oft, both in English and Latine, though otherwise wee are not superstitious, but as occasion serveth, onely in the Hebrew text wee pronounce it and reade it. Againe, wee might aske them why they use not as well* Elohim *in stead of* Deus, God; *and so of the rest, changing all into Hebrew, that they may seeme gay fellowes, and the people may wonder at their wonderfull and mysticall divinitie.*

VER. 23. In our English translation, *Iehoua* is very seldome vsed in other speech; no wise man vseth it oftner than there is good cause why. And when there is cause, we haue no superstition in pronouncing it, as wee are not curious in accenting it. Although perhaps you quarrell at our accent, because you cannot discerne betweene time and time. The middle syllable wee know to be long, whether it be to be elevated we make no question, we know where the accent is in the Hebrew; but we thinke not that all accents bee sharpe, and elevate that syllable in which they are. It is a great matter, that you demand the reason why ioyned to *Adonai*, it is to bee read *Elohim:* you should rather demand why it is otherwise pointed, when it is ioyned with *Adonai*; for being pointed as it is, I see not why it should not be read according to the vowels, *Adonai Iehouih*. Many other questions might bee moved, about the names of God, in pronouncing or writing of which wee know the Iewes were reverent, even to superstition: and therefore in bookes that should come in all mens hands, made other alterations than you speake of, and yet retained in other authenticall copies, the true letters and points. If any desire vaine-gloriously to utter his skill in the tongues, when he should edifie the people, of all them that be wise and learned, he is misliked for so doing.

VER. 24. *To conclude, are not your schollers (thinke you) much bound unto you for giving them in stead of Gods blessed word and his holy Scriptures, such translations, hereticall, Iudaicall, prophane, false, negligent, fantasticall, new, taught, monstrous? God open their eyes to see, and mollifie your hearts to repent of all your falshood and treacherie, both that which is manifestly convinced against you, and cannot be denied; as also that which may by some shew of answer be shifted off in the sight of the ignorant, but in your conscience is as manifest as the other.*

VER. 24. Happy and thrice happy hath our English Nation beene, since God hath given learned Translators, to expresse in our mother tongue the heavenly mysteries of his holy word, delivered to his Church in the Hebrew and Greeke languages: who, although they haue in some matters of no importance unto salvation, as men beene deceived, yet haue they faithfully delivered the whole substance of the heavenly doctrine, contained in the holy Scriptures, without any hereticall translations, or wilfull corruptions. And in the whole Bible among them all haue committed as few over sights, for any thing that you can bring, and of lesse importance, than you haue done onely in the new Testament. Where beside so many omissions, even out of your owne vulgar Latine translation, you haue taken upon you to alter that you found in your text, and translate that which is onely in the margent, and is read but in few written copies. As for *Italia* you say *Attalia*, noted before *Heb.* 13. for *placuerunt* you translate *latuerunt*, 2 Pet. 2. for *coinquinationis*, which is in the text, you translate *coinquinationes* which was found but in one onely copie, by *Hentenius*, as the other but in one or two of thirty divers copies, most written.

FINIS.

A BRIEFE TABLE TO DIRECT THE READER TO SVCH PLACES AS *Martin* in this Booke cavilleth to be corrupted in divers Translations of the English Bibles, by order of the Bookes, Chapters, and Verses of the same, with some other quarrels against *Beza*, and others for their Latine Translations, with the Answers of *William Fulke.*

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FINIS.

A BRIEFE CONFVTATION OF SVNDRY CAVILS AND QVARRELS uttered by divers PAPISTS in their severall Bookes and Pamphlets, against the writings of *William Fulke.*

IT Were very much to blame, if I would not confesse with Saint *Augustine*, that as in my manners, so in my writings many things may bee justly reprehended, as which I ought not to bee offended, no not although I were reprooved by mine Adversaries. But when the enemies of GODS holy Religion, and of the quiet state of this Realme, seeke by wounding of mee, to hurt the truth, and if it were possible, through my sides to wound her to death; I ought not to be silent in this case, but by shewing mine honest defence, as it were by holding up my buckler, to beare off their blowes as well as I can, to maintaine the credit of that cause which I have taken in hand: lest whilest I forbeare to defend my selfe, the truth might seeme to haue taken a foyle. And yet I meane not so to confound my case with the state of truth, that wheresoever I may be justly convinced trueth should bee thought to haue lost the Victorie. For I am but one poore Souldier among many thousand Captaines, that fight under the Banner of Truth, which if I haue not in every respect performed all duties of an expert Warriour, it is reason the reproach of my defaults should rest and stay onely in mine owne ignorance or rashnesse, which haue not so happily executed that which of good will to fight in truths cause, I haue attempted within these fiue or six yeeres. I haue set abroad fundrie Treatises in confutation of Popish Bookes written in English, with purpose (if God gaue mee strength) to answere as many as within twentie yeares of her Maiesties raigne had been set foorth by the Papists, and are not yet confuted by any other. This purpose of mine, the Papists haue not greatly hindered by Replies, for (except one onely, *Bristow*, who observing no good order of replying, but gathering heere and there at his pleasure, whatsoever he thought himselfe best able to reproue, hath made a shewe of defence of *Allens* Articles and Purgatorie) none other haue as yet set foorth any just Replication to the rest of my writings. And as for *Bristow*, hee hath my Rejoynder unto his Reply these two yeeres in his hand to consider upon. The other that of late haue set forth Popish Treatises, haue endeavored themselues almost every one of them, to haue a snatch or two at some one odde thing or other in my Bookes, wherein they would seeme to haue advantage, and that (belike) they would haue their simple Readers thinke to bee a sufficient Confutation of all that ever I haue written against them. I haue thought good therfore, as neere as I can, to gather all their Cavils together, and briefly to shape an answere to every one of them, that the indifferent Reader may see and judge what sound matter they haue brought against mee, wherewith in shew of words, they would haue it seeme as though they had confuted me. *Ad Vitam Aug. cap.1.*

First, Master *Allen* in his late Apologie, *fol.63.* accusing the Protestants to faine an appellation unto the judgement of the most ancient Fathers of the primitiue Church, and yet not to abide by it, nor esteeming them better then the present government of the Popish Church, but as of men deceived, as of humane traditions, &c. *As in their writings (saith hee) it is most evident, where from Peters time downeward, they make the chiefest Fathers the Ministers and furtherers of Antichrist.* For this evidence he quoteth *Beza in 2 Thes.2.* and Rheatine *pag.248.* How unfitly *Beza* is slandered to be a witnesse of this accusation, they that understand the Latin tongue, may see in the places quoted. But touching my selfe, the booke which he quoteth having scarce halfe so many pages, I might intreat him for a new quotation, but that I ghesse hee meaneth a place in my Confutation of *Sanders* Booke, which hee calleth *The Rocke of the Church*, which was printed with the Rheatine, and continueth the number of pages from it. In that Booke, *pag.248.* there is nothing that soundeth toward such a matter, except it be these words: *As for Leo and Gregorie, Bishops of Rome, although they were not come to the full pride of Antichrist, yet the mysterie of iniquitie having wrought in that seat neere fiue or sixe hundred yeeres before them, and then greatly increased, they were so deceived with the long continuance of error, that they thought the dignitie of Peter was much more ouer the rest of his fellow Apostles, then the holy Scriptures of God (against which no continuance of error can prescribe) doth either allow or beare withall. Wherefore although he haue some shew out of the old Writers, yet hath he nothing directly to proue, that Peter did excell the other Apostles in Bishop-like authoritie: and out of the word of God, no not yet a tittle, that Peter as a Bishop excelled the other Apostles, not as Apostles, but as Bishops.* First, it is manifest even to the eye, that *Allens* slander is not expressed in these words: then let us see if it may be implied. The mysterie of iniquitie did worke in the See of Rome from the Apostles time, taking increase by little and little, untill six hundred yeares and more after Christ, when Antichrist began to be openly shewed: and many of the ancient Fathers not espying the subtiltie of Satans secret purpose, were deceived, to think some-thing more of *Peters* prerogatiue, and of the Bishops of Romes dignitie, than by the word of God was granted to either of them. This is in effect as much as I affirme: but hereof it followeth not, that I make them the ministers and furtherers of Antichrist. For those are the ministers and furtherers of Antichrist, which willingly lend all their power to maintaine and uphold his kingdome, after he hath invaded the tyranny: The ancient indeed meant nothing lesse by admitting of the Bishops of Romes prerogatiue, under colour of *Peters* successour, than

than to serue him or advance him into the throne of Antichrist. Not every one whom Sathan hath seduced that he might prepare a way for the advancement of his tyrannie, is a minister and furtherer of Satan or his tyranny; for then should all men be counted ministers or furtherers of Satan, seeing the kingdome of sinne is increased by the frailty of all men, which by temptation of the devill fall into sinne. Beside that, many of the ancient Fathers, openly resisted the usurped power of the Bishops of Rome, when it began onely to bud up, and was yet farre of from Antichristian tyrannie, although it tended somwhat toward the same. So did the Bishops of the East Churches countermand *Victor* Bishop of Rome, contending about the celebration of Easter. So did *Irenæus*, *Polycrates*, and many other godly Fathers, in publike writings openly reprehend him. So did *Cyprian* in divers Epistles expostulate with the Bishops of Rome, for medling with causes that pertained to his jurisdiction. So did all the Bishops of Africa make decrees against the usurped authority and titles of the Bishops of Rome, denying all Appeales unto the See of Rome, and excommunicating all them that would appeale to any place beyond the sea, discovering also the forged Canon of the Nicene Councell, by which the Bishops of Rome challenged that prerogatiue. So that M. *Allen* by this his slander, hath done injury to me, and hurt to himselfe, while men by this example may judge of his sincerity in other matters.

Euseb. lib. 5. cap. 25. & 26. Conc. Carth. 3. cap. 26. Gratia dist. 99. Melcuit. c. 22. Conc. Aph. ad Celestin.

Next commeth in the discovery of *I. Nicols* denying that they make the Catholike religion locall, or of one province, as he chargeth me (with some scornfull termes of reproch) to affirme in my bad answer to *Howlet*. I said indeed, that S. *Augustine De unit. Eccles. cap. 4.* doth cleare us of schisme, who willingly communicate with all the whole body of Christs Church, dispersed over the world, and charge the popish faction both of schisme and heresie: of schisme, because they maintaine the Church to be only in a part of Europe, as the Donatists did in Aphrica, &c. And what injurie have I done to the Papists in so saying? The Donatists said, the Church was perished out of all the world, and remained onely in Aphrica: not assigning any place of Aphrica, whereunto the Church must be regardant, as the Papists doe the Citie of Rome: but affirming that true Catholikes remained onely in Africa, being consumed out of all other parts of the earth. And what say the Papists of all the Orientall Churches of Greece, of Asia, of Africk, that acknowledge not the Popes authoritie? Doe they not account them all for heretikes or schismatikes? Then it followeth, that they acknowledge the Church to remaine only in those parts of Europe that are subject to the Pope, and Church of Rome. But perhaps they will alledge their newly founded Churches in India and America, which vaine brag I will not stand to confute: but seeing this inlargement is but new begun, in our grandfathers dayes, before those parts of the earth were discovered by navigation of the Portugals and Spaniards, where was the Romish Church and Pope thereof acknowledged but only in a piece of Europe. If yet they will alledge the submission of any Patriarks or Prelats of the Æthiopian or Armenian Churches, made to the Pope by some wandring pilgrims, which are of no credit among wise men, yet all men may know, that those Christians continuing to this day in the same religion, rites and ceremonies, that they did before such pretended submissions, holding and doing many things contrary to the Romish religion and custome, which argueth plainly, that they neither were, nor meane to become members of the Church of Rome, and subjects to popish religion, which they refuse to receive in as many points, as ever they did. Wherefore the popish Church remaineth still shut up within the streits of Europe, for any accession of them. And what enlargement soever it hath in the new world, it is rather by Colonies of Portugals and Spaniards, than by conversion of those barbarous nations. For as for them that were for feare of death compelled to receive Baptisme, as many of the barbarous people haue been, no true Catholike can acknowledge for good and Catholike Christians, who as occasion alwayes served them, spared not to giue sufficient testimonie of their counterfeit conversion, whereby it appeared, that the Sacrament of Baptisme was in them prophaned, rather than that they by it were sanctified. As for my bad answere to *Howlet*, as it seemeth was so sufficient, that never a Papist these two yeeres can find time to confute it. Although if they thought it too bad to confute, there hath been since a better set foorth with more advise by Master *Wyburne*, but the reply we shall haue at greater leasure, the *Howlet* as I gesse being otherwise occupied in defence of his Centure, for that his proud stomacke had rather play the Iudge than the defendant.

The next quarrell followeth in the third leafe after, where he approveth *Iohn Nicols* affirming, as he saith, that Purgatory, Prairer for the dead, and Invocation of Saints, are late inventions of Popes and Papists. *Wherein his owne companions, namely* Fulke *in his late answer to Doctor* Allen *and Doctor* Bristow, *confesseth, that all these three errours were received in the Church aboue* 1200. *yeeres, that is, in the times of* Augustine, Ieroine, Ambrose *and upward, and that these Fathers with other beleeved them also.* If to those three Doctors which he named, he had not added upward, I must haue abated one hundred yeeres at least of his account. But now let us see what I haue confessed of these Doctors and upward. First, against Purgatory, *pag.* 306. But whosoever shall vouchsafe to turne the booke to that page, shall find never a word of my writing, good or bad, but only the first Section of the ninth Chapter of *Allens* second booke. Well, this may be the Printers fault, peradventure it is page 206. because it is not like that 306. should come before 115. the next quotation that followeth; but neither is there any thing to this purpose. Then let us see what may be found *pag.* 115. even as much as in *pag.* 306. for there is never a word of my writing in that page but all is *Allens* 8. Chapter of the first booke. Then come we to the third quotation, *pag.* 316. and there indeed is something sounding toward this matter, touching prayer for the dead, which *Augustine* did allow, but of Purgatorie there is nothing. Of Invocation of Saints there is mention, but no affirmation that *Augustine* did beleeue it, for in the next page followeth a discourse to proue that S. *Augustine*, as he declareth in his booke *De cura pro mortuis &c.* was not certaine how the Saints departed should know any thing that is done in this world, although he inclined to that opinion, that they might haue knowledge by relation of dead men, or of Angels, or els he knoweth not how, and so doth plainly confesse. From hence we must passe to page 320. where indeed I doe confesse, that *Ambrose* alloweth prayer for the dead, as it was a common errour of his time, but not sacrifice of the Masse in that sense that Papists doe. Last of all. *Art. page* 39. I denie, that for 200. yeeres after Christ, it can be prooved, that any Catholike writer doth allow prayer for the dead, or invocation of Saints, and that the later error was not confirmed 400. yeeres after Christ, namely in S. *Augustines* time, in that small helpe was acknowledged by *Chrysostome*, to come to the dead by prayers made for them. In all those places S. *Ieroine* is not once named, nor Purgatory confessed to bee received, whereof Saint *Augustine* the last of the three sometime doubteth, sometime utterly denyeth any third place: neither did I ever confesse, that any of those three errours were holden by these ancient Fathers in all respects, as they are by the Papists, nor that Purgatory was ever beleeved of any of them, onely *Augustine* sometimes speaketh of it, as of a doubtfull matter, which he saith may bee inquired, whether there be any such place or no: and yet confuted those interpretations of the Scriptures, which the Papists make their chiefest grounds of it. By this you may see, how liberall this Iesuite is in extending my confession further than ever it was made or meant by me, or can be proved by him, or any Papist of them all.

Dec. 8. Dulcit. quæst. 4. 1. De fid. & op. c. 16. Serm. in moast. lib. 2.

The third leafe againe, after this, he saith, that *Nicols* by citing a place of *Augustine*, would haue men thinke that

that S. *Augustine* disallowed prayer to Saints, which is contrary to *Fulkes* opinion, who confesseth *Augustine* to haue defended this superstition, as hee traunteth it, and raileth on him for it. For this is quoted *Rem. pag.* 325. 326. 327. Where he gathereth what *Nicols* would haue men thinke, let other men iudge. And what maner opinion is of *Augustines* allowing of prayer to Saints, I haue before expressed out of the places quoted: but where he saith, I raile on him for it, that is but a Fuers report, which seldome differeth from a lie. For this is all I say of him for it: *By such places as I haue in those pages cited out of Augustine, it is prooued, that although Augustine were willing to maintaine the superstition that was not throughly confirmed in his time, about burials and memorials of Saints, yet he had nothing of certainetie out of the word of God, either to perswade his owne conscience, or to satisfie them that moued the doubts unto him.* Whether in these words I haue railed, I submit my selfe to the iudgement of the Reader, that will weigh what I haue cited out of S. *Augustine*, in the pages mentioned.

In the same leafe, and the next page, the maigene is printed with quotacions out of my booke against Purgatory. But what thinke you to proue? Forsooth, that his adversaries doe confesse all the old Fathers to be on their side, and to haue erred with them, as Fulke *doth of* S. Ambrose, Austen, Tertullian, Origen, Chrysostome, Gregory, *and* Bede *by name, with most reproachfull and contemptuous words against them.* This is spoken generally, as though we confesse all the Doctors to be on their side, in every controversie, which we doe not acknowledge to be true in any one, although many of the latest sort doe in some part favour one or two errors of theirs among an hundred. But let us examine his proofes, which seeme to be very plentifull; yet of nine quotacions I must needs strike out two, *pag.* 306. and 279. because in them is not one syllable of my writing, but all of *Allens*. In the pages 315. and 316. in nothing more contained touching this matter, than I haue already declared. *There remaineth* now, *page* 349. *where I say touching a rule of Saint Augustine, which he giueth, to try faith and doctrine of the Church only by the Scripture, that if he had so diligently followed it, in examining the common error of his time, of prayer for the dead, as he did in hearing diuers the schisme of the Donatists, in the heresie of the Pelagians, hee would not so blindly haue defended that which by holy Scripture he was not able to maintaine, as he doth in that booke.* De cura pro mortuis agenda; *and elsewhere.* What most reproachfull or contemptuous words are here against S. *Augustine?* Seeing the holy Scripture is a light shining in a darke place, as S. *Peter* saith, who so goeth without it, must walke blindly, which I say in commendation of the light of the Scripture, not in contempt of *Augustines* reason, whom as I may not honour, with contempt of the truth; so when he is patron and maintainer of the truth, I honour him from my heart. Likewise *pag.* 78. *Ambrose* is named, but nothing acknowledged to favour any Popish error. *Augustine* is againe noted, speaking of the amending fire, whereof he hath no ground, but in the common error of his time, and whereof he affirmeth sometimes, that it is a matter that may be doubted of, sometimes that there is no third place at all. Wherefore this place hath neither reproachfull words, nor confession of any constant opinion of *Augustine*, inclining to your errors. Then let us passe to the next place, which is *page* 435. where concerning this matter I haue written thus: *I deny that any of the ancient Fathers in Christs time, or Schollers to his Apostles, or within one or two hundred yeeres after Christ, except one that had it of Montanus the heretike, as hee held more things beside, as my one word, maintained your cause for Purgatory, or prayers for the dead. Secondly, of them that maintained prayers for the dead, the most confessed they had it not out of the Scriptures, but of tradition of the Apostles, and custome of the Church, therefore they are not to bee compared unto us in better understanding of the Scriptures, for that point, which they durged to bee received of the Scriptures. Thirdly, that of the ancient Fathers that agreed with you in any part of your assertion, (for none within foure hundred yeeres was wholly of your crewe) notwithstanding many excellent gifts that they had, yet maintained other errours beside that, and about them differed one from another, and sometime the same man from himselfe, and that is worst of all, from manifest truth of the holy Scriptures. Therefore neither is their erroneous interpretation in this matter to bee received, nor Master* Allens *wise iudgement of us to bee regarded.* Here also I appeale to the iudgement of indifferent Readers, what confession I haue made of the Fathers to bee on their side, or what reproachfull or contemptuous words I haue vsed against them, for dissenting from us. The next place is quoted, *pag.* 247. where I say against *Allen*, boasting of ancient testimonies, for prayer for the dead: *I will not deny but you haue much drosse and dregges, of the latter sort of Doctors, and the later, the fuller of drosse. But bring me any word out of Iustinus Martyr, Irenæus, Clemens Alexandrinus, or any that did write within one hundred yeares after Christ, that alloweth prayer to dones for the dead, and I will say you are as good as your word.* Here except he will cavill, that I acknowledge much drosse and dregs to be in the later sort of Doctors, I know not what he findeth that hath any shadow of his slander. But the truth must be confessed, that the pure waters of life are to be found only in the word of God, and beside that the best and purest liquors that are to be seene, are not cleane from all dregs and drosse of humane errour and frailty. In the next page *Origen* delivered from the shamefull mangling of *Allens* allegation, is shewed plainly to be an enemy of Purgatory and prayer for the dead, in that he alloweth the day of a Christian mans death to be the end of all sorrow, and the beginning of all felicity. There remaineth now the last place quoted, *pag.* 194. where I acknowledge that *Gregorie, Bernard,* and *Bede*, upon the text *Matth.* 12. are of opinion, that sins not remitted in this world, may be remitted in the world to come. *But how happeneth it (say I) that Chrysostome and Hieronyme, which best interpreted that place, could gather no such matter, although they otherwise allowed prayer for the dead. The reason must needes bee, because the errour of Purgatorie growing so much the stronger, as it was nearer to the full revelation of Antichrist,* Gregorie and Bede *sought not the true meaning of Christ in this Scripture, but the confirmation of their plausible errour.* Here in all the confessions, most reproachfull and contemptuous words, that are contained in so many of those places as he hath quoted, in which I will not tarry to rehearse how many untruths hee hath vttered against me, but with the indifferent Reader to consider, that if he be so bold to slaunder me concerning a booke printed in English, by which he may be convicted of every simple Reader, what dare he noe aduouch of matters done and past at Rome, whether none may travail to try out his trechery, but he is in manifest danger never to returne the answer of his message.

The Epistle of persecution.

From this popish Parson whatsoever his name be, I must passe to another Gentleman namelesse in deed, but not blamelesse, yea much more blame-worthy than the other: who among so many and so great slanders, as is wonder how they could be conveyed into so small a booke, against our Prince, her lawes, her Counsellors, her Iudges, her officers, the Nobilitie, the commonalty, the Church, the governors, the Pastors, and the people thereof, their Prince and country, hath found yet some empty corners where he might place mee in particular. And first, of all, *pag.* 46. of his latine Epistle, after he hath described the manner of quartering vsed in the execution of traytors, and most impudently slandered the officers of iustice, to make such haste in cutting downe the Papists, which are hanged, as they use not in punishment of other traitors, to the end they might satisfy their cruel minds in their tormentes, which is proved false by many thousand eye witnesses, that haue not lightly seene any of them revive with any sense of their paines, except one *Storie*, who also did hang so long before he was cut downe, that

it was great wondering to many to see him so soone recovered, not only in life, but also in strength. At length he commeth in his tragicall manner, to inveigh against the cruelty of their adversaries, whom this cruell fight doth nothing at all moue to pity, but they laugh and make sport at it, and insult against them that are a dying. *But especially (saith he) if any ouercome with paine, hath given forth any groning, which yet hapneth most seldome: so one of them no meane preacher in a certaine imprinted booke, doth gather that ours are not true martyrs, because non of them* (as he himselfe affirmeth) *gaue forth a certaine howling as of an hell-hound, that I may vse his owne words. O sentence worthy of a Preacher! O new charitie of the new Gospell! What ruffianly theefe at any time hath not blushed to vtter such a voice? what murderer did ever shew a mind so cruell and barbarous? The froth of words I might easily match with like rhetoricall exclamations. O impudent lyer, O shameles slanderer, O traiterous backbiter, &c.* But I had rather beat it downe with truth of matter. Brisket in his booke of *Motiues*, maketh *Martyrs his* 15. *Motiue. Among whom he commendeth as well for the godlines of their cause, as also for their patient suffring: The good Earle of Northumberland* (I vse his owne traiterous words) Stucy, Felton, Nortons, Wood-house, Plomtree, *and so many hundreths of the Northerne men, whom approued by miracles vnlooked he opposeth against Foxes martyrs, as he calleth them. Against this traiterous commendation of open rebels and traitors, among other things thus I haue written.* Retent. pag. 59. *Seeing not the paine, but the cause maketh a martyr, whosoeuer haue suffered for treason and rebellion, may well be accounted martyrs of the popish Church, but the Church of Christ condemneth such for enemies of Christs kingdome, and inheritours of eternall destruction, except they repent and obtaine mercy for their horrible wickednesse. And seeing patient suffering is by Brisket a true confession, a gift of God into all true martyrs, such as were manifestly voide of patience can bee no true martyrs, as were most of these rebels and traitors, and Storie by name: who for all his glorious tale, in the time of his most deserued execution by quartering, was so impatient, that he did not only roare and cry like an hell-hound, but also strake the executioner doing his office, and resisted as long as strength did serue him, being kept downe by three or foure men, vntill he was dead.* O patient Martyr of the popish Church! What cause had this slanderous spirit vpon these my words, to make such hideous outcries, what theefe? what ruffian? what murderer? or what matter is mainfered in this my saying, to accuse all the aduersaries of Papists in England; of such barbarous cruelty? We are not so voide of humanity, but we lament the misery even of our greatest and most graceless enemies: but yet we are not so voide of understanding, to acknowledge impatient suffering to be true martyrdome, no not if the cause were neuer so good. Not that wee thinke true Martyrs to be voide of sense and feeling of their torments, or that they may not testifie their paines, even with teares and strong crying sometimes, but that there is a great difference betweene the crying of patient martyrs vnto God for strength and comfort, and the brutish roaring of impatient sufferers, expressed only with paine and torment, as was this of *Storie*, who vttered no voice of prayer in all that time of his crying (as I heard of the very executioner himselfe, beside them that stood by) but only roared and cryed, as one ouercome with the sharpnesse of the paine, as no martyr is, whom God is faithfull to deliver out of temptation: so that although they have never so great sense of their torment, yet are they never ouercome thereby. But peradventure this Orator for the Popish traitors, will take me up, for concluding against *Storie*, that he did not pray, because no voice of prayer was heard to come from him, as though I could not consider, that he was immediatly before strangled, so that the passage of his voice might be stopped, that albeit that roaring were his prayer, yet it might not be understood by them which heard it. Indeed if there had been no other signe of his impatiency, but his crying, I would not have been bold to haue judged thereof, and made him an example of impatiency, as I did. But what patient Martyr ever strake his tormentor? Who praying for his persecutors, would strive to buffet and beat them? What man submitting himself to the will of God in his suffering, would resist the executioners that beat him, with a good conscience. By this it is manifest how honestly this Proctor of the persecuted Papists reporteth, that upon a litle groaning I gather that he was no true Martyr, and further raileth as his faculty well serveth him.

The like honest dealing and truth is shewed in the English translation of this pamphlet, toward the latter end, where he speaketh of certain imprisoned and pined with famin at York. There in the margent *Fulke* is placed, as though he had bin author or executer of some persecution at York, neer to which city he never came by 40 miles. But this will be excused perhaps by the Printers fault, because it is not mentioned in the Latine. Howsoever it be, it argueth a lying and a slanderous stomack of the setters forth of this treatise, that would suffer so open and so apparant a slander, to passe uncorrected being in such a place where it could not escape their sight & knowledge.

But the story of the conference at Wisbich is a worthy matter, wherein not only this Rhetorician, but also the confuter of *M. Charke* (if they be not both one Parson, as I gheste they be) have thought good to exercise their stile. The truth whereof is this, as it is easy to be proved in every respect by sufficient testimonies. It pleased the Lords and others of her Majesties Councell, after those obstinate Recusants were committed to safe keeping in Wisbich Castle, to direct their letters to the Bishop of Ely (in whose diocesse and castle the prisoners were kept) requiring him to provide, that they might have conference, if they would admit any, and be called upon to come to the Church, and heare the preaching there: whereupon the Bishop making choice of me, among other whom he purposed to send unto them, desired me by his Chancellor Master Doctour *Bridgewater*, to repayre unto him into the Isle, from whence he sent me with a Geneleman of his house, to signify to them that had the charge of those prisoners, the cause of my comming. Whereupon insued that speech in the presence of certain honest men specially called and required to be witnesses, besides a number of other of good credit, the summe whereof was collected to certify the Bishoppe as neere as could be, what communication had passed betweene us, without any further purpose of publishing the same. But the Copie thereof comming into the hands of a friend of mine at London, and by him communicated to some other of his friends at last came into a Printers hand, who suddainly set it abroad, unknowing to my friend and me. Which how well it was liked of me, and my friend, some of the best of the Company of Stationers can testify, by that, meanes was made to have the Printer punished, and had not *Campions* proud and rash challenge come even in the nick, I could not have beene perswaded by my friends, to have suffered the party so goe so cleare as he did. This is the whole truth and every part thereof; which if this dainty Orator durst shew his face in any honest presence in England, may be prooved by such sufficient witnesse and evidence, as no reasonable person could refuse. Notwithstanding let us see, what a rhetoricall lyar without feare of God, or shame of the world, without knowledge of the matter, or meanes to have intelligence, can devise to publish in the face of the world, to bolster the obstinacy of those wilfull Recusants, and to deface the honest indeavors of them that seeke first to reforme them, and if that cannot be, to take away excuse of ignorance from them. There is a certaine Minister (saith he) grete in

in his own opinion, but in other mens opinion hee meane, &c. Mark how boldly even in the beginning he blusheth not to affirme, that which it is impossible for him to know. For albeit I were as great in mine own opinion, as he reporteth me to be, yet how could he be privy to my conceipt, who though he know my person, yet is he not acquainted with my manners, that he might make coniecture by them. Neither is it like he can heare it by report of other men. For I trust they which know me most familiarly, cannot report that my behauiour argueth any such great opinion of my selfe. But he gathereth it perhaps either by my preaching, or by my writing. What skill I haue in any thing God knoweth best, and then they with whom I liue. And that I make as litle shew of that I know, as any man in such cases may conueniently, I auouch, they that have most cause to understand what I can, will not refuse to iustify. This he findes I am mean in other mens opinions, it greeueth me nothing: rather I my selfe left a great number accept me to be lesser then I deserue. But to omit this matter, by which yet you many probable, what likelyhood of truth is in the rest of his affections, he proceedeth to accuse me that for hope of a little vainglory, by consulting with noble men, men magnatibus (so the honest subject calleth *Magnates* the Bishops) I crept secretly into the Castle vnlooked for. But if my comming were of hope to winne glory, why did I not rather come openly, or cause them to be brought into the Church before the whole multitude? Well, admit I were so blind with desire of vain-glory, that I could not see, which way I might best come to it. Why should he say that I crept into the Castle, as it were by stelth? Belike because I came vnknowne authority, for so he saith afterward, the Papists saw that I came to offer them conference by no publike authority. If that had ben so, how could this stand which he saith, *Stili fuhet causas ad finem vsque fuisse*, that commanders them all to be brought into his presence. Did he command them by his private authority? or were they which had them in custody so simple, that they would obey an vnknown person, a mean man, of small or no account, comming without authority, or commanding in his own name, or pretending the name of them that had authority without sufficient warrant? or rather was it not well said, that a lyer ought to haue a large take in the best conjurer of himselfe? although in very truth, I gaue no commandment for their appearance before me, only the Bishops will was declared by the Gentleman his seruant, in order for the conference were offered them. To conclude, I am certainly perswaded, that something, perhaps the displeasure of my person, but more the feare of the weaknesse of their cause stayed them, that they would not aduenture their credit in vtyall by disputation. For if the contempt of my lightnesse and rathnesse (as their Proctor saith) had bin the only cause of their refusall, why did they not yield to dispute in the Vniuersity, in which are many of more gravity or learning; yea why did they conclude in the end that al disputation in matters of faith, was improfitable, alleadging examples of this disputation in the Conuocation-house, in the beginning of the Queens Majesties raigne, and the conference at Westminster, in prefeance of almost all the learned and wise of the Realme in the beginning of her Majesties raigne? For the publishing of the report, and the certainty of the contents thereof, I have shewed sufficiently, as the truth of the matter was, and as I will be able to publish by good witnesse, whatsoever this impudent lyar hath vnmuncked to the contrary. The same is also sufficient to confute the same slander repeated by the confuter of Master *Charke* in *Epist.* pag. 9. concerning my only looking into Wisbich Castle, and printing a pamphlet in mine own praise, where if I had fayned matter for my praise, I might as well have fayned, how valiantly I had vanquished mine enemies. For small praise is gotten where there is no victory, and victory can be none where there is no battail. The like slander he hath, but with more words of reproch p. 2. of his defence, where beside his ruffianlike rayling, which is a greater fault in him that reproveth others, for intemperate speech, there is nothing more vntrue. He saith, they have fained so in seditious manner, and for a purpose of sedition by *Campion* their valiant champion, for other sure they cannot prooue that ever they made, or by any other meanes that ever I heard of, how like it is they would sue for it, we may know by that, that they would not accept it when it was offered, and how well it was discharged by *Campion* their lusty challenger, whom he could not refuse it, there be many both wise and learned witnesses can testifie, to the reproof of such impudent reports, as have been vttered in Popish pamphlets, by ignorant asses: to whom their own champion is so litle beholding, that they have set the most part made his answere a great deale more absurd, and further from shew of learning, then indeed it was. But if you be so sharp set upon disputation, as you pretend, why doth neuer a Papist of you all prefer my challenge made openly in print to all learned Papists, almost three yeares agoe, set before my Retentiues against *Bristowes* blasphemies, wherein you may espie the whole sum of your knowledge in maintenance of your opinion, without cauils of this surly Censurer. They are of two sorts; the one concerning words, the other touching matter. I will beginne first with the words, and so neere as I can readily find them, I will quote the places of my bookes where I haue vsed them. And herein the Reader see what cause moued me sometimes to such vehemente tearmes, I referre it to his iudgement, whether I haue passed the bounds of modesty, or equity, yea or nay. First he chargeth me with a Ruffian-like spirit, because I say to *Stapl.* Shew me, *Alane*, if thou canst for thy graces, pag. 241. In like place I auouch *Alane*, which shamefully belcheth this Papists fay, vnto us, *M. Protestants, for me haue sighe if you may finde it would be of your religion, &c.* a fair I cannot call it but the spell of singular persons in vncertaine, and a sight of one drunk by his own words, I answere that because the spell of singular persons is vncertaine, and impossible, let vs consider the whole State. Then followeth: Shew me if thou canst for thy graces, or name any Popish Cities, then hath needed such proposition for the Fatherlesse and widowes, as the Cities of London, &c. While he saith it is not like *Bristow* knew of these phrases, *reparin liers, non scit reperin inquit*, he thinketh it Ruffian-like; as though I had never heard of these phrases, *reparin liers, non scit reperin inquit*, or thinke of the Cockle in Oxford, having the like brauery of this noble Conferer, no wise man did ever conceive displeasure at this Cockle, for vttering the like brauery of a Ruffian-like spirit, that himselfe abuseth these phrases, may Ruffianlike speak. If he doubt of a great deale more of a Ruffian-like spirit, that himself *Fulkes* talent in rayling, full of the Holy Ghost; to frequent and swelling, as heere in the margent. Doctour *Fulke* taketh vpon him to iudge, *Sic Zanchey* lying with a Nun in the Lord, who but an Antichrist would not abhorre to speake so? But let us examine what vnlikely he hath vttered out of my Retentiues against *Bristowes* Motiues. First, Lord Lofell, find vnlearned Papists, which I gheste pag. 8. where I say, that some of the Papists were vnderlingers of the conspiracie of Northumberland, &c. I manifestly Doctour *Heath*, then vsurping the place of the Bishop of Yorke. Therefore not only Lay Lords and vnlearned Heretikes, as this learned Lofell, and vnlearned dog-hater, and traiterous Papists, (as he doth well him) but also the Bishops of Yorke, and Worcester, were only instruments of that conspiracie, but some of the Popish Nobility and Gentlemen

writings declare was not ashamed to call all the Nobilitie and Commons of the Parliament, Lay Lords and unlearned Heretiks.

Again, *pag.* 58. I call *Bristow* a traiterous Papist, because he slandereth our State not only for publike execution of open Rebells and errant Traitors, as the Earle of Northumberland, *Storie, Felton, Norton, Woodhouse*, and so many hundreds of the Northern men, whom all he calleth holy Martyrs, proved by miracles undoubted, but also with privy murthering, by poysoning, whipping, and famishing. What lesse I could have said of him for this high treason, openly printed, and what an honest Papist the Censurer is for reproving me in so terming him, I refer to the judgement of all Christian and faithfull subjects.

To proceed, I call him shameles beast, *pag.* 18. because he maketh a shameles and beastly conclusion in those words: *Whosoever have at any time set themselves against any doctrine confirmed by miracle, they have been against the trueth. There can to this no instance be given: Our doctrine which they reject, hath become confirmed by miracles, therefore plaine it is that they are enemies of the trueth. Doe you not beare this shamelesse beast say (quoth I) there can be no instance given against his proposition, when the Lord himselfe giveth an expresse Law against a false Prophet, which sheweth signes and miracles, Deut. 13. &c.* Weigh the tearm with the desert of the person in this bold assertion, and if it be too extream, I desire no favour.

Yet againe *pag.* 10. I write thus: *Where* Luther *confesseth that the mockers of the true Church were commonly called Heretikes, his conscience did not accuse him (as* Bristow *said of him) that his side were Heretikes: For he was able to put a difference between him that by Heretikes is called an Heretike, and him that is so indeede: although* Bristow, *either for his blockish wit cannot: or for his spightfull malice will not conceive it.* Here I doe not simply accuse his wit, but either his wit or his malice; and that one of them was too blame, if not both, every wise man may see by his argument.

Furthermore, *pag.* 39 I say he is an impudent Asse, which to stablish his ground of customе, is not ashamed to falsify the words of holy Scripture. For he had said, that Saint *Paul* after many reasons, 1 *Cor.* 11. for the uncomlines of womens going bare-headed, recoileth to this invincible fort: *Si quis, &c.* But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such customе (for women to pray uncovered) nor the Church of God. His ignorance and impudence is manifest in this place. If the tearme Asse offend any man, let him consider, that nothing but an ignorant person is noted thereby; as also *pag.* 88. where he is called a blind bayard, and blockheaded Asse, because he disdainfully upbraideth all our Doctors and Universities of much ignorance, and lack of learning, and *Calvine* he saith, erred about the Trinity through ignorance, with such odious comparisons, as in so vaine and unlearned a fellow, as *Bristow* sheweth himselfe to be, is intolerable.

To note his bold ignorance also, I said *pag.* 74. *The more beastly is the blundering of this* Bristow, *who dreameth that the Councell of Constantinople the first, which made this confession by the Apostolike Church, did not onely meane the Romane Church, but also none other but the Romane Church*: whereas the Councell knowing well the Catholike Church of the world, from the particular Church of Rome, gave like priviledges of honour to the Church of Constantinople, to those which Rome had, reserving onely seniority to old Rome: beside many other reasons they alledged, to prove that they acknowledged no such authority of the Church of Rome, as the Papists now defend.

Likewise *pag.* 89. I call him blundering *Bristow*, for charging Master *Iewel* with ignorance, for affirming Christ to bee a Priest according to his Deity: of which assertion I shall have occasion to speake afterward against the last slander.

And *pag.* 75. where *Bristow* saith, that in all innovations both great and small, that ever by heretikes were attempted, they can shew under what Pope they chanced, what tumults rising in the world thereon, what Doctors withstood it, what Councells accursed it, &c. I reply thus: What an impudent lyer is this *Bristow*, to bragge of that which at this day is unpossible to be done by any man living in the world? For of so many heretiks as are rehearsed by *Epiphanius* and *Augustine*, not the one halfe of them can be so shewed, as *Bristow* like a blind bayard boasteth they can doe.

Yet more touching his ignorance, *pag.* 43. I say *Hierom* was not so grosse, to count walking about the City, to be a peregrination. But what is so leaden or blockish, which these doltish Papists will not adrouch for the maintenance of their trumpery? This I write, because *Bristow* would have *Hierom*, by often entring into the cryptes or vaults of the Churches of Rome, to signify, that he went on Pilgrimage. Where the collector of the phrases doth me some wrong, to say I call *Bristow* leaden, blockish, and doltish Papist; where I say, these doltish Papists, which avouch any thing, never so leaden or blockish. Only I require the indifferent Reader to consider, whether I have just cause to charge him with ignorance and impudence. As for the reasons, I will not stand either to justify them, or to revoke them, but refer them to every reasonable mans censure.

Furthermore, *pag.* 48. I say, that proud scoffe of Parliament Religion (which *Bristow* useth) bewrayeth the stomack of a vanpaller, and not the spirit of a Divine, or good subject. Here I think the counsel of vanpaller was too milde for such a knowne trayterous Papist, as commendeth open Rebels for Martyrs, as affirmeth that the Queenes subjects are lawfully discharged of the oath of obedience given to her Majesty, as denieth the Religion established by Parliament. *pag.* 51. I say, the Papists like impudent doggs, yelpe and bawke against us, that the Fathers are all on their side, because they have sucked out of their writings a few dregges of a great quantity of good liquor contained in their vessels, hauing the Fathers in the most and greatest matters wholly against them. And *p.* 55. I say that *Bristow* quarrelling with D. *Humfrey*, yelpeth like a little cure against a great lion, and snatching pieces of his sentences, gnawn from the rest, squealeth out as though he had heard some marvellous strange sounds, &c. If this allegory be too base for *Bristowes* dignity, let him humble himself, and crave pardon of his treasons, for I will doe no reverence to a Traitour, that openly bewrayeth himself in a printed booke, as he and other of his complices have done. A proud hypocrite Priest, of stinking, greasy, Antichristian and execrable Orders; I cannot finde where I have reamed him, except I should reade over the whole booke; but if I have used such speeches, I thinke they are no worse then his wicked behaviour, and Popish Catholike Priesthood deserve to have. Blasphemous Heretike hee giveth me often occasion to call him, and namely *pag.* 82. where I reprooved him for calling the blessed Sacrament his Lord and God, which although, with due reverence granted, yet because the Papists affirme, that this Sacrament consisteth of accidents, as the figure or outward part thereof, seeing accidents are neither God nor in God, it could not be said without blaspheming to call the Sacrament in Lord and God.

Now follow reproachfull tearmes used against *Allen*. The first, brazen face and new found word, I dare say you find: but it signifyeth nothing but notable impudence, which is noted *pag.* 3. where I call him impudent blasphemer, because he had said so in, That to such as make no store of good works, they cast only faith under their elbowes to leane upon: whereas none of us did ever teach, that such a faith as is not lively and fruitfull of good works, did ever profit any man, but to the increase of his damnation.

Againe, *pag.* 24. I note him to passe impudency in false in a matter of his own knowledge, where he saith, that M. *Calvine* saith expressely the only word of God is sufficient for the confirmation of a doctrine, &c. Allen, pag. 147. I charge him with an impudent lie, where he saith, that M. *Calvine* saith expressely the only word of God is sufficient for the confirmation of a doctrine, &c. [illegible] of Scripture, [illegible] such a manifest untruth, false or ignorant, or rash, the [illegible] I [illegible] pag. 785. I [illegible] [illegible] bring, because he dare not [illegible] [illegible] the decrees of two Councells as a sufficient warrant for all [illegible] necessary were [illegible] [illegible] of the dead given out the Church for the rule of the [illegible] of this to this doctrine that is [illegible] [illegible] so yet in [illegible] [illegible] one that in summer games might winne two games of cracking and lying, [illegible] doe not a little [illegible] Allen, and [illegible] Bishops. [illegible] Lawes, [illegible] Allen had called [illegible] Bishop, which [illegible] Allen, and [illegible] Bishops. I [illegible] pag. 565. The [illegible] Lawes, which [illegible] Allen [illegible] Salisbury, and Durisme, which is [illegible] glory of his assertion, &c. I answered: You would [illegible] such a desperate Dishe to [illegible] Pag. 577. where Allen said, that David [illegible] his sinne, [illegible] mercifull pardon in the sprinkling of the bloud of Christ, [illegible] blasphemer. Likewise pag. 578. where he challenged [illegible] bloudy, confirmed by an oath, [illegible] blasphemy, plain true Turkish [illegible]

Also pag. 230. where we affirme, that no man [illegible] tions of Christian conditions; I say, it is a blasphemous [illegible] said nothing more hardly, then such a devilish blasphemy [illegible]

But leaving Allen, let us come to *Stapleton*, where he saith, our Preachers have 5 new tricks, to make the audience [illegible] dicate city, Amen. But to returne, to lamenting or bewailing of their sins, no Preachers put us with him to: (which is such a lye, as the Devill in his own person for his credit in false would be ashamed to pronounce.) I say it is an old tricke of a crafty [illegible] Papist, pag. 122.

To proceed, pag. 5. [illegible] of glory this ornament of Gods friends, and Priests, to prove the antiquity of Popish [illegible] had good reason to say, he is worthy to be thrown out [illegible] of a thirteen crowne. And I smile if that [illegible] heavenly crown of glory [illegible]

Pag. 98. I said they held in the first [illegible] mine, &c. but no more like the Papists [illegible] Epicurean marks of the [illegible]

Also pag. 103. where Stapleton had cited a falsified Canon of the Nicene Councell, confuted by the Greek copies, and the right [illegible] pies, [illegible] dregs of falsification, [illegible]

Pag. 79. where he [illegible] them to invade in his [illegible] meant to be the body of Christ, [illegible] plainly, and therefore they are to be accursed. Otherwise I said, The doing of whatsoever Christ commaunded us to doe in remembrance of him (which [illegible] done in remembrance of Christ, meaning the Sacrament of his body) we take not away.

This citation of [illegible] pag. 28. where he is [illegible] perished, it hath been [illegible] never said so. Againe pag. 551. where he is [illegible] those of evill, which blasphemy Calvine [illegible] impudent slanderer. And pag. 461. where he [illegible] I know how [illegible] proveth that he deserveth the [illegible] at M. Haddon 30 though he [illegible] whereas the Papists (as he [illegible]

Pag. 57. thus I wrote: *The slanderous reporter of the Fact, the flattering sycophant whom he termed deny, being reproved by witnesses above all exception here cast under, affirmeth of her execution of his own fashion, which likewise he doth none other such as may happen by course of reason. I say no this; as a thing I should have our Preachers have, which likewise he doth none other for any false respects, but to shun the slanderous dagger-drawers of this Popish faction, which likewise he doth none other enforce to utter, as concerning such miracles, forgeth that we use set our days of faith to hear homilies; which he is not able to prove, although he would burst for malice against the truth.*

The manner of [illegible] occasion; whereof I will [illegible] in Saint Augustines; *Victor*, a Fryer, whereas that order began [illegible]

Gaſton, Alan Dowdal, &c.

Finally, *pag.* 43. where he will prove that the Church of the Iews never erred, because the high Prieſts anſwered truly of the eternity of Chriſt, and becauſe *Caiaphas* prophecyed unwittingly of the vertue of Chriſts death, I ſay there can be nothing more blockiſh then ſuch kind of reaſoning. Againe, where he ſaith, the whole Synagogue, before the Law of Chriſt tooke place, in neceſſary knowledge of the Law, did never erre: For proofe of this (ſaid I) more like a blocke then a man, he bringeth ſuch places of Scripture, as either ſhew what the Prieſts duty ſhould be, but affirme not what their knowledge was, or elſe prophecy a reformation of the corrupt ſtate of the Clergy, from ignorance to knowledge. Laſt of all, I ſay, *What drunken Phlegme of Downy would perſuade them (as* Stapleton *doth) The Scribes and the Phariſees ſate in Moſes Chaire, therefore the Synagogue did never, or can then erre. Where as the falſe doctrine of the Scribes and Phariſees, concerning adultery, murder, ſwearing, the worſhippe of God, not onely the perſon, but alſo the quality of Meſſias, and his Kingdome our Sauior Chriſt himſelfe ſo often and ſo ſharpely doth reprehend.*

Thus have I ſet downe the occaſions of as many of theſe ſpeeches as I could find, except I ſhould have read over the whole books, that the indifferent Reader may ſee, when they be in their proper places, they ſound not ſo hardly, to proove me a railer, as they ſeeme for the moſt part, by extreame malice, impudence, ignorance, ungodlineſſe, diſdainfulneſſe of the adverſaries, to have beene rather wreſted from me, then of any uncharitable affection uttered by me. But in common civility as our ſtately cenſurer judgeth, I ſhould have forborne theſe learned and reverend men, which in many reſpects (to ſay the leaſt) may be counted my equalls; ſeeing theſe or the like tearmes were not uſed amongſt the Gentiles, nor of any honeſt or Chriſtian writer ſince. I anſwer, civility is to be uſed with Citizens, but not with Traitors: learning and other good qualities to be reſpected in Chriſtian Catholiks, or at the leaſtwiſe in them that are no profeſſed enemies of Chriſtian Catholike Religion, not in malicious heretikes. For equality in learning, I will not contend with them, but for ſuperiority in truth. And yet as unlearned as I am, let the proudeſt of them all, or this Cenſurer, whom in pride and diſdainfulneſſe I thinke to paſſe them all, attaint me of ſuch ignorance, as I convince theſe learned principall pillars of Popery, in their ſeverall printed bookes, in ſo many books as I have written againſt them, and then let me juſtly beare the reproach that I ſhall be prooved to deſerve. Where he ſaith, theſe tearmes were not uſed among the Gentiles, (I will adde, with approbation of Chriſtians) nor of any honeſt or Chriſtian writer ſince; his paſſage runneth before his memory, if he have read; or before his wit and modeſty, if he have not read, what both Gentiles againſt Traitours, and Chriſtians againſt Heretiks and Traitors have written. And if this iſſue might be tryed in preſence, I would not doubt but make his bluſhing countenance bewray his guilty conſcience. But of this Miniſters ſcurrility againſt many men, he ſaith he might repeat a great deale more. I would he might come ſoorth, and ſhew what bull he hath, to raile, and uſe ſcurrility againſt all men, and yet condemne whom it pleaſeth him of railing ſcurrility. But becauſe this Miniſter anſwereth many men forſooth, one ſaid well of him, that he is the common poſthorſe of the Proteſtants; to paſſe you any anſwer without a baite, againſt any Catholike booke which commeth in his way. This is even as good, as becauſe this Cenſurer ſlaundereth many men, another might ſay of him, he is the common packhorſe of the Papiſts, to carry any fardell of lyes deviſed againſt any Chriſtian man or book, that commeth in his way; and the rather becauſe he weareth a paire of winkers over his eyes like a mill-horſe, being aſhamed to ſhew either his face or his name. And more truely then of me, for (with what ſpeed ſoever) I paſſe no mans anſwer but mine own, whereas he taketh up the bundle of ſlanders, deviſed by *Stapleton, Rithe, Coclem, Lindanus, Baſſet*, and a number of other beſide. But mine anſwers are not paſſed in ſuch haſt, as the replies are returned with leiſure: it ſeemeth the beaſts that ſhould bring them are afrayde of ſtumbling. Yet *Martials* epithets remain to be examined, who being a perſon ſo vild and abſurd, to rail ſo unmeaſurably and continually againſt that godly learned man M. Doctor *Calfhill*, of learned and Chriſtian memorie, I was bold in my rejoinder againſt him, to handle in part according to his vertues.

In the beginning, which is *pag.* 21. of the volume, in conſideration of his intolerable ignorance, arrogancy, and impudencie, which appeareth throughout all his book, I ſay that whereas he teameth himſelfe to be a Batchellor of the Law, he is more like a wrangling pettifogger in the Law, than a ſober Student in Divinity, which alſo he profeſſeth to be, for he doth in a manner nothing els but cavill, quarrell, and ſcold. Likewiſe in the very end of my book, exhorting the Papiſts for their credits ſake, to make out a better champion hereafter; I tell them as the truth is, that in this his reply, he doth nothing in a manner, but either conſtrue like an Vſher (as he was ſometimes of Winchester Schoole) or quarrell like a dogbolt Lawyer. To the ſame purpoſe *pag.* 128. where M. *Calfhil* ſaid, If an Angel from heaven teach otherwiſe then the Apoſtles have preached unto us, be he accurſed: *Martial* the quarelling Lawyer findeth fault with his tranſlation, becauſe *Euangelizauerit* may be referred as well to the Diſciples as to the Apoſtles, ſo that the Diſciples preaching are to be credited as well as the Apoſtles. No doubt (ſay I) *if they preach the Doctrine of the Apoſtles, of which the controverſy is, and not of the perſons that preached. But theſe quarrells (Sir Barcheſter) are more meete for the law-courts, where perhaps you are a preating Proctor, then for the Schooles of Diuinity. In this ſaying, if the tearme of law-courts ſeeme too light, I yeeld unto the cenſure of graue and godly men.*

Pag. 130. where *Martiall* citeth *Conſtantius* for the commendation of his Croſſe, I ſay he ſheweth himſelf an ingregious ignorant perſon: for the ſigne which the Emperour commended to be a healthfull ſigne, and true token of vertues, was the name of Chriſt, expreſſed in the character which he ſaw. And *pag.* 154. where he maketh this Syllogiſme, to prove that in time of the Eliberin Councel, pictures were worſhipped, which he ſaith followeth neceſſarily upon the words of the Canon this: That was worſhipped, that was forbidden to be painted on the walls: but pictures were forbidden to be painted on the walls, *Ergo* pictures were worſhipped. Anſwer M. *Calfe*. Hereunto I rejoyne, Who would have thought that an Vſher of Winchester, and Student in Lovaine, that teacheth us (as he ſaid) an old Lawyers poynt, would alſo teach us a newe Logick point, to conclude affirmatively in the ſecond figure, and that all upon particulars? Anſwer M. *Calfe*, quoth *Martial*. Nay anſwer Gooſe to ſuch an argument. And reaſon who will with ſuch an Aſſe any longer about this matter, for I will hearken to his Lawe, ſeeing his Logick is no better.

If Sir Cenſurer will defend this ſyllogiſme, and prove it to be good and lawfull, I will revoke my tearmes.

Pag. 148. where he ſaith, that bread and wine of the Sacrament have no promiſe, I tell him he lyeth like an arrogant hypocrite, for bread and wine have a good promiſe in the one Sacrament, as water in the other.

Pag. 178. where M. *Calfehil* had diſtinguiſhed traditions into ſome neceſſary, ſome contrary to the word, ſome indifferent: I ſay *Martial* like an impudent aſſe, calleth on him to ſhew in what Scripture, Doctor, or counſel, he findeth this diſtinction of traditions. As though a man might not make a true diſtinction in diſputation, but the ſame muſt be found in ſo many words, in Scripture, Doctor, or Counſel, when he himſelfe cannot deny, but the diſtinction is true, and every part to be found in the Scriptures, Doctors, and Councels.

Pag. 133. I call *Martial* blockehead, and ſhameleſſe Aſſe, becauſe he would prove, that the ſpirit of God is not

and Iudge of the interpretation of the Scriptures, [illegible] *Rogers* in the controverſy of the Sacrament not to the [illegible]

Alſo *pag.* 223. [illegible] Martial would ſeeme wiſe then M. [illegible] downe before his father to aſk him bleſſing, did not commit Idolatry? I ſay he is an Aſſe, that [illegible] between civill honor and religious worſhip.

Againe, I call impudently *Martial*, but all Papiſts ſhameleſſe dogs, and blaſphemous Idolaters, which maintaine and make vaine ſtrivings, which ſerve all to ſhame, and offer up both prayers and [illegible] of candles, tapers, and ſuch other thinges unto Images. Who (I ſaid) have given eares, have wagged their heads and lips, [illegible] againſt. I ſay he will blaſpheme upon God, like a Rebell, and ſlanderer of him like a Devill, becauſe he ſaith a Bishop would not carry the pixes of the Conſt that are ſhewed in ſo many places, which yet is confirmed by teſtimony of *Eraſmus*.

Pag. 220. where *Martial* goeth about to prooue that the Sacraments are no helps of our faith, I ſaid, Did you ever heare ſuch a blaſphemy againſt the holy Sacraments, that they ſhould be no helps of our faith? [illegible] These are as many of the ſpeeches noted by the Cenſurer, as I can find, wherein I pray the indifferent Reader weighing upon what cauſe they were uttered, will not ſo lightly condemne me for a railer, ſeeing to reflect of purpoſe malice to my the adverſaries diſcrete to reproch, and not of zeal in defence of truth, as the other ſcurrile and ſharp ſpeeches, as all the Prophets and the holieſt Saints of God, that ever wrote, have uſed againſt the adverſaries thereof. But the moſt hainous accuſation is behind, that I call *Stapleton* a Counſellor to an Emperour, raſcall. I might anſwer as *Nicol Sand* did, when he was reproved for calling the high Prieſt, [illegible] Biſhop, I know not what he was to Emperours Counſellor: quite ſtay, and I know nothing in him worthy to bring himſelf vnder Counſellor. But ſeeing it pleaſed an Emperour to receive him, it is as great a ſtaine, as if an enemy of meane condition ſhould call an Engliſh Counſellor, raſcall. So ſaith our ſtately Cenſurer. But if he will needs charge the Queenes Maieſties Privie Counſell, I will not ſay he playes the raſcall, but either the ignorant fooles, or the malitious wile perſon, to ſuppoſe that *Stapleton*, [illegible] in his Counſellorſhip, with the conſent of their Maieſtie. For they that know the manner of the Princes of Germany, and of other forraigne Princes, can witneſſe, that perſonages of meane eſtate, only being learned in the Lawes, are accepted of the Emperour and other Princes, as their Counſellors, whoſe counſell perhaps they never uſe, but may if it pleaſe them, as of Counſellors at Law. So that one man is Counſellor to the Emperour, and to many other Princes. As for example: *Lodophicus Iohannides*, Doctor of both Lawes, was ordinary Profeſſour in the Univerſity of Frankford, and Counſellor of the Emperour, of the Elector, and Marques of Brandeburge, of the Dukes of Brunſwich, Lunenburge, Megleburge, and of many other Princes of Germany. This was a very grave and wiſe man. But *Guilielmus in Cat. glor. mundi, part.* 10. *conſid.* 41. ſaith, that every ſimple advocate did uſe to call himſelfe the Kings Counſellor of France, before order was taken that none ſhould uſurpe that title, except he were called into ſome office in the Courte. And ſpeaking of ſuch as were Counſellors in office in his time, of whoſe dignity he writeth much, he complaineth that they were promoted into that dignity in Parliament, by meanes of money, or ſome other unknown meanes, *part.* 7. *Conſ.* 13. Such a noble Counſellor was *Stapleton*, having ſome knowledge in the Lawes, being preferred to that title by the Papiſts, of favour more then of worthineſſe, to give him ſome ſhadow of countenance, when he became an Apoſtate from true Religion, and from thoſe Chriſtian Princes and Noble men, by whom he was before upholden. And yet in truth, if the Printer had not miſtaken my writing, I called him Renegate, and apoſtaſell, as before I called him beaſtly Apoſtate. Perhaps the Cenſurer will ſay, I mend the matter well, to call an Emperours Counſellor, beaſtly Apoſtate. But ſo might I have done, though he had been an Emperor himſelfe; for what els was *Iulian* the Emperour, but a beaſtly Apoſtate, or Renegate from Chriſtian Religion, which once he profeſſed? Yea ſuch an Apoſtate is worſe then a beaſt, for he declareth himſelfe thereby to be a reprobate. Therefore the Chriſtians in his time, whereas the Church had alwayes uſed to pray for heathen Tyrants, that held the Empire, and made havock of the Church by perſecution, contrariwiſe prayed againſt this Apoſtate, that God would confound him, and theeves his time. Yea the godly conſtant Biſhops did openly ſpeigh againſt him, as *Mares* Biſhop of Chalcedon, which openly called him impious Atheiſt and Apoſtate. And when *Iulian* counterfeiting mildneſs, did nothing but revile him by his blindneſs, ſaying, the Galilean thy God cannot cure thee, he anſwered, I thank my God Chriſt, that I am blind, that I might not ſee one ſo void of godlineſſe as thou art. Therfore *Stapleton*, being but an Emperours Counſellor, as he was, may endure to heare worſe for his Apoſtaſie, then I have ſpoken againſt him.

Trip. hiſt. lib. 6. c. 6.

The quarell of words being ended, it is time to goe to the matter. Firſt, *pag.* 14. of his anſwer to Maſter *Gouges* Preface, he ſaieth that *D. Fulke againſt Brerewoes Mot. pag.* 92. findeth, that it is evident by Scripture, that heretikes may be burned, againſt *Luther*. That blaſphemous heretiks are to be put to death, I find in Scripture by the Law of blaſphemers, *Lev.* 24. and by the Law of falſe prophets, *Deut.* 13. neither doth *Luther* (I think) deny, but the equity of the ſame Lawes doth ſtill remain, although not every one that erreth obſtinately, ought to be dealt with ſo extreamely. Alſo *pag.* 82. of that book I ſay, that all Proteſtants are one in God, and Chriſt their Redeemer, from which unity, diſſention about ceremonies cannot ſeparate them: and yet I except ſuch ſchiſmatiks as delight in contention. The controverſy between *Luther* and us, doth not hinder us from this unity, although *Luther* and other of prepoſterous zeale of godlineſs, doe otherwiſe account of us, which error is of infirmity, and not of malice.

The *pag.* 23. of the ſame anſwer, there is another charge, where I ſay, that text, Vow ye and render your vowes to the Lord, is a text that appertaineth to the old Teſtament, meaning that it muſt have the expoſition according to the Law, of ſuch things as God did allow, and were in mans power to performe. For what if a man vowed to ſacrifice a dogge? what ſay we to *Iephthaes* raſh vowe? to the vowe of them that vowed to kill *Paul*? Our Cenſurer reporteth my wordes, that this text belongeth onely to the old Teſtament, as though I ſaid, there was no uſe of it in the new Teſtament. There is one lye by addition. In the ſame place, to the text, If thou wilt be perfect, goe and ſell what thou haſt, &c. I ſay, it is a ſingular, ſpeaking to that one perſon: for every man is not bound ſo to doe. Yet our Cenſurer cavilleth, that ſo all the other words ſpoken to that young man, may be reſtrayned and made ſingular, as whatſoever elſe was ſpoken to any ſingular perſon. As though my reaſon were, that therefore it was ſingular, becauſe it was ſpoken to one man. As if wee had not generall Lawes and rules, to know what is injoyned to all men, what to ſome men, and what to a ſingular perſon. In the next *pag.* 24. hee quarelleth at my expoſition of the ſaying of Saint *Iames*, *chap.* 2. that a man is juſtifyed of workes, and not of faith onely. Where I ſay, workes are not denyed to juſtify before men, and onely faith, without workes, is thought to juſtifie before God, *Rom.* 3. this he calleth a

a poore device, because Saint *Iames* talking of faith without workes, faith is called dead workes. Nay rather this is a poore cavill: for Saint *Iames* talketh of another kind of faith, as well as of another kind of iustification, when his saying seemeth to be contradictory to Saint *Paul*. And that in the place in question he meaneth iustification before men, is in the other place a faith voide of good workes, is manifest, both by this owne words, *Shew me thy faith by thy workes*; and also by the example of *Abraham* tried, which was not to informe God of his iustification, but to giue testimony before men.

Pag. 25: to shew how Protestants deny all Fathers, he bringeth me for an example in many places. First here, such the consent of ancient Fathers is alleadged, attributing superiority vnto *Peter* vpon that text; *Matth.* 16. *Thou art Peter, &c.* This he saith I avoyd very lightly, saying that diuers of the ancient Fathers were deceived in opinion of *Peters* prerogatiue. As for the consent of all, which he would haue to be for it, is false: but this is not all mine answer, but that this prerogatiue appeareth not in the Scriptures; which was heavier than the answerers pen could beare: or if he thinke it doth, let him prooue by syllogisme out of the Scripture if he can. But untill he can, I will say this is a lye by detraction.

Against the Rocke, p. 291.

Secondly, where I say, those ancient Fathers that expound the text *Iohn* 5. *I came in my Fathers name, &c.* of Arrianisme, haue no ground of their exposition, I proue it by examples of *Theodotus* the Egyptian, *Cocubus*, and other that deceived the Iewes in their owne name, yet make of them who Antichrist?

Against the Fortresse, p. 52.

Thirdly, where he saith, *Ierome* with all the Ecclesiasticall writers are alleadged, for the interpretation of the words of *Daniel*, *chap.* 7. which interpretation I doe not admit; because it hath no direction out of the Scriptures, he maketh a lye by multiplication: for only *Ierome* with such Ecclesiasticall writers one of whom he gathered his interpretation, is alleadged.

Fourthly, he slandereth me, when he chargeth me to say, *Augustine* doth wrongfully interpret the place: for I doe allow of *Augustines* sayings to be true, but I say he speaketh it vpon a text wrongly interpreted, that is, falsly translated, *He hath plated his Tabernacle in the Sunne*, whereas the truth is, *He hath made in the heavens a Tabernacle for the Sunne*; and so doth *Hierome* interpret it, *Posuit Tabernaculum in eis.* Finally, where he saith, that Saint *Ambrose*, *Ephrem*, and *Beda* are alleadged for interpretation of certaine Scriptures, he saith he noteth not what, for they are alleadged for memories of the dead, which I say I will not deny: but they were vsed before their times, and prayer for the dead also: but without warrant of Gods word, or authority of Scripture, but such as is so pitifully wrested and drawne vnto them, as every man may see, the holy Ghost never meant any such thing, as they gather of them. *This I speake not of these three, but of such as would goe about to proue prayer for the dead out of the Scriptures:* as Chrysostome, *who followeth in the first place, who indeede (say they) alleageth Scripture for it, but he applieth it madly, and yet he often applieth it to the same purpose, bicause it was the best for that purpose. God saith vnto Ezechias, I will defend this Citie, for mine owne cause, and for* David *my servantes sake. Alas good man, what manner of reason is this? Be it so he saith, that the memory of* David *my servantes sake, and not rather the truth of Gods promise made to* David, *moved him to defend the Citie from the enemies: doth it therefore follow that prayer and almes are available for the dead? &c.* If Master Censurer thinke *Chrysostome* haue applyed the Scripture rightly, let him gather his argument into a Syllogisme, and we will shape him an other answere.

Against Martiall, Pag. 146.

Seventhly I will not deny, but I said that those fathers, whom *Martiall* quoted, did rather dally in trifling allegories, than soundly proue, that the Crosse was prefigured in such places of Scripture as they allege. As *Augustine* maketh the two stickes, that the Widow of Sarepta gathered, a figure of the Crosse. *Augustine* and *Tertullian*, the lifting vp of *Moses* hands, &c. in which places yet they meant the vertue of Christs death, rather than the holinesse of the signe.

Moreover, *page*, 33. Master *Fulke* is charged to abuse the simple people, in saying often times: prayer for the dead is an heresie, because the Montanists, which were heretikes held it. Nay sir, because the Montanists are the first that invented prayer for the dead, and Purgatory, seeing neither in Scripture, nor doctor, is any mention of either of both before *Montanus*, therefore he saith prayer for the dead is an error. But he will haue me proue, that this was ever accounted one of *Montanus* heresies. *Tertullian* being a Montanist proveth it sufficiently, for he inveigheth against the Catholikes of his time, whom he vsed to call *Psychicos*, for denying Purgatory, and obiecteth against them the paraclet which was the spirit of *Montane*, which affirmed, that none but Martyrs went streight to heaven, and that all other went to hell, where they must pay the vttermost farthing before they come forth, *lib. de anima, cogite de inferis, & an aliquid patiantur apud inferos animæ*; whereas he was of another iudgement, while he was a Catholike, and did write against *Marcion*, noting it as one of his errors, that he affirmed all the Fathers before Christ, to haue gone to hell, as you Papists doe, *Aduersus Marcionem lib.* 4. whereas he saith against *Marcion*, *aliud enim inferi ut puto, aliud quodque Abrahæ sinus*: Hell I trow is one thing, and *Abrahams* bosome an other thing. But against the Catholikes, hee writeth, that Christ descendeth to hell, to make the Patriarkes and Prophets partakers of him, whereby (saith he) you may knocke them on the elbow, *qui satis superbe non putent animas fidelium inferis dignas: serui super dominum, & discipuli super magistrum, asperati si ferte in Abrahæ sinus, expectande resurrectionis solatium capere*; which proudly enough thinke, the soules of the faithfull are not worthy of hell, being seruants aboue their Lord, and Schollers aboue their master, which disdaine to receiue the comfort of the resurrection looked for, if it were perhaps in Abrahams bosome. That other latter Catholike writers, which lived long after *Tertullian*, allowed prayer for the dead, it proveth not that it was no error in *Montanus*, but rather that it was an error in them, seeing before *Montanus* no Catholike allowed prayer for the dead. To his proud challenge, I offer not only this that I haue said, of the error of praying for the dead, and Purgatory, but of some parts of the heresie of the Pelagians, condemned in old time, and accused for heresie: revived by the Papists, and the contrary doctrine by them accursed. As the Tridentine Councell, *Sess.* 6. *Can.* 7. *accurseth them that say: that all workes done before iustification, howsoever they are done, are sinnes indeed, or deserue the hatred of God, or by how much soever a man doth indeavour to dispose himselfe to grace, that he sinneth so much the more grievously.* This doctrine, and that which necessarily followeth of it, is directly contrary to the Scripture, saying that whatsoever is not of faith is sin: and to the decree of the Melevitane Councell, *Cap.* 5. and to the Scripture there alledged, *Without me you can doe nothing*, ergo a man without grace cannot dispose himselfe to grace. For no man can dispose himselfe to grace, except he please god, but *without faith it is impossible to please him*.

Againe, where the 16. Can. of the same Tridentine Chapter, accursed him that shall say: That the commandements are impossible to be kept, by a man iustified and set vnder grace: it is contrary to the first Canon of the Melevitane Councell, which concludeth, that no man can be without sinne; according to the saying of the Euangelist; *If wee say we haue no sinne, &c.*

But whereas we acknowledge, that wee hold for trueth that which by *Epiphanius* and *Augustine* was held for an errour, in *Aerius*, namely, prayer for the dead; answering that those two Doctors were deceived, hee saith, wee condemne the whole Church, as though it were necessary that the whole Church were deceived as

as much as they, or if the whole Church were damnable, that was condemned it of heresie, seeing prayer for the dead as it was allowed by those Fathers, was not counted not an heresie. But where by [illegible] images in the Church are condemned and defaced, where the [illegible] of the Image of Christ and Angels in both by *Epiphanius* and *Augustine* condemned for an heresie, as also *Gregorie* and Gaolikes, what have they to answer, but either to condemne those Fathers, or themselues of error, yea rather to [illegible] against their owne consciences, and sight and knowledge and [illegible] of all learned and indifferent men?

Pag. 34. against *Stapleton Motiues*, I say that *Pope Gregorie* (whome the Papists make so great an heretike for denying inuocation of Saints, and superiority of the [illegible]) [illegible] by *Hooper*, of other learned men in his time he was counted a godly man, and a [illegible] Centurie, chapter 10. [illegible] pleased him. The pride and crueltie of *Augustine* the Monke, which came to conuert the Saxons, is recorded by our British stories, and proof thereof is [illegible] of his Catholicke [illegible] ouerthrowing the British Bishops, and procuring the slaughter of so many hundred Seruants of Bangor. His [illegible] himselfe in his writings to Pope *Gregorie*, where he [illegible] of his good in planting Faith, where [illegible] it was not, as in ouerturning the sincerity of the faith wherein it was before he came. And as he planted many [illegible] traditions, and confirmed them by lying signes and miracles, that [illegible] euen immediately after his time to be openly shewed of, by fabulous practice, miracles have been faigned of him [illegible] by him and inserted by a credulous man [illegible] him to haue been both a proud and a [illegible] able to the doctrine of the Apostles of Christ, who [illegible] he taught [illegible] from heaven, much [illegible] of *Augustine* Bonne. But [illegible] a fabulous man; he is one able to bring any [illegible] fables soeuer minded is, yet this reuerence I professe to haue of him, that I thank God for the [illegible] himselfe, but had them to be confessed by relation of others. *Page* 232. But a fabulous man is he, that may [illegible] lyes; and [illegible] fables. *Pag.* 57. he [illegible] federation of her Maiesties singular vertues, and other of high estate vnder her, while he [illegible] wicked and loose times: and this I did to scrape a little fauour from the Court, and to make the other [illegible] I thank God, fauour is not so hard for me to the Court, but I need no scrape it, especially by such fond meanes which hath rather flowed towards me from her Maiesty and other of high place more than I haue deserued. But to make the other odious for his flattering railing and hypocrisie, I will not deny but my purpose was, and yet with truth, and sufficient ground of his owne writings. For whereas in publike writings both he and some other of his complices haue professed their reuerence and opinion of her Maiesties singular vertues, and other of high estate, that are vnder her, in his priuate letters to his worshipfull friend, he condemneth all persons of this time, to be void of all sense of vertuous life, except those few Popish Gentlemen, which he tearmeth precise in matters of religion, and respecters of their conscience, whom he doth so ambitiously commend, that he doth most flatteringly condemne all other, that be friends to religion and the state, among whom there be (God be praised) great numbers to speake nothing of the Prince and nobility, who in godly life and precise walking in the feare of God, and the obedience of his lawes, may shame all the Popish hypocrites in the world. But it is best to set downe *Howlets* owne words and mine answer to them, that the Reader may iudge, whether I have flattered or the Censurer saith more palpably, or *Howlet* slandered more vnreasonably.

Against Bristow Motives pag. 19. *Against Stapleton pag.* 21. *Gal. Mun.* [illegible]

Pag. 333.

It was no meane comfort vnto me (saith Howlet) *to conclude that in these wicked and loose times of ours, wherein there is no feeling or sense of vertue left, but all men enuy repped in the lore of Gods professed enemy, the world, so that there should be found in England (among with all sorts and full sale) the vanities and ambition of the time, that there should be found in England so many Gentlemen both for their prayers, liuings, and other abilities, as for to be a wailing in the rest, yet so precise in matters of religion, and so reflective to their consciences, as that they will prefer their soules before their body, &c.*

Hereto I began to answer thus:

*Indeed Sir you haue followed your slanderer slander with full sayle, and he no hand would or will. What say you? Is there no sense or feeling of vertue left, but all men enuy repped in the lore of Gods enemy, except those few Gentlemen, the master of your rare comforts? In your familiar letters, we must suppose you write as you thinke, and of the men, the master of your rare comforts? In your familiar letters, we must suppose you write as you thinke, and of the men your deare and worshipfull friend? Wherefore whatsoeuer you doe in common writings professe of your reuerent opinion of her Maiesties singular vertues, and other of high estate, that are vnder her, executors of her Christian lawes, all is but dissembled leasing and hypocrisie, feigned glosing, and seruile flattery. For you acknowledge not only no vertue, but not so much as any sense or feeling of vertue, to be left in any other, than those Gentlemen Recusants, all other men not allowed nor vncoupled, but enuy repped in the lore of Gods professed enemy the world, and seduced and drawne thereby, but following, and that not slowly, but with all force and full sayle, vanities and ambitions of the same. If this were true, it would make a more miserable estate of England than you before imagined, by reason

Creede

call the Apostles Creed.

For the [illegible] of the Sabbaoth day; which is the second point wherein you dare Master *Charke*, I dare affirme, that [illegible] is not commanded in the Scripture, the observation thereof is not necessary to saluation. That [illegible] is an Apostolike tradition, is not materiall, seeing that very contention, which he repeateth with [illegible] observation of Easter, according to the *Apostolike* tradition, by the immediate successors of the Apostles, *Anicetus* and *Polycarpus* doe plainly witnesse, what credit is to be given to the traditions of the Apostles without the warrant of the Apostles writings. *Euseb. lib. 5. cap. 26.* For while *Anicetus* pretendeth the tradition of S. *Peter*, and *Polycarpus* S. *John*, and neither would yeeld to other, they teach us what to esteeme of traditions apostolicall, not contained in the holy Scriptures: Namely, that in these dayes there can be no certainty of them, when they which might see and heare the Apostles themselues, could not agree about them. Last of all, which you make the greatest matter, the perpetuall virginity of the Mother of Christ after his birth; although for my part I doe beleeue it, and with all mine heart so doe; yet dare I affirme, that it is not damnable, not to beleeue it, except it can be proued, that the Scripture hath taught it. But you obiect against me, first the condemnation of *Heluidius*, inhibited by *Siricius*. Whereto I answere, that he was iustly condemned, not because he beleeued not, but because he did obstinately deny it, and troubled the peace of the Church, about an vnnecessary question.

But you make us, if we remember not the solemne curse for this matter, of so many holy Bishops recorded and confirmed by Saint *Ambrose*; *Ep. 82. & 79.* Is so much you remember it not your selfe, for that curse contained in the end of the *Ep. 81.* was against them that like Manichees, deuyed that our Saviour Christ tooke flesh of a Virgine. And *Ep. 79.* he reproueth those which did contend, that the virgine *Mary* had more sonnes than our Saviour Christ, which to affirme is a great error: and conuinced by the authority of the Scripture, seeing as Saint *Ambrose* well noteth, our Saviour Christ commended his mother to *John* the Euangelist, which had not bin needfull if she had naturall children of her owne, which might take care of her.

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what was the Apostles tradition, which was not written, as Paul 2. Thes. 2. 15. saith, of the Ceremony or practise of the Apostles, which is not mentioned in the Scripture, was but [illegible] adhering in the power of the Church to [illegible] which as it might [illegible] for edifying. Finally, where you affirme, that Fulke came but yesterday from the Commune schoole, [illegible] it seeme that he is but a young Grammarian, either your dayes be neere as long as [illegible] or else your pen runneth beyond your knowledge of him, or at leastwise your malice ouer-[illegible] ledge. But yet to this ceremony, (of crediting one Christ, or Fulke before so many ancient fathers) you are driven, and bad men heathen a little how D. Fulke handleth these men above traditions. And [illegible] alleadging the tradition of Christ himselfe, concerning the mingling of wine and water in the Chalice: But if Cyprian had ben well urged (saith Fulke) he would have better considered of the matter. Thus you would make men beleeue, that I oppose nothing but mine owne authority or credite against S. Cyprian. But then you shame-fully belie me; for this is the matter, and these are my words which you have gelded at your pleasure.

Against Mart. p.170.

Whereas Cyprian ad Pompeium calleth all traditions to the writings and commandements of the Apostles, Martiall erieth out that Cyprian is slandered, because he himselfe alleaged the tradition of Christ for mingling of water with wine. If Cyprian breake his owne rule, who can excuse him? But if he had beene urged as much for the necessity of water, as he was for the necessity of wine in the Sacrament, he would have better considered of the matter. Who seeth not I suppose no lesse authority against Cyprian, than of Cyprian himselfe, and therefore I boast not of mine owne credit about his?

Against Mart. p.178.

To proceede, Tertullian is also alleaged saying, that the blessing with the signe of the Crosse, is an Apostolike tradition. Fulke, Tertullian's assurance of tradition without scripture in that place is corrupt. If I should search no further, here is a reason of Fulkes millike of Tertullians judgement added, because he affirmeth tradition of the Apostles, without the writing of the Apostles. But indeed there is in the place by you noted, other arguments in these words: Tertullians judgement of traditions without Scripture in that place is corrupt, for Martiall himselfe confesseth, that a tradition unwritten should be reasonable and agreeable to the Scriptures: and so he saith the tradition of blessing with the Crosse is, because the Apostles by the holy Ghost delivered it. But who shall be iudge of the unreasonable or vnfit vses of God. This lack and invincible argument in refuting my words you leave out, which perhaps you could not see in few words, I will set it more abroad. The vnresistible spirituall armour of God, as delivered by Saint Paul Eph. 6. blessing with the signe of the Crosse is no part of the spirituall armour of God. Now let us see, whether you will believe S. Paul before a Tertullian, or a Basil, or a Fulke with Saint Paul, before a Basil with Tertullian without Saint Paul or against Saint Paul?

Ephes. 6.

But you goe forward, Saint Hierome is alledged, saying that Lent fast is the tradition of the Apostles. Fulke. Hierome expressely describeth that Tradition to the Apostles. My words are against Bristowes Mot. pag. 351. these: Against Saint Hierome saith; it was a Tradition of the Apostles to fast forty dayes in the yeare. If this be true, then is the Popish fable false, that maketh Telesphorus Bishoppe of Rome author of that Lenten Fast. Eusebius sheweth the great diversity of fasting before Telesphorus lib. 5. cap. 26. saying, that some fasted but one day, some two dayes, some more, some fewer: diuers of the auncients. This diuersity presenteth, that Hierome narrowly searcheth that Tradition to the Apostles; which should have been expressely, if it had any institution of the Apostles. Among so many vntruthes and vnhonesties, cited for proofe you can find nothing, but Fulke saith blindly; Hierome narrowly searcheth that Tradition to the Apostles. And pages after, Saint Chrysostome is alleadged, saying that the Apostles decreed, that in the sacrifice of the Altar, there should be made prayer for the departed: Fulke: where bee saith it was decreed by the Apostles, &c. but must pardon us for not taking him, because his testimonie is one of the acts and workings of the Apostles. If I had added many other arguments, this had been sufficient for us, to forbeare crediting any thing of the Apostles by them of vnwritten traditions, which had been immediately vpon these vvordes vttered by Maister Gentleman. And with what bold vnchristian face can he be witnesse. But you shall heare what I oppose against Chrysostome, beside this. Against pag. 303. it followeth [illegible] saying: Hom. de Adam & Herla Satis sufficeret, &c. What should I stand in sufficient reasons, [illegible] what soever shall appeare vnto vs to be vsed of the Apostles, according to the vnwritten verities, [illegible] Thess. 5. 21. and against the Gen. Heret. 58. Vides in Apostolis, &c. 58. Quia sacrificat, &c. but this vnfurnished and lame Scripture, but climbeth another way, that is, by a way we allowed, & to their owne vse [illegible] Hom. de Phar. & Publ. dicam, &c. I will say somewhat more, wee must not be ruled by Paul himselfe, in 2. ad Tim. 4. to preach, vrge in season, out of season, reprooue, obtest, reproue, exhort in all long suffering and doctrine. But if we be forbid to speake any thing that is vnwritten, but must obey the Apostle when he commands preaching to him, to beseech, reproue, exhort: how can we be excused of wilfulness, if we speake any thing that is vnwritten? Chrysostome, as we said but now would not have Paul himselfe, if he speake otherwise, to be heard. Hom. 11. in 2. ad Thess.

[illegible] to the [illegible] words. *You must [illegible] of [illegible] and darknesse (except their first letters be rather the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], that Christ was a priest, or did sacrifice, according to his Godhead, which is to make Christ God his Father's Priest, and not his Sonne, and to doe sacrifice and homage to him, as his Lord, and not as his equall in dignity, as* Saint Theodoret *saith,* in Psalm. 109. *Thou art but man, how then priest? as God, but not Priest. And* Theodoret *in Psalm. 109. As man he did offer sacrifice, but as God he received sacrifice. And again, Christ considering his humanitie was called a Priest, and had offered none other host but his owne body, &c. Now if some of our new Masters not knowing so much, did let fall out of their mouths the same, and being admonished of the trouth, and that it was very horrible sinne, yet they persist in it, of meere ignorance in the grounds of Divinity.* First with the intollerable pride of these Popish Interpreters, that challenge to themselves all learning and knowledge in Divinity, condemning all other men of ignorance and meere ignorance in the grounds of Divinity: So playeth *Bristow* with the Bishoppe of Sarum, whom in the place by them quoted, I reproved in these words: The like impudent cavill he bringeth against Master *Iewell*, whom no man I thinke without impudence can reade, to be charged with ignorance by blundering *Bristow*, for affirming Christ to be a Priest according to his Deity, whom the Apostle expressely saith by his eternall spirit to have offered himselfe, *Hebr.9. verse* 14. But that you may the better understand this controversy betweene us, we deny not that Christ was a Priest according to his humanity, but we affirme that whole Christ is a Priest as he is both God and man. For in the office of Priesthood two things must be considered, a ministery and an authority. In respect of the ministeriall part, our Saviour Christ performed that office as man: but in respect of authority of entring into the holyest place, and reconciling us to God and presenting us unto God, which was the principall part of his Priesthood, he did performe it as the Sonne of God, as Lord and maker of the house, and not as a servant, but as God, which hath created all things. *Hebr.3. verse* 1.2.3.4.5. and 6. Against this sound doctrine, let us examine what the Heretikes alleadge. First, they charge it most odiously with Arrianisme, but without all sparke of reason; seeing we distinguish plainly the authority of God the Sonne, which is equall with his Father from the ministery of the man Iesus Christ inferiour to his Father, as touching his manhood. Secondly, they charge us that we sticke not to say: Christ was a Priest or did sacrifice according to his Godhead. We say he was a Priest and did offer sacrifice, both according to his Godhead, and according to his manhood. And the same saith the Apostle in effect, when he saith: The bloud of Christ, which by his eternall spirit, offered himselfe unreprooveable to God, shall purge your consciences, &c. *Hebr.9.14.* For not the bloud of beasts, nor of any man though he had been innocent, but the bloud of that man which was God, was the price of our redemption; in which respect the Apostle *Act.20. verse* 28. saith that God purchased his Church unto himselfe by his owne bloud. For by the eternall spirit is understood that infinite power of the Divinity, united to the humanity, by which the Sacrifice of Christ was consecrated, that by the same lively or quickning vertue, by which he created us he might also restore us. Whereunto our Saviour Christ had regard, when he said *Iohn 6.* It is the spirit that giveth life, the flesh profiteth nothing. But this (say the Papists) is to make Christ God the Fathers Priest, and not his Sonne. Nay rather this is to acknowledge Christ to bee both his Fathers Sonne, and his Priest, even as the Apostle saith: The Law appointeth Priests, men that have infirmity: but the word of the oath which is after the Law, the Sonne for ever perfected. *Hebr.7. verse* 28. Where by the opposition of men having infirmity, with the Sonne perfected for ever: it is most cleare, that the word of the oath maketh Christ, as he is the Sonne of God, a Priest after the order of *Melchisedech*. Where I cannot omit the shamefull corruption of this text in the Popish translation, which to hide this opposition, betweene man, and God the sonne of God, hath altogether left out this word, men, although it be in the Latine expressed manifestly. *Lex enim homines constituit sacerdotes infirmitatem habentes*, which they translate thus: For the Law appointeth Priests, them that have infirmity.

But to proceede. Our accusers adde further, that our assertion is to make Christ to doe sacrifice and homage to God his Father, as his Lord, and not as his equall in dignity and nature. I answere no more then when Saint *Paul* saith, that Christ when he was in the forme of God, and thought it no robbery to be equall with God, he made himselfe of no reputation, tooke upon him the shape of a servant, became obedient to the death, even the death of the Crosse. I have sufficiently before distinguished, that all parts of his Priesthood that required obedience, service, homage, ministery, subjection, hee performed as man: but the authority of reconciling men unto God, he wrought as God and man, even as the Apostle writeth: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himselfe, 2 *Cor.5. verse* 19. That he might be a Priest therefore able and worthy to make attonement with God, he was God, that his reconciliation and satisfaction might extend to men, he was man: and so being God and man he is a perfect mediator between God and man, and an high Priest for ever after the order of *Melchisedech*.

All this notwithstanding, they oppose against us the authority of the Fathers, who doubtlesse had no other meaning then wee to keepe this distinction. First, *Augustine in Psalm.109.* is produced to say, that as he was man he was Priest, as God he was not Priest. But *Augustines* words are somewhat otherwise upon the text, *Iuravit Dominus, &c. Ab hoc enim verbo ex utero ante Luciferum, ut esset sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech, Sumatum ex utero de Virgine intelligimus ante Luciferum nostrum; sicut Evangelio dicitur, prouel dubio hinc ex utero ante Luciferum, ut esset sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech. Nam secundum id quod natus est de patre Deus apud Deum, coaeternus cigenitus, non Sacerdos: sed Secundum susceptam carnem assumptam, propter victimam, quam pro nobis offerret: a nobis acceptam. The Lord hath sworne, &c. For in his and thou wast borne out of the wombe before the day-starre, thou thou mightest be a Priest for ever after the order of* Melchisedech. *For according to that he is borne of God the Father God with God, coeternall unto him that begetteth, he is not a Priest: but a Priest for his flesh assumpted, for the sacrifice which being taken of us, he might offer for us.*

In these words *Augustine* meaning is plain enough that Christ according to his divine and eternall generation, could not have been a Priest for us, except he had taken our flesh and been borne a man, which we doe alwaye confesse. But that our redemption by his sacrifice was the meere worke of his manhood only, he saith not, but the contrary if he be marked. For he saith that the Sonne of God was a Priest, for the flesh that he tooke of us that he might offer for us that sacrifice which he took of us. Here it is plaine that Christ as God offereth sacrifice, but he offereth as a Priest, for to offer sacrifice pertaineth to a Priest, therefore Christ as God is a Priest, yea not as God only, but as God and man: Whereupon the same *Augustine* saith in the word: *O Dominus qui locutus es, &c. O Lord which hast sworne and said, Thou art a Priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedech, the same Priest for ever, is the Lord on thy right hand, the very same I say Priest for ever, of whom this hath sworne, it is the Lord on thy right hand, because thou hast said to the same, thy Lord, sit thou on my right hand, untill I make thine enemies thy footestoole.*

Here

[illegible] from the [illegible] Word, Wonder Lord, as he was God, Formed, framed or he were man, & that [illegible] Priest, [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Christ, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] God, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY MONARCH, OVR DEARE AND dread Soveraigne Lord, *CHARLES*, by the good providence of God, King of GREAT BRITAINE, FRANCE, and IRELAND, Defender of the Faith, and most Gracious Patron of the

CHVRCH.

MOST GRACIOVS AND DREAD SOVERAIGNE,

IT was the eminent Care of your most royall Father, both that the holy Scriptures should be transmitted to his people in that most pure and faithfull Translation, which this Kingdome now enioyes; as likewise to prevent the contrary mischiefe of this popish Translation, which might infect and seduce his Subiects. For which end his Maiestie was graciously pleased to graunt an especiall Priviledge vnder his Broad Seale, for the reprinting of this worthy Worke, which vindicates the whole New Testament from their corrupt Glosses.

Your most Excellent Maiestie inherites, to the ioy of all your good subiects, as his Kingdomes, so his zeale against Poperie, and for the trueth and puritie of the Scriptures, which hath emboldened mee though a poore woman, yet being the daughter of the deceased Authour, and the neerest allyed to this Everliving [illegible] of [illegible]

Mind,

Mind, to preſent it to your Maieſtie: Beſeeching your Maieſtie to accept and protect this Worke with the same grace your royall Father did, as being one among others of thoſe prime Fortes and Bulwarkes your Maieſties Kingdome hath to withſtand the common inrodes and invaſion of a Troupe of Romiſh and Rhemiſh Ieſuites, who endeavoured by this, as the moſt ſubtill and plauſible way that ever yet they enterpriſed, to build up the walls of *Rome* in *England*.

The Father of mercies crowne your Maieſtie with all the Bleſsings which are laid up in Heaven or Earth: So prayes

Your Majeſties moſt humble

and dutifull Subject,

HESTER OGDEN.

TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY PRINCESSE *ELIZABETH*,

by the grace of God, Queene of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

AT ſuch time as I publiſhed a Defence of our Engliſh tranſlations of the holy Scriptures, againſt the malicious cavils of *Gregorie Martine*, and was bold to offer the ſame unto your Majeſties moſt honourable protection (moſt mighty & gracious Soveraigne) I thought my ſelfe diſcharged in duty from any further dealing againſt theſe Rhemiſh Gloſes. Both for that I was perſwaded, that among ſo many learned Divines, as doe now flouriſh in the Church of England, a worke of ſuch importance could not be altogether neglected: & eſpecially becauſe it was reported, that by other men of very good gifts, it was already even at the firſt undertaken. But ſo many yeares having paſſed, and the expectation of many godly men not yet being ſatisfied with a full & generall anſwer (although their hunger hath bin well ſlaked with ſundry learned Diſcourſes, uttered partly by occaſion in other bookes, partly in ſpeciall Treatiſes directed againſt ſome portion of theſe Annotations, beſide often confutations of the ſame in publike Sermons) being ſolicited by men of good judgement and qualities, I haue attempted to ſet forth by my ſelfe, that which I haue long looked for, & much rather deſired to be performed by others. Not meaning therby to prejudice the more learned labours, & longer ſtudied Commentaries of them that had take the matter in hand before me, if they purpoſe at length to bring them to light: but to provide in the meane time, that by a ſhort and ſufficient reply, the weake might be confirmed, the doubtful ſatisfied, & eſpecially the inſolency of the Adverſaries might be repreſſed. Who not content to quarrell at the ſinceritie and truth of our Tranſlations, and to ſet out a farre worſe themſelues: haue alſo indeavoured to corrupt the ſenſe of the new Teſtament (howſoever tranſlated) with hereticall notes and ſophiſticall

sticall Collections. In which, lest their scope and purpose might bee hidden in any cloyne, they have not onely framed a colour for their diverse petitions in the Conference of last May, out of the Lords Supper, but also they have declared their speciall purpose against your Majesties most lawfull and godly government, not omitting in their trayterous intendiment, to undermine and supplant even the foundation of your Majesties most just title of Inheritance unto the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme. Which their most ungodly intent, if it were at the first obscure to any (as to wise men it could never bee unknowne) yet it hath since openly discovered it selfe to bee the same, that was in sending over of so many of their Circumcellion Iesuites & Seminary Priests. Even to prepare a way to those most detestable practises, that since that time by secret conspiracies haue beene attempted against your Majesties most sacred life (which by the miraculous providence of Almightie God hath hitherto beene preserved:) and lately by open and invincible force (as they boasted) hath been assayed, against the life and libertie, not onely of your most excellent Maiestie, but also of all your faithfull Subjects, and to the utter subversion of the happy estate of our most deare Countrey for ever. But the Lord of Hostes our mercifull Father, in whom your Majestie hath alwayes trusted, and found helpe and deliverance out of all your troubles, even from your youth hitherto: and Iesus Christ our Lord, whose Church under your most comfortable protection and government, hath enjoyed a long and happie rest, to the salvation of many thousand soules, hath mightily and marvellously defended your Majestie and his Church. In which most glorious deliverance he hath so manifestly declared his gracious favour toward us, (that albeit nothing was omitted that by wise counsell should haue been appoynted, or by a valiant Armie beene executed) yet hee hath given us evident occasion to sing with the Prophet: *By his owne right hand, and with his holy arme hath he gotten himselfe the victorie. And all the ends of the world haue seene the salvation of our God.* Yea, the whole Psalme seemeth so liuely to expresse the Lords mercy toward us, and our dutie toward him, as if it had bin specially endited for this time and occasion. In which, with gratulation of your Majesties most prosperous successe, we may be bold to say, not only that which is in every mans mouth and pen, out of the Poet *Claudianus*:

Psalm. 98.

O nimium dilecta Deo, tibi militat æther,
Et conjurati veniunt ad classica venti.

But also in imitation of another elder Poet:

——tua carbasa vexit
Oceanus, tumidos satis indignatus Iberos.

Valerius Flaccus.

And whereas the adversaries made no small account of that Astrologicall prediction, and perhaps trusted in it no lesse then *Crœsus* did in

in the answere of *Apollo*, we may now safely declare the accomplishment by adding a Parenthesis, and say,

Croesus passing over Halys, &c.

Thus hath the infinite goodnes of our Saviour, not only given grace unto your Maiestie, according to the heavenly oracle, *Apoc.* 18. 4. to leade the people of God with you out of Babylon: but also sufficient power and just cause to render unto her as she hath rendred unto us, and to reward her double according to her workes. Which great severitie the Spirit of God would not so streightly haue injoyned to his faithfull Church, and the chiefe Governours thereof, but that he foresaw that the wickednesse of Antichrist and his members would throughly deserue it.

A part of whose impietie against the Lord, his Word, his Church, and your Majesty his anointed, I haue endeavoured according to my calling and abilitie, to lay open and overthrow, by confuting these Annotations: humbly beseeching your Majesty graciously to accept my dutifull endeavour therein, not so worthy (I confesse) of your royall acceptation, as meet to bee published in some respects before mentioned.

The God of heaven, who hath hitherto most abundantly garnished your Majesties reigne with all princely ornaments equal to the best and superiour to the most of your noble Progenitors, vouchsafe to continue the gracious light of his countenance toward your Majestie for ever, and so blesse this Autumne of your Majesties age, with most excellent fruites of godly, prosperous and victorious government, that his glory may be advanced above all things, and your honour endure unto all posteritie. AMEN.

Your Majesties most humble subiect,

WILLIAM FVLKE.

THE

THE SIGNIFICATION OR MEAning of the numbers and markes vsed in the New Testament of the Rhemes Translation.

THe numbers in the Argument before every Chapter, point to the same number of verses in the text, treating of the same matter.

The number in the beginning of the Annotations signifie, that the Annotation is upon such a verse of the text.

The numbers in the inner margent, or els where, ioyned to the citations of Scripture, if they be written thus, Gen. 4, 16. the first is the Chapter, the second is the verse. If thus, Gen. 4 16. both are the Chapters. If thus, Gen. 4, 16. 17. 18 the first is the Chapter, all the rest, the verses. If thus, Gen. 4, 16. 5, 7. it signifieth, chap. 4. vers. 16, and chap. 5. vers. 1 6. and chap. 5. vers. 7.

‖ This marke in the text, signifieth that there is an Annotation upon the word or words which follow the said marke.

* This starre in the text, or in the Annotation, signifieth the allegations cited over against the same in the margent, or some other thing answering thereunto.

‖ This marke sheweth an other reading in the margent. And if there bee nothing in the margent, it signifieth that those words are not in some copies.

a b c These notes in the text, refer the reader to the selfe same in the margent.

☞ This marke signifieth the ending of Gospels and Epistles. Their beginning of them, is set, The Gospell or, the Epistle upon such a day. And if it could not bee so set directly (because of other marginall notes) then b is the marke of their beginning.

FVLL. Such Marginall Notes as are confuted, follow at the end of the Chapter with their confutations, and with reference to the verse, upon which they are given.

THE

THE EXPLICATION OF CERTAINE WORDES IN THE RHEMISH Translation, not familiar to the vulgar Reader, which (if wee please shew) might not commodiously bee answered otherwise.

A

Abstracted, draweene away. Iam. 1, 14.
Adoption, signifieth getting preheritage. Eph. 1, 14.
Advent, the comming. Mat. 24. 27.
Adulterating, corrupting. 2 Cor. 2, 17.
2 Cor. 4, 2.
Agnition, knowledge, or acknowledging. Philem. 6.
Allegorie, a mysticall speech, more then the bare letter. Gal. 4, 24.
Amen expounded. Ie. 5, 43.
Anathema expounded. Ro. 9, 3.
Arrha, what it is expounded. Mat. 5, 22.
Assist, Luke 1, 19. Signifieth the Angells standing and attending alwayes ready to doe their ministerie.
Assumption, Luke 9, 51. Christs departure out of this world by his death and ascension.
Attyres, unleavened bread. Mat. 26, 17.

C

Calumniare, by this word is signifyed violent oppression by word or deed. Luke 3, 14.
Catechizing, and *Catechized*, Gal. 6, 6. He Catechizeth that teacheth the principles of the Christian faith: and they that heare and learne, are Catechized, and are often called *Catechumens* in the Annotations.
Circumcision, Phil. 3, 2.
Chimera, a marke or figure. Apoc. 13, 16.
Concupiscence, filthie desire of the flesh, and belly chere, with common incontinencie. Gal. 5, 21.
Condigne, comperable. Rom. 8, 18.
Contristate, this word signifyeth to make heavie and sad. Eph. 4, 30.
Cooperate, signifyeth working with others. Rom. 8, 28. likewise *Cooperation*, *Cooperatours*.
Corbana expounded. Mat. 27, 6.

D

Depositum expounded. 1 Tim. 6, 20. It may signifie also Gods grace given us to keepe. 2 Tim. 1, 12. 14.
Diabolus expounded. Mat. 17, 24.
Dominicall day, Sunday. Apoc. 1. 10.
Donaries, gifts offered to God for his temple. Luk. 21, 5

B

Evacuated from Christ, that is, made voyd, and having no part with him. Gal. 5, 4.
The scandall of the Crosse *Evacuated*, that is, made voide, cleane taken away. Gal. 5, 11.
Evangelize, signifyeth such preaching of good tidings, as concerneth the Gospell. See the Preface.
Eunuches, gelded men.
Euro-aquilo, a North-east winde. Ac. 27, 14.
Exinanited, abased exceedingly. Phil. 2, 7.

G

Gaza, an uttrall word to signifie, any nothing, finely, for gaudynesse, without defect.

H

Holocaustle, a kind of sacrifice, where all was burnt in the honour of God. Heb. 10, 6.
Hostes, sacrifices. 1 Cor. 10, 18.

I

Inwocated, called upon, and prayed unto. Act. 9, 21.
Hereof wee say invocation unto Saints, and to invocate.
Issue, good event. 1 Cor. 10, 13.
Iustice, taken in the new Testament not as it is contrary to wrong or injury, but for the quality whereof a man is just and justified. Rom. 4.

N

Neglect expounded. 1 Tim. 3, 6.

P

Paraclete expounded. Iohn 14, 16.
Parasceue, the Iewes Sabbeth eve, good Friday. Mat. 25, 42. See the Preface.
Pasche, Easter, and the Paschall Lambe. Luk. 22, 2.
Pentecost, Whitsuntide, and the feast of fifty dayes.
Prefinition, a determination before. Eph. 3, 11.
Propace expounded. Rom. 2, 25.
Profession, for acknowledge. Act. 23.
Prevarication, transgression: and *Prevaricator*, transgressor. Rom. 2, 23, 25.
Loaves of *proposition*, so called, because they were proposed, & set upon the table, in the temple before God.

R

Reproticiate the sinnes. Heb. 2, 17. that is, make a reconciliation for them.
Resolution, the separation of the body and the soule, the departing out of this life. 2 Tim. 4, 6.
Resuscitate the grace, that is, raise, quicken, renew, and revive the grace which otherwise languisheth and decayeth. 2 Tim. 1, 6.

S

Sabbatisme, a time of resting and ceasing from labour. Heb. 4, 9.
Sacrament, for mysterie. Eph. 1, 9. Eph. 3, 3. & 9. and so Eph. 5, 32. and elsewhere.
Sancta sanctorum, the holies of holies, that is, the inmost and holiest place of the Iewes temple, as it were the Chancell. Heb. 9, 2.
Superedified, builded upon Christ the principall stone. 1 Pet. 2, 5.

T

Tetrarch, governour or Prince of the fourth part of a country. Mat. 14, 1.
Thrones, an higher order of Angels. Col. 1, 16.

V

Visitation, Scrutinie. Ac. 7, 42.
Psal.

PSALME 118.

Da mihi intellectum, & scrutabor legem tuam, & custodiam illam in toto corde meo. That is, Give mee understanding, and I will search thy Law, and will keepe it with my whole heart.

S. August. tract. 2. in Epist. Ioan.

Omnia quæ leguntur in Scripturis sanctis, ad instructionem, & salutem nostram intente oportet audire: maximè tamen memoriæ commendanda sunt, quæ adversus Hæreticos valent plurimum: quorum insidiæ infirmiores quosque & negligentiores circumvenire non cessant. That is, All things that are read in holy Scriptures, wee must heare with great attention, to our instruction and salvation: but those things specially must bee commended to memorie, which make most against Heretiques: whose deceits cease not to circumvent and beguile all the weaker sort, and the more negligent persons.

S. August. lib. 3. cap. 3. de Serm. Dom. in monte.

Dispergatur spiritus pervicaciæ ad Scripturarum cognitionem: ubi oportet hominem se mitem præbere, ne pervicacibus contentionibus indocilis reddatur. That is, We come to the understanding of Scriptures through povertie of spirit: where a man must shew himselfe meeke minded, least by stubborne contentions, hee become incapable, and unapt to be taught.

A CATALOGVE OF ALL SVCH Bookes as were written by WILLIAM FVLKE, D. in Divinitie, and sometime Master of Pembroke Hall in CAMBRIDGE.

1 HIs Ante Prognostication, that is, An Invective against the vaine and unprofitable Predictions of Astrologians, as *Nostrodamus*, and translated out of the Latine by *William Painter*, printed 1560.

2 His Confutation of a slanderous Libell, in forme of an Apologie, given out in the Court, and printed in octavo, 1571.

3 His Prelection upon the sacred and holy Revelation of S. *Iohn*, translated by *George Gifford*, and printed in quarto, 1573.

4 His two Treatises against the Papists, the one an Answere to a proud Challenge of a Popish Catholike concerning the Church; The other a Confutation of the popish Churches doctrine, touching Purgatory, and Prayers for the dead, printed in octavo, 1577.

5 His Overthrow and Detection of the severall Heresies of Doctor *Heskins*, and Doctor *Saunders* of Images, and Master *Rastals* answere to the Bishop of *Sarums* Sermons, accounted by their factions three Pillars and Arch-Patriarkes of the popish Synagogue, printed in octavo, 1579. In this book is a catalogue of al such popish books as are answered and unanswered.

6 His Retentive, to stay good Christians in true Faith and Religion, against the Motives of *Richard Bristowe*: also a Discoverie of the dangerous Rocke of the popish Church, commended by *Nicholas Saunders* D. in Divinity, printed in octavo, 1580.

7 His Confutation and Detection of *Stapleton* and *Marshall*, two popish heretiques, printed in octavo, 1581.

8 His Confutation of *Howlets* Reasons why Papists come not to Church, which reasons are set down at large, printed in octavo, 1581.

9 His Conference at Wisebich Castle, 1580, printed in octavo, 1587.

10 His Rejoynder to *Bristowe*, his Reply and Defence of *Allens* Scroles of Articles, and Beades of Purgatory, also the Cavils of *Nicholas Saunders* Doctor in Divinitie, about the Supper of the Lord, and confuted, printed in octavo, 1580.

11 His Defence of the Holy Scriptures in the English tongue, against the slaunderous cavills of *Gregorie Martin*, a Reader of Popish Divinitie in the trayterous Seminarie of Rhemes.

12 His Answer to the popish Translation of the New Testament.

13 His Answere to the Cavills uttered against the Writings of *W. Fulke*, printed 1583.

14 His Confutation of *Allens* Treatise, in defence of the usurped power of Popish Priesthood, to remitt sinnes, and of the necessity of Shrift, printed 1586.

15 His Treatise against the Censure.

16 His Sermons.

17 *William Fulkes* goodly Gallerie, with the most pleasant Prospect in the

the Garden of Nature, and all naturall Contemplations, to behold the naturall [illegible] Earths, of [illegible] Starres, [illegible] the Aire, [illegible] quake, Raine, Deawe, Snow, Clouds, Springs, Stones, Mineral Earth-pits, &c. to the glory of God, and profit of his Creatures, 1563.

18 His Philosophie, wherein is taught the Philosophers game.

19 *Osias* upon Gods expresse Word, by Doctor *Fulke.*

20 *Frankmans* Apologie answered by *William Fulke.*

21 His Sermon preached before an honourable audience on the second of *S[illegible]*.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

TREATING OF THESE THREE POINTS:

Of the Translation of Holy Scriptures into the vulgar Tongues, and namely into English: Of the causes why this New Testament is translated according to the ancient vulgar Latine text: And of the manner of translating the same.

Rhem. 1. *He Holy Bible long since translated by vs into English, and the Old Testament lying by vs for lacke of good meanes to publish the whole in such sort, as a Worke of so great charge and importance requireth: wee have (through Gods goodnesse) at length fully finished for these (most Christian Reader) all the* NEVV TESTAMENT, *which is the principall, most profitable, and comfortable peece of holy writ: and, as well for all other instruction of life and doctrine, as specially for discussing the doubts of these dayes, more proper and pregnant, then the other parts not yet printed.*

The Confutation of this Preface.

Fvll. 1. IF the whole Bible hath beene translated by you, and that long since, into the English tongue, it is marvelle, that it hath lyen so long by you, for lacke of good meanes to publish it. You have published Bookes of no great charge, and much lesse importance, within these eight and twentie yeares: but such indeed, by which you had more hope to winne unto your credite and cause, then you have by the holy Bible, though you perverted it with never so partiall Translation, and poysoned it with never so heretical and blasphemous Annotations, as you have done your Edition of the New Testament. You were wont to boast of the zeale of Popes, Councels, and other Patrons of the Romish sect, for the conversion of our Nation unto [illegible] since. Whereby it is straitly layed, if none of them can find in their purses, or [illegible] to [illegible], or at least wise profitable, you hold the [illegible] of the Catholike Religion? Or doe you not rather, [illegible] doe, in their works, craftely beg of your Followers [illegible] colour of [illegible] your translation of the Bible? when it is not [illegible] you were purposed [illegible] to set it forth, and would use such [illegible] of the money, though your Printer tooke [illegible] one Impression, although it so might happen, [illegible] number of them [illegible] carried in the waves, as chanced to some [illegible] But who seeth what unnecessary charge you have put your selves into, in printing the New Testament in so large a Volume, may easily perceive you for [illegible] prone, and that by so excessiue price, of so [illegible] part of the [illegible], you [illegible] to discourage your [illegible] from waiting for all the [illegible] who have [illegible] part, by reading the [illegible] of these [illegible] we [illegible] several places, where you pretend to take it.

Which

…much requires, nor perchance wholly tollerable.

VLK. 2. You are afraid to give over your old impudent proposition, that ignorance of the Scriptures is the mother of Popish devotion. And therefore you hold it an erroneous opinion, *That the holy Scriptures should bee alwayes in our mother tongue, or that they ought, or were ordained by God, to be read indifferently of all.* Whereas it is certaine, that the holy Scripture of the old Testament, was by Gods ordinance, first written in the mother tongue of the Iewes, and the new Testament in the Greeke tongue, which was the mother tongue to a great part of the world, and that language, which was most generally understood among the Gentiles, unto whom the Gospell was preached. Our Saviour Christ commaundeth, not onely a reading (as you your selues confesse) but also a deepe search of the Scriptures, unto all the Iewes indifferently. Saint *Paul* commendeth the education of *Timothie*, in knowledge of the Scriptures from his infancie. Which authorities proove, that the holy Scriptures were ordained by God, to be read and knowne indifferently of all, and therefore ought to be translated into the Mother-tongue of all Nations, that all may reade and know them. Another erronious opinion they account it, to thinke, that *the Scriptures can be easily understood of every one that readeth or heareth them in a knowne language*, which if it were admitted, yet it followeth not, that the Scriptures ought not to be in a knowne language, because not be easily understood of every one that readeth or heareth them, ought more diligently to studie them, more often heare and reade them, and more fervently to pray for the spirit, that he may understand them. And yet it is certaine, that all the Scripture are not alike to be understood of all men, yea there are many places, which are able to instruct us unto salvation, so plaine and easie, that they may be understood of every one that readeth or heareth them. And of this indifferencie in the objection of the obscuritie of the Scriptures: *Maruellous great and profound, etc. Therefore hath the holy Ghost magnifically and wholesomely so tempered the holy Scriptures, that by plaine and open places he might prevaile against famines: by darke places, he might wipe away lothsomenesse. For nothing almost is gathered out of those obscurities, which is not found most plainly uttered in some other place. De doctr. Christ. lib. 2. cap. 6.* And in the Chapter immediatly before, he sheweth, that by reason of the diversitie of tongues, the … of wordes … ving all Nations, the Scriptures … to divers … menly known, [illegible] *by which sentences of words wee are … convenient spread over all the world, … more apte language … scripture and wide, but because … Romans of the Masons …* places, it is evident, that S. *Augustine* deemed it more convenient … able to Gods word, honour and edification of the faithfull, to have … to vulgar tongues, then to be kept and studied in any learned language … why you should account any one tongue more then other to be fitte … to give me no found reason, seeing God hath called his Church of all … sanctified them all to the preaching of the Gospell, and made … this tongue, which you would most willingly have to be … for many hundred yeares after Christ, … part of the West Churches, of those Nations that were … is onely ecclesiasticall, that then was vulgar. … happeneth only challenging to be the head of … to be Ecclesiasticall, in contumely of all other … upon the Apostles, in cloven tongues, hath consecrated to the … and to the magnifying and setting forth of the great … justice, or infirmitie, the … keepe … both of them conteined … As for … when

1 TIM. 2.

IOHN 5.39.

2 TIM. 3.15.

ACTES 2.

RHEM. … The Church … wisedome and … secrets … of the … and … there, as … of ignorance. *These latter, partly of … partly of … and … ons, have made claime in this case …* vulgar transla… *pretences many as good reasons none at all. The … ter, "… ing Church … even change of … tion; … fouldring the dispensing of Gods mysteries and treasures, (among which holy Scripture is … fiture) and the feeding his family … sort, have neither of old, nor of late, ever wholly condemned all vulgar versions of Scripture, nor have at any time generally forbidden the faithfull to read the same: yet they have not by publike authority prescribed, commanded, or authentically by any … commended any such interpretation … to be indifferently used of all men.*

FVLKE 3. The … the Iewish Synagogue, and the governours thereof, is the … of the old … and of the children of this world, which are oftentimes … wiser in their kinde, … children of light, with whom it is an high point of prudence, to provide for … by what unjust meanes soever. So have the Popish Clergie alwayes indeavoured, by depriving the common people of the reading of holy Scriptures, and following their predecessors the Iewish Lawyers, have taken away the key of knowledge, of the same policie that they did, lest their wickednesse being commonly discovered by the light, they should leese that estimation, which through blinde ignorance they have commonly obtained. And they which have made claime for the common people in this case, whom of your charity, you call the popular and their seditious leaders, of godly zeale, and true simplicity, not of curiosity, pride, and disobedience, have both made it, and iustified it with better reasons then all the proud Papists in the world are able to avoid. † For, what greater reasons can be alledged, then the authority of God in the old Testament, and of Christ our Saviour and his Apostles in the new, and the practice of the Primitive Church, and the consent of the most ancient and approved Fathers of the same, which have beene brought, to proove that the holy Scriptures ought to be knowne of all Christians? But the governours of the Popish Antichristian Church, arrogating to themselves the name and dignity of the dispensing of Gods mysteries and treasures, among which the holy Scripture (as you confesse) is no small store, by maintaining, that ignorance is the mother of devotion, declare that they would willingly (if they could) abolish all knowledge of the holy Scriptures from the common peoples hearts. And whereas you say, *That of old they have not ever condemned all vulgar versions of the Scripture, nor generally forbidden the faithfull to reade them:* Let the Registers of Bishops be searched, where it will appeare, that many have beene accused and condemned as heretikes, for having, reading, or hearing the holy Scriptures in the English tongue, without any exception taking against the truth of the translation. And that the governours of the Popish Church, *have not by publike authority prescribed, commanded, or authentically ever recommended any interpretation of Scriptures into the vulgar tongue to be indifferently used of all men:* They have declared sufficiently thereby, that they were not the Ministers of God and Christ, nor successours of his Apostles, nor of the ancient Fathers … Church: all which (as is noted before) have, by publike and lawfull authority, … and commanded, and authentically recommended (as the holy Bible and the … of the Fathers are most plentifull witnesses) the holy Scriptures of God, … and understood of all sorts of Christians indifferently: and … of … which of necessity implieth the translation of the same into all vulgar … without which it is not possible for all sorts of Christians, to reade them, know them, and understand them.

† Deut. 4. Deut. 6. 7. 30. Iohn 5. 39. 2 Pet. 1. 19. 2 Tim. 3. 15. Acts 17. 11. Iren. l. 2. c. 35. Orig. in Gen. c. 26. hom. 12. Bas. of. 2. Ignat. epist. 6. Amb. in Psal. 118. serm. 19. Chrys. in Gen. hom. 10. & 35 Hieron. ad Marcel. & Eust. in com. Esa. August. in Psa. 98. de temp. serm. 55, 56, 112, &c.

RHEM. 4. *The Armenians say they have the Psalter and some other pieces translated by S.* Chrysostome *into their language, when he was banished among them: and* Gregorie *the Patriarch, in writing his life signifieth no lesse. The* Sclavonians *affirme they have the Scriptures in their vulgar tongue, turned by S.* Hierome, *and some would gather so much by his owne words in his Epistle to* Sophronius, *but the place indeed proveth it not.* Vulpilas *surely gave the Scriptures to the* Gothes *in their owne tongue, and that before he was an Arrian. It is almost 300. yeeres since* Iames *Archbishop of Genua, is said to have translated the Bible into* Italian. *More then 300. yeeres agoe, in the dayes of* Charles *the fifth, the French King, was it put forth faithfully in French, the sooner to shake out of the deceived peoples hands, the false heretical translation of a sect called* Waldenses. *In our country, notwithstanding the Latine tongue was ever (as … venerable* Bede's *words) common to all the Provinces of the same for meditation … and …*

The Scriptures in the vulgar languages of divers nations.

Ancient Catholike translations of the Bible … and …

...yres and no vulgar translation commonly used ... in English ... the time of Iohn Wicklef and his followers ... peruert as much by false ... yet remaining ... Archbishop of Canterbury, in a Councell ... no learned all versions set forth by Wicklef or his followers, should be ... after his time be published or permitted to be read, being not approued ... seen before: alleaging S. Hierome for the difficulty ... ture out of one tongue into another, though by learned and ... unated, that neither the translations set forth before that Heresiark ... ing approued by the lawfull Ordinaries, were ever in our country ... were not (to say the truth) in quiet and better times (much lesse when the people were prone to alteration, heresie, or novelty) either hastily admitted, or ordinarily read of the ... onely, or specially, of some devous religious and contemplative persons, in reverence, secrecie, and silence, for their spirituall comfort.

An ancient provinciall constitution in England concerning Englisch translations. See *Lyndwood*, l. 5. tit. de Magistris.

FVLKE 4 Seeing the *Armenians* were converted to the faith long before S. *Chrysostome* came amonst them: it is not to be doubted, but they had the whole Scriptures in their vulgar tongue, long before his time. And their confession lately set forth, doth plainely argue, that they have the whole Bible in their owne language at this day. To justifie that the *Sclauonians* say of S. *Hieronyms* translation into their tongue, his owne words are these; *Translationem diligentissimè emendatam olim meæ linguæ hominibus dederim. I say not this that I would bite my predecessors, or thinke that any thing is to be detracted from them, whose translation being most diligently corrected, I have given long agoe to the men of my language.* Now the *Sclauonians* were the men of *Hieronyms* language, or mother tongue, as he testifieth himselfe of the place of his nativity *in Catalogo*: for whose use he might translate the vulgar Latine Bible, which was according to the Septuagints, after he had most diligently corrected it. But if this place prove it not sufficiently, at leastwise he saith plainly, that the Scripture was translated into the tongues of many nations, *prefat. ad Damasum in 4. Evangelia.* Besides these, the *Syrians*, *Arabians*, and *Æthiopians*, had of ancient time the holy Scriptures in their generall languages, as it is manifest by those parts of them, which are at this day brought from them into this part of the world. The *Spaniards* have the old Testament translated of ancient time into their mother tongue. *Walafridus* testifieth, that the *Dutch* tongue is the same which was the language of the *Gothes* and *Getes*, into which since the dayes of *Vlphilas*, by whom they were first converted, some wise men of that nation, have translated the holy Scripture. *De rebus Eccles. cap. 7.* In our owne country not onely the *Saxon* translations of divers parts of the holy Scripture yet remaining, some in print, some in Librarjes, but even the testimony of *Beda*, whom you quote and cite most impudently for the contrary, doth prove that vulgar translations of the holy Scriptures, in his time were commonly used and occupied of the faithfull multitude: his words are these, *Hæc in præsenti juxta numerum librorum quibus lex divina scripta est, quinque gentium linguis, unam eandemque, summæ veritatis & veræ sublimitatis scientiam scrutatur & confitetur.* Anglorum *videlicet*, Britonum, Scottorum, Pictorum, & Latinorum, *quæ meditatione Scripturarum, cæteris omnibus est facta communis. This Iland* (saith Bede) *at this present, according to the number of the Bookes in which the Law of God is written, doth search out and confesse one and the selfe same knowledge of the highest truth, and of the true height in five tongues, namely of the* Angles, *of the* Britaines, *of the* Scots, *of the* Pictes, *and of the* Latines, *which in meditation of the Scripture is made common to all the rest.* He meaneth, that learned men of all the foure nations, studied the Scriptures by helpe of the Latine tongue, and such Commentaries and Treatises of the elder Fathers, as were written therein. But he saith expresly, that the knowledge of the highest truth, which is not to be found but in the holy Scriptures, & according thereunto, was both searched out, and confessed in the mother tongue of the other foure nations, by which he meaneth the Christians unlearned in the Latine tongue. A manifest testimony whereof, are many parts of Scripture in the Saxon language, yet remaining to be seene and read.

That the Scriptures were extant in English, both before and after *Wicleffes* time, and not of his translation, beside your conjecture out of *Lyndwod*, it is manifestly proved, by so many ancient written copies of the English Bible, differing in translation yet to be shewed, of which *Wicleffes* translation could be but one. Notwithstanding, that the Pharisaicall Clergy condemned the reading of them for heresie, let the actes of publike writings remaining in the Registers testifie. And of what devillish pollicie they kept the Lawes of God in secrecie and silence, which he commanded to be uttered in all places and times, to the edifying of all sorts of Christians, howsoever you seeke to smoothe it, Gods children doe plainely espie it.

REM. 1 *Now since* Luthers *revolt also, divers learned Catholikes, for the more speedy abolishing of a ... of false and impious translations put forth by sundry sects, and for the beter preservation of*

... or rather ... by, have published the Bible in the ... Langua... world ... translations of the Scriptures, poisoning the people under ... not many other remedies, ... more soveraigne against the ... fection, and humilitie) sheh the true, faithfull, and sincere interpretation ...

The like Catholike and vulgar translations in many Countreys, since *Luthers* time.

FVLKE 5 How ... translations of the Scriptures are, which poison the people under colour ... authoritie: if we had not learned sufficiently by the corruptions of old Here... ... of yours doth give plentifull testimony; which being helped forward with ... ions, as it were with stings, to make way for the poison to enter, hath no small force to deceive the simple. But the best is, we are assured, that they shall not prevaile finally, but in them whom the Lord acknowledgeth not for his. In the meane time, not onely the remedy of true and sincere translation, out of the fountaine and originall Text, is to be opposed, but also the fraud of the adversary, as occasion serveth, to be discovered and laid open.

REM. 6 *Which causeth the holy Church not to forbid utterly any Catholike translation, though she allow not the publishing or reading of any absolutely, and without exception or limitation: knowing by her divine and most sincere wisdome, how, where, when, and to whom, these her Masters and Spouses gifts are to be bestowed, to the most good of the faithfull: and therefore neither generally permitteth that which must needs doe hurt to the unworthy, nor absolutely condemneth that which may do much good to the worthy. Whereupon the order which many a wise man wished for before, was taken by the Deputies of the late famous Councell of Trent in this behalfe, and confirmed by supreme authority, that the holy Scriptures, though truly and Catholikely translated into vulgar tongues, yet may not be indifferently read of all men, nor of any other then such as have expresse licence thereunto of their lawfull Ordinaries, with good testimony from their Curats or Confessors, that they be humble, discreet, and devout persons, and like to take much good & no harme therby. Which prescript, though in these dayes of ours it cannot be so precisely observed, as in other times and places, where there is more due respect of the Churches authoritie, rule, and discipline: yet we trust all wise and godly persons will use the matter in the meane while with such moderation, meeknesse, and subiection of heart, as the handling of so sacred a Booke, the sincere senses of Gods truth therein, and the holy Canons, Councels, Reason, and Religion doe require.*

The Churches order and determination concerning the reading of Catholike translations of the Bible in vulgar tongues.

Ind. lib. prohibit regula 4.

FVLKE 6 The Popish Church arrogating to her selfe divine wisdome, in restraining that which God hath left to be most free and generall, declareth, that she is the Babylonicall harlot, the Spouse of Antichrist, who exalteth himselfe above all divine authority, and controlleth the wisdome of God in every thing, that is contrary to his devillish presumption: as in the use of Images, of the Cup in the Lords Supper, of marriage in the Church Ministers, of meats in times made by him more religious, and such other. The true Church of God teacheth the true use of the Scriptures, even out of the Scriptures themselues, and discourageth not men from reading of them, as it were from a dangerous discourse, whereby they are like to take harme, knowing that none but Spiders can sucke poison out of wholesome flowers, which poison yet is not in the good flowers, but in the evill nature of the Spider. The holy Scriptures, learned even from a mans infancy, are able to make him wise unto salvation, and being well studied of the man of God, are able to make him perfect and ready unto all good workes, and to execute every part of his office, 2 *Tim.* 3. 15. &c.

REM. 7 *Wherein, though for due preservation of this divine worke from abuse and profanation, and for the better bridleing of the intollerable insolencie of proud, curious, and contentious wits, the Governours of the Church, guided by Gods Spirit, as ever before, so also upon more experience of the maladie of this time then before, have taken more exact order both for the Readers and Translatours of these later ages, then of old: yet we must not imagine, that in the Primitive Church, either every one that understood the learned Tongues, wherein the Scriptures were written, or other Languages into which they were translated, might without reprehension reade, reason, dispute, turne and tosse the Scriptures: or that our forefathers suffered every Schoolemaster, Scholer, or Grammarian, that had a little Greeke or Latine, straight to take in hand the holy Testament: or that the translated Bibles into the vulgar Tongues, were in the hands of every Husbandman, Artificer, Apprentice, Boyes, Girles, Mistresse, Maid, Man: that they were sung, played, alledged, of every Tinker, Taverner, Rimer, Minstrell: that they were for Table-talke, for Ale-benches, for Boats and Barges, and for every profane person and company. No, in those better times men were neither so ill, nor so curious of themselves, so to abuse the blessed Booke of Christ: neither was there any such easie meanes, before Printing was invented, to disperse the copies into the hands of every man, as now there is.*

The holy Scriptures never read of all persons indifferently, at their pleasure.

FVLKE 7 That the Governours of the Popish Church have taken straighter order for Readers and Translatours of the Scriptures, then the Fathers of the Primitive Church of Christ did: it is not to preserue the Word of God from profanation, or to bridle the proud curiositie

of the contentious, as it is pretended, but to suppresse the light of truth, which displeaseth their grosse and palpable abuses, both in doctrine and conversation.

But where you say, that the holy Scriptures were not read of all persons indifferently, it is a most impudent assertion, set down without any shew of proofe, and contrary to most manifest arguments of antiquity. We acknowledge, the Fathers of the ancient Church were carefull to keepe the holy treasure of Gods word from abuse: but that they did not, by prohibiting or restraining the reading of it, but by diligent teaching and exhorting of men, to the right use of it. Therefore where you say, *We must not imagine that in the Primitive Church, every one which understood the Scriptures in the learned tongues, wherein they were written, or in other Languages, into which they were translated, might without reprehension reade, reason, dispute, turne and tosse the Scriptures*: it is utterly false; for with reverence of Gods mysteries, and to the end they were given, every man might not onely, without reprehension, but with good liking and commendation of all the ancient Fathers, read, reason, dispute, and search, which is to turne and tosse the bookes of the Scriptures. It is recorded generally of all the faithfull in *Berhœa*, that they daily searched the Scriptures, even to examine the doctrine of the Apostles by them, *Acts* 17. 11. *Irenæus* saith, *That all the Scriptures, both of the Prophets, and of the Gospels, may be alike heard of all men.* *Chrysostome* exhorteth all men indifferently to reade the Scriptures, *and to call their neighbours to the hearing of them*, in *Gen. Hom.* 7. Also he taketh away the vaine excuses of them which alledged, that they were worldly men, had wife, children, and household to looke unto, and prayeth, that they would not deceive themselves, saying, *That they which are intangled with such cares, have more need to seeke remedy, by reading of the holy Scriptures*, in *Gen. Hom.* 21. And *Hom.* 2. *Comment.* in *Matth.* he saith, *The reading of the Scripture is more necessary for Lay-men, then for the Monkes.* And *Hom.* 5. he saith, *The people ought as soone as they come at home from the Church, to turne over the holy Bookes, and to call their wives and children together to the conference of those things which are said.* Againe, *It is no excuse* (saith he) *to say, I have not read what Paul saith, but a fault*, in *Epist. ad Heb. Hom.* 27. Further, where you say, we must not imagine, that our forefathers suffered every Schoole-master, Scholer, or Grammarian, that had a little Greeke or Latine, straight to take in hand the holy Testament: S. *Augustine* is plainely against you, for he saith, *That they which turned the Scriptures out of the Hebrew tongue into the Greeke tongue, may be numbred, but the Latine interpreters cannot be numbred: For in those first times of the faith, as the Greeke bookes came into any mans hands, which seemed to himselfe to have some skill in both the tongues, he was bold to translate it*, *De Doctrin. Christ. lib.* 2. *cap.* 11. That the translated Bibles were in the hands and godly use of all sorts of men, women, children, how base soever their degree and calling was, is partly shewed already: and more particularly S. *Hieronyme* saith, That in the Countrey of *Bethlehem*, the Husbandman, the Ploughman, the Shepherd, the Reaper, the Vine-dresser, did sing the Psalmes of *David*, and made none other noise, *Paul & Eustoch. ad Marcel.* *Chrysostome* saith, the knowledge of the Scripture is most necessary for children, *Pueris*, boyes and girles, because you so terme them, and exhorteth their parents to cause them for their tender yeeres to be exercised in the reading of the holy Scriptures, *in Epist. ad Ephes. Hom.* 20. That the Scriptures may be read at the Table, he sheweth, *in Gen. Hom.* 10. And that Players, Rimers, and Iesters, in stead of their lewd practices, should be commanded, in recompence of their entertainement, to reade the holy Scriptures, whereby the servants, apprentices, slaues and drudges of the house may be made equall with Angels, *Com. in Matth. Hom.* 49. S. *Augustine* also exhorteth the people to reade the Scripture at the table, and meats, *de Temp.* 56. As for Boats and Barges, which serue for mens travell, seeing God commanded his Lawes to be spoken of in iourneys, and Christ himselfe preached out of Boats or Barges, there is no cause why his holy Scriptures may not be reade in them also. Neither did the ancient Fathers account any true Christian, or company of Christians, to be a profane person, or company, but rather, of a company of profane persons, by diligent reading of the Scriptures, to be made an holy Church of God, *Chrysostome in Mat. Hom.* 49. And although there was not so easie meanes, before Printing was invented, to disperse the copies of the Bibles into every mans hand, yet by the continuall labour of the Stationers, Notaries, or Booke-writers, which in those times supplied the want of Printers, there was a sufficient number of copies for them that would buy them: or else *Chrysostome* should in vaine have exhorted the Lay-men of his time to buy them Bibles, or at the least the New Testament. *Audite, obsecro seculares omnes, &c. Heare I pray you all you Lay-men. Provide you Bibles, which are the medicines of the soule: if you will nothing else, at least wise get the new Testament, the Apostle, the Acts, the Gospels, continuall and diligent Teachers, in Epist. ad Coloss. Hom.* 9. It is a frivolous pretence therefore, of the scarcity of copies: for whatsoever will be commonly sold, and well payed for, by diligence of workemen will soone be made plentifull.

Lib. 2. cap. 35.

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RHEM. 8 *They* [illegible] Where and whose the holy Scriptures were read in the Primitive Church.

How the laity of those dayes did read them, with what humility and religion, and in what formation of life and meri.

other [illegible] *good life and* [illegible] *to pulpit and* [illegible] *deficulty. The* [illegible] *could them in laboring the ground, sing the Hymns & Psalmes either in known* [illegible] *or understand their tongues, as they heard them in the holy Church: so that they could neither reade nor know the sense, sanctity, and mysteries of the same. Such holy* [illegible] *both sexes, to have* [illegible] *S.* Hierome *in divers Epistles to them, commendeth the reading* [illegible] *of holy Scriptures, wore diligence to search all the godly histories and imitable examples of chastity, humility, obedience, clemencie, poverty, penance, renouncing the world: they noted specially the places that did breed the hatred of sinne, feare of Gods judgement, delight in spirituall conversation: they reserved themselves in all hard places, to the judgement of the ancient Fathers, and their masters in Religion, never presuming to contend, controwle, teach, or talke of their owne sense of* [illegible] *in deepe questions of Divinity. Then the virgines did meditate upon the places and examples of chastity, modestie, and cleanenesse: the married on conjugall faith and continencie: the* [illegible] *how to bring up their children in faith and feare of God: the Prince, how to rule: the subject, how to obey: the Priest, how to teach: the people, how to learne.*

FULKE 8 They were in all mens hands, that were desirous to reade them, and were to be bought of common Stationers, or Booke-sellers, as it appeareth by the saying of *Chrysostome* cited in the Section next before: not onely in Liberaries, Monasteries, &c. and some devout private Lay-mens houses and hands. And as devout Lay-men did use them well then, so doe such men use them well now, learning out of them such things, as be necessary and profitable for them to know, and leaving higher mysteries, and hard places to the discussing of the learned. That the Husbandmen of whom S. *Hieronyme* speaketh, sang the Psalmes in an unknowne tongue, which they could neither reade nor know the sense, meaning, or mysteries of them, it is boldly affirmed, and impossible to be proved. Such singing of Psalmes with the lips, not understood with the heart, no godly wise man would have allowed, much lesse commended, as he doth, calling them their songs of love, the shepherds whistles, the instruments of tillage. And as those holy persons of both sexes, to whom S. *Hieronyme* commendeth the reading and meditation of the Scripture, used them to the glory of God, and the building up of their soules in faith and godlinesse: [illegible] God be thanked, at these dayes, many thousands of faithfull Christians, with like zeale reverence, [illegible]ty, and all other vertues requisite, doe reade the holy Scriptures in their mother [illegible], and by daily reading, doe greatly profit in piety and charity, [illegible] all virgines as married folke, Parents and children, Princes and subjects, Pastors and [illegible]

RHEM. 9 *Then the Scholer taught not his Master, the Sheepe refused not the Pastor, the young Student sat not the Doctor to schoole, nor reproved their fathers of error and ignorance. Or if any did so in those better dayes (as in all times of Heresie such must needs be) that had itching eares, tickling tongues and wits, curious and contentious disputers, hearers, and talkers, rather then doers of Gods word: such the Fathers did ever sharply reprehend, counting them unworthy and unprofitable readers of the holy Scriptures. S.* Hierome *in his Epistle to* Paulinus, *after declaration that no Handie-craft is so base, nor liberall Science so exile, that can be had without a master (which S.* Augustine *also affirmeth*, De utilitate Cred. cap. 7.) *nor that men presume in any Occupation to teach that they never learned*, Onely (*saith he*) the art of Scripture is that which every man challengeth: this the chatring old wife, this the doting old man, this the brabling Sophister, this on every hand, men presume to teach before they learne it. Againe, some with poise of lofty words devise of Scripture matters among women: othersome (fie upon it) learne of women what to teach men, and left that be not enough, by facility of tongue, or rather audacity, teach that to others, which they understand never a whit themselves. To say nothing of such as be of my faculty: who stepping from secular learning to holy Scriptures, and able to tickle the eares of the multitude with a smooth tale, thinke all they speake to be the Law of God. *This he wrote then, when this maladie of arrogancie and presumption in divine matters, was nothing so outragious as now it is.*

Hiero. Epist. 103. cap. 6.

The fathers sharply reprehend as an abase, that all indifferently should reade, expound, and talke of the Scriptures.

FULKE 9 There were in those times some arrogant and presumptuous abusers of the holy Scriptures, and will be in all times, as of all other good gifts of God: whose misbehaviour, as it was sharply and justly reprehended by the goldy Fathers (as appeareth by the places by you noted) so was it not thought any cause, to restraine the multitude from the lawfull and necessary use of Gods bookes, as it is now pretended by the Papists. For that as some swelled in pride, and vanished in curiosity, so many profited in humility, and all other vertues needfull vnto true Christianity. And even so the case standeth at this time: some, unlearned and ungodly, pervert the Scriptures to their own condemnation: yet many use them wholesomely, to their comfort and edification.

RHEM. 10 S. Gregorie Nazianzene *made an Oration of the moderation that was to be used in these mat-*

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ters: where he saith, that some in his time thought themselves to have all the wisdome in the world, when they could once repeat two or three words, and them ill couched together, out of Scriptures; but he there divinely discourseth of the orders and differences of degrees, set in Christs mysticall body, some are ordained to learne, some to teach: that all are not Apostles, all Doctors, all Interpreters, all of tongues and knowledge, not all learned in Scriptures and Divinity: that the people went not up to talke with God in the mountaine, but Moses, Aaron, and Eleazar: nor they neither, but by the difference of their callings; that they that rebell against this Ordinance, are guilty of the conspiracie of Core and his complices: that in Scripture there is both milke for babes, and meat for men, to be dispensed, not according to every ones greedinesse of appetite, or wilfulnes, but as is most meet for each ones necessity, and capacity: that as it is a shame for a Bishop or Priest to be unlearned in Gods mysteries, so for the common people it is oftentimes profitable to salvation, not to be curious, but to follow their Pastors in sincerity and simplicity: whereof excellently saith S. Augustine, Fidei simplicitate & sinceritate lactati, nutriamur in Christo: & cum parvi simus, majorum cibos non appetamus: that is, Being fed with the simplicity and sincerity of faith, as it were with milke, so let us be nourished in Christ: and when we are little ones, let us not covet the meats of the elder sort. Who* in another place testifieth, that the word of God cannot be preached, nor certaine mysteries uttered, to all men alike, but are to be delivered according to the capacity of the hearers: as he proveth both * by S. Paul's example, who gave not to every sort strong meat, but milke to many, as being not spirituall, but carnall and not capable: and * by our Lords also, who spake to some plainely, and to others in parables, and affirmed, that he had many things to utter which the hearers were not able to heare.

In orat. de moderatio. in disput. servanda.

De agone Christ. cap. 33.

De bono persever. cap. 16.

* 1 Cor. 3.

* Ioh. 16.

The Scriptures must be delivered in measure and discretion, according to each mans need and capacity.

FVLKE 10 Every word of this Section being granted to be as true as the Gospel, it cannot be inferred, that therefore it is not convenient, that the holy Scriptures should be in the mother tongue, that they may be read of all sorts of Christians, without exception of any. For the holy Scriptures teach that moderation which *Nazianzene* requireth, that measure and discretion which *Augustine* commendeth, and reprehend that arrogancie reproved by *Gregorie*, and the rashnesse and intemperance detested by *Augustine*. So that by diligent reading of the holy Scriptures, the Christian may learne to imbrace the vertues, and to abhorre the vices.

RHEM. 11 *How much more may we gather, that all things that be written, are not for the capacity and diet of every of the simple readers, but that very many mysteries of holy Writ, be very far above their reach, and may and ought to be (by as great reason) delivered them in measure and meane most meet for them? which indeed can hardly be done, when the whole booke of the Bible lieth before every man in his mother tongue, to make choice of what he list. For which cause the said* Gregorie Nazianzene *wisheth the Christians had as good a law as the Hebrewes of old had, who (as S.* Hierome *also witnesseth) tooke order among themselves, that none should reade the Canticа Canticorum, nor certaine other pieces of hard Scriptures, till they were thirty yeeres of age.*

In orat. de moderat. in disp. serv. in fine. Hierom. in prozm. Commentar. in Ezech.

The Iewes Law for not reading certaine bookes of holy Scripture untill a time.

FVLKE 11 Although there be many things in the Scriptures, unmeet for all mens capacities, because of the difficulty of them, yet is there nothing unmeet to be read of any man, neither are there any mysteries of holy Writ unmeet for Christian men to know and understand, as you seeme to insinuate. The Eunuch did reade the prophecie of *Esay*, which he did not understand, yet was he not in danger to take any hurt by it, and God sending him an Interpreter, shewed, as *Chrysostome* saith, *That it is impossible, that he which with great study and fervent desire is occupied in the holy Scriptures, should alwayes be neglected, but although the instruction of man be wanting unto us, the Lord himselfe, entring into our hearts from above, doth lighten our minde, spreadeth his beames into our reason, openeth things hidden, and becommeth teacher of these things which we know not, &c.* In *Gen. Hom.* 34. And *ex Luc. cap.* 16. After most vehement exhortation unto the people, to reade the Scriptures, which if they neglect, he saith, it is not possible for them to attaine to salvation, he addeth, *Maximè quidem, &c. Yea specially, although thou doest not understand such things as are hidden in them, yet of the very reading much holinesse groweth.* Therefore *Gregorie Nazianzene* wisheth not to have the Iewes tradition, for not reading of the Scriptures, or any part thereof (if you marke him speaking in his owne language) but a like order, to restraine young men from being too bold in exposition, and contentious in disputing of the mysteries of the holy Scriptures. Nevertheless *David*, wiser then all the authors of that tradition, asking whereby a young man shall cleanse his wayes, answereth, By study, meditation, and keeping of the Law of God, *Psal.* 119. Neither doth *Hieronyme* commend the tradition of the Iewes, which permitteth not the beginning of *Genesis*, the *Canticles* of *Salomon*, and the beginning and end of the Prophet *Ezechiel*, to be read of young men, being under thirty yeeres of age, but only saith, that the difficulty of the Prophecie of *Ezechiel* is proved by that tradition.

RHEM. 12. *And truly there is no cause why men should be more loth to bee ordered and moderated in this point*

*goins by Gods Church and their Pastors, whom they are in the steed of holy Superiours for which as Christ God appointed Apostles and Ministers, at whose hands we must receive them, and not be our owne masters: so hath he given us * Doctors, Prophets, Expounders, Interpreters, Teachers* Ephes. 4.
and Preachers, to take the Law and our faith at their mouthes: because our faith and religion Rom. 10. 17.
commeth not to us properly or principally by reading of Scriptures, but (as the Apostle saith) by hearing of the Preachers lawfully sent: though reading in order and humility, much confirmeth and advanceth the same. Therefore this holy booke of the Scriptures, is called of S. Ambrose, Liber Sacerdotalis, The booke of Priests, *at whose hands and disposition we must take and use it,* Lib. 2. ad Grat.

FVLKE 12 No true Christian, will be loth to be ordered by the Pastors, Doctors, Prophets, Expounders, Teachers, and the Preachers of the Church, which Christ hath given unto us, that we should take the Law and instruction of faith at their mouthes: And although faith come not principally by onely reading of the Scriptures, but by hearing of the Preachers lawfully sent, yet you must give them leave, to search the Scriptures daily, as the *Berheans* did, to see whether those things which their Pastors, Preachers and Teachers doe deliver, be even so, *Acts* 17. 11. seeing also you confesse, that reading in order and humility (and none other reading doe we allow) doth much confirme and advance our faith. That the booke of Scripture, is called of S. *Ambrose, Liber Sacerdotalis*, you must give us a better quotation then *Lib. 2. ad Grat.* not so much for the terme, but for that you inferre thereof, that we must take and use it at the hands and disposition of Priests. *Ambrose* wrote five bookes *De fide ad Gratianum*, and three *De Spiritu sancto*; I feare your note booke deceived you.

The popular objections of withholding the Scriptures from the people, answered.

RHEM. 13 *The wise will not here regard what some wilfull people doe mutter, that the Scriptures are made for all men, and that it is of envy that the Priests doe keepe the holy Booke from them.*
Gen. 3. *Which suggestion commeth of the same serpent * that seduced our first parents, who perswaded them, that God had forbidden them that tree of knowledge, lest they should be as cunning as himselfe, and like unto the Highest. No, no, the Church doth it to keepe them from blinde ignorant*
1 Tim. 6. 20. *presumption, and from that which the Apostle calleth* Falsi nominis scientiam, Knowledge
Rom. 12. 3. *falsly so called: and not to embarre them from the true knowledge of Christ. She would have all wise, but* Vsque ad sobrietatem, Vnto sobriety, *as the Apostle speaketh: she knoweth the Scriptures be ordained for every state, as meats, elements, fire, water, candle, knives, sword, and the like: which are as needfull (most of them) for children as old folkes, for the simple as the wise: but yet would marre all, if they were as the guiding of other then wise men, or were in the hands of every one, for whose preservation they be profitable. She forbiddeth not the reading of them in any language, envieth no mans commodity, but giveth order how to doe it to edification,*
Matth. 7. 6. *and not to destruction: how to doe it without casting* the holy to dogs, or pearles to hogs: (*See S.* Chrysostome Hom. 24. in Matth. *declaring these hogs and dogs to be carnall men and heretikes, that take no good of the holy mysteries, but thereby doe both hurt themselves and others:*) *how to doe it agreeably to the soveraigne sincerity, majestie, and depth of mystery contained in the same. She would have the presumptuous Heretike, notwithstanding he alledge them never so fast, flying as it were therow the whole Bible, and quoting the* Psalmes, Prophets, Gospels, Epistles, *never so readily for his purpose, as* Vincentius Lirinensis *saith such mens fashion is:*
Lib. de præscriptionibus. Orig. in 2. ad Rom. *yet she would according to* Tertullians *rule, have such meere usurpers quite discharged of all occupying and possession of the holy Testament, which is her old and onely right and inheritance, and belongeth not to Heretikes at all, whom* Origen *calleth* Scripturarum fures, *theeves of the Scriptures. She would have the unworthy repelled, the curious repressed, the simple measured, the learned humbled, and all sorts so to use them or abstaine from them, as is most convenient for*
Luc. 24. *every ones salvation: with this generall admonition, that none can understand the meaning of God in the Scriptures * except Christ open their sense, and make them partakers of his holy Spirit, in the unity of his mysticall body: and for the rest, she committeth it to the Pastor of every province and people, according to the difference of time, place, and persons, how and in what sort the reading of the Scriptures is more or lesse to be procured or permitted.*

Why the Church permitteth not every one at their pleasure to reade the Scriptures.

The holy Scriptures to carnall men and heretikes, are as pearles to swine.

FVLKE 13 That the Scriptures were made for all Christian mens instruction, when you have wrangled as much as you can, you are driven in the end to confesse. That Popish Priests, not onely of envy, but also of devillish pollicie, lest their false doctrine and wicked life might be reproved, have kept that holy Booke from the people, though you will not acknowledge, yet the children of God, whose eyes he hath opened, doe plainely see and perceive. Your comparison unto the devils suggestion, will then seeme to be like, when you can shew Gods prohibition from reading the Scripture, as our parents could, for eating of the tree of knowledge. But when Christ saith expresly to all Christians, *Search the Scriptures*, Your calvilling is like the serpents suggestion, which contrary to the expresse word of God, said, *You shall not die*, but God knoweth, &c. So you would beare men in hand, that albeit God command them to search the Scripture, yet there is great danger in reading of them, and therefore they were better not to reade them: Yea your predecessors have condemned for

Heretikes,

Heretikes, such as did reade them, though now you goe about to excuse the matter, and say, that you meant nothing, but that the people should beware of blinde presumption, & learne to be wise unto sobriety: as though these lessons are not better learned, by reading them in the booke of God, then by your restraining them, from reading them at all, or not but at your pleasure. But let us consider, why the Popish Church permitteth not every one at their pleasure, to reade the Scripture. She knoweth (say you) the *Scriptures be ordained for every state, as meat, elements, fire, water, candle, knives, sword, and the like*: we know by the Scriptures the word of God to be ordained, as meat and other things most necessary and comfortable, but not as fire, water, candles, knives, swords, and like matters of danger, wherof men should be rather afraid to meddle with them, except it were for necessity. And yet there is as great necessity of the holy Scriptures, as of any thing you have named, and in
In Gen. hom. 9 them (as S. *Chrysostome* saith) we may not suspect any danger to be, as is in fire, water, candles, knives, swords, and such like. All the danger, is in the affection of him that abuseth them to his owne condemnation, whereas fire, water, swords, knives, cannot alwayes be so governed by the wisest, but that they prove hurtfull sometimes to the occupiers of them.

Whereas you say, the Popish Church forbiddeth not the reading of the holy Scriptures in any language, it is false: For whatsoever she doth now, certaine it is that her Ministers hath forbidden it in times past, and immediately before, you shew reasons, why she doth not permit every one to read the Scriptures: So soone you have forgotten your selfe, Except perhaps you will say, she forbiddeth not such as understand them in Latine, to reade them also in English, which is a poore permission: but if she envieth no mans commodity (as you say) why doth she not permit all men, to take that commodity which they may receive by reading of them? you answere, *she giveth order how to doe it to edification, and not to destruction*, it were well if she did so, for that care were seemely for the Spouse of Christ. But as you affirme before in the sixt Section, she hath taken order, *that the holy Scriptures though truly translated into vulgar tongues, yet may not be indifferently read of all men, nor of any other then such as have expresse licence therunto, of their lawfull Ordinaries, with good testimony from their Curates or Confessors, that they be humble, discreet, and devout persons, and like to take much good and no harme thereby*: by which order it appeareth, that they which have most need to reade the Scriptures, are utterly debarred: many other, by the difficulty of obtaining licence, discouraged; and especially that none, but ranke and obstinate Papists, may be allowed, for those onely of the Popish Curates, Confessors and Ordinaries, shall be counted *humble, discreet, and devout persons*. Let all godly wise men judge therefore, whether the Popish Church, although you professe that she envieth no mans commodity, yet by this order, hindereth not as much as in her lieth, the profit of all men. But you answere, that carnall men and heretikes, be hogs, and dogs, to whom pearles and holy things, such as the Scriptures be, are not to be cast, which if it were a right interpretation of our Saviours commandement, it were not lawfull to attempt the conversion of Heretikes, by preaching the truth, nor to procure the repentance of carnall men, by exhorting them to the love of heavenly things. But as by preaching and exhortation, so by diligent reading and meditation of the holy Scriptures, many Heretikes are made Catholikes, many carnall men are made spirituall. Therefore not all that be carnally minded, or infected with errour, but onely desperate, profane and malicious contemners of the truth, are those hogs and dogs, to whom the precious holy mysteries of the Gospel, are not to be any more offered, when they have plainely declared themselves to be such. *Chrysostome*, whom you cite speaketh expresly of such, and not of all carnall men. For in the next Section, you describe the people of *Constantinople*, whom he exhorteth to the reading of the Scriptures, to be very carnall men, and so they were indeed; yet he judgeth the reading of the Scripture, most necessary for them. And *Hom. ex Luc. cap. 16.* after a most vehement exhortation, to reade the Scriptures, he addeth, *Magna adversus peccata, &c. The reading of the Scripture, is a great defence against sin, the ignorance of the Scriptures, is a great downefall, and a deepe dungeon, it is a great losse of salvation, to know nothing of Gods Lawes, this thing hath both bred heresies, and brought in corrupt life, this hath turned all things out of order upside downe.* Thus saith *Chrysostome*. But even that ignorance, which he so detesteth, is of you Papists, counted good Catholike devotion, or the mother thereof. And what other was the state of the most, in the blinde dayes of Popery, but even a grosse ignorance, of all the holy Scriptures? Where the people might not know what they beleeved, what they praied, what God commanded, or any thing pertaining to Christian religion, but either of dumbe Images, or of dumbe Priests, except once in seven yeeres perhaps, of some prating Frier, or other Popish Preacher, which rather turned them from Christ, then shewed the right way to God by him.

You adde further, that you would have Heretikes quite discharged, from all occupying and possession of the holy Testament. It must first be proved who be Heretikes, and which

is the true Church, that hath right and interest in the Scriptures: for neither your challenging of the name of the Church, will be sufficient to prove you so indeed, nor the terming of any other to be Heretikes, except you be able out of the word of God, to convince them to be such.

Finally, for the right use of the holy Scripture, the Pastours of the true Church of Christ, doe diligently instruct their sheepe, out of the holy Scriptures, with what moderation, humility, reverence, desire to profit by them, and invocation of Gods Spirit, they ought to reade them, how carefully they must avoid all presumption, curiosity, rashnesse, profanenesse, and such like vices, which may not onely hinder their profit in the Scriptures, but also cause all their travell in them to turne to their utter destruction.

These things, the true Pastors and Governours of the Church can teach, without arrogating unto themselves any presumptuous authority, to restraine or permit according to their judgement, that which our Saviour Christ hath left generally to all the members of his mysticall body, which is his holy Church, and to every one of them.

Wherein, the variety of circumstances causeth them to deale diversly: as we see by S. Chrysos-
RHEM. 14 *stome's people of Constantinople, whowere so delicate, dull, worldly, and so much given to dice, cardes, specially Stage playes or Theaters (as S. Gregorie Nazianzene witnesseth) that the Scriptures, and all holy lections of divine things were loathsome unto them: whereby the holy Bishop was forced* in many of his Sermons to cry out against their extreme negligence and contempt of Gods word, declaring, that not onely Eremites and Religious (as they alledge for their excuse) but Secular men of all sorts reade the Scriptures, and often have more need thereof in respect of themselves, then the other that live in more purity and contemplation: further insinuating, that though divers things be high and hard therein, yet many godly histories, lives, examples and precepts of life and doctrine be plaine: and finally, when the Gentiles were so cunning and diligent to impugne their faith, it were not good for Christians to be too simple and negligent in the defence thereof: as (in truth) it is more requisite for a Catholike man in these dayes when our adversaries be industrious to impeach our beliefe, to be skilfull in Scriptures, then at other times when the Church had no such enemies.*

S. Chrysostomes exhortations to the reading of holy Scriptures, & when the people is so to be exhorted.

In vita Athanasij.
* Hom. 2. in Mat. & Hom. 3 de Lazaro. & hom. 3. in 2. ad Thess. & alibi sæpe.

FULKE 14 *Chrysostome* not in respect of such varietie of circumstances, as you speake of, but absolutely, and most vehemently, commendeth, not onely the lawfulnesse, but also the necessity of reading the holy Scriptures by the Lay-men, as it appeareth in many places before cited and quoted, out of his Homilies, and many other, which for tediousnesse are omitted, seeing the matter by you is partly confessed. Yet one or two, shall not be amisse, to prove that I have said: First, he doth not onely exhort the people of *Constantinople*, which were so worldly minded, as you write, but also the people of *Antioch*, whom he greatly commendeth for their vertue and godlinesse, he calleth upon very earnestly, to be diligent in reading
Ad Pop. Antioch. hom. 3. of the holy Scriptures, *ad Pop. Antioch. Hom. 22. 42. &c.* Againe, for the necessity of studying the Scriptures, he saith, *Qui salutem consequi volunt, &c. They that will attaine to salvation, let them exercise themselves in the Scriptures, in epist. ad 1. Cor. Hom. 6.* Where you thinke it requisite in these times, for a Popish Catholike to be skilfull in the Scriptures, I would many of them were of your minde, for then I would not doubt, but some of them, by Gods grace would become Christian Catholikes.

To this sense said S. Chrysostome divers things, not as a teacher in the schoole, making exact
RHEM. 15 *and generall rules to be observed in all places and times, but as a pulpit man agreeable to that audience and his peoples default: nor making it therefore (as some perversly gather of his words) a thing absolutely needfull for every poore Artificer to reade or study Scriptures, nor any whit favouring the presumptuous, curious, and contentious jangling and searching of Gods secrets, reproved by the foresaid fathers, much lesse approving the excessive pride and madnesse of these dayes, when every man and woman is become not onely a reader, but a teacher, controuler, and judge of Doctors, Church, Scriptures and all: such as either contemne or easily passe over all the morall parts, good examples, and precepts of life, (by which as well the simple as learned might be much edified) and only in a maner occupie themselves in dogmaticall, mysticall, high, and hidden secrets of Gods counsels, as of Predestination, Reprobation, Election, Prescience, forsaking of the Iewes, vocation of the Gentiles, and other incomprehensible mysteries, languishing about*
1 Tim. 6. 2 Tim. 3. 2 Pet. 3. *questions of onely faith, fiduce, new phrases, and figures, ever learning, but never comming to knowledge, reading and tossing in pride of wit, conceit of their owne cunning, and upon presumption of I cannot tell what spirit, such Bookes specially and Epistles, as S. Peter foretold that the unlearned and instable would deprave to their owne damnation.*

S. Chrysostome maketh nothing for the popular and licentious reading of Scriptures used among the Protestants now adayes. Every simple artificer among them readeth much more the deepest & hardest questions of holy Scripture, then the morall parts.

FULKE 15 All that *Chrysostome* saith, to this purpose, is wiped away with this reprochfull glosse, that he spake, *not as a teacher in schoole, making exact & generall rules to be observed in al places and times, but as a pulpit man agreeable to that audience and his peoples default*. Belike pulpit men, with you, doe more regard their credit before a few captious scholers in their schoole, then they do reverence the presence of Christ, before whom they should prepare to speak, when

when they preach in the Church of God. And therefore, albeit in figures, and phrases, and manner of handling, there is some difference, betweene a preacher before the people, and a reader before the learned, yet no learned godly man, such as we acknowledge S. *Chrysostome* to have beene, will so advisedly, so vehemently, so oftentimes as he did, utter any thing in the pulpit, before the ignorant, the truth wherof, he is not able to justifie in the Schooles before the best learned. Beside that your restriction of his rules unto his audience, and peoples default of *Constantinople*, is before proved to be both frivolous, and false, seeing he commendeth the study and reading of the holy Scriptures, no lesse generally to the people of *Antioch*, which were not a little more spiritually affected, then they of *Constantinople*. And to that you say, *he maketh it not a thing absolutely needfull, for every poore Artificer to reade or studie Scripture, as some perversly gather of his words.* Let his owne words testifie for him, both already cited, and other beside. *Audite quotquot estis mundani, &c. Heare all ye that be Secular or Lay-men; and have the government of wives and children, how the Apostle commandeth you specially, to reade the Scriptures, and that not simply nor as it were by occasion, but with great diligence.* Doth not *omnes mundani*, all Secular men, include, as well every poore Artificer, as every rich Merchant, or landed Gentleman? Or is not a thing absolutely needfull, which the holy Ghost commandeth all men to doe? I might adde hereunto, that he saith in another place, *It cannot possibly be, I say, it cannot possibly be, that any man can attaine to salvation, except he be continually conversant in spirituall reading.* But here you would quarrell, that he maketh no exact rule, because many men attaine to salvation, which cannot reade at all. Yet his meaning is plaine, and his words agreeable, that none can be saved, but by that knowledge, which is gotten by continuall reading of the Scriptures, whether a man reade them himselfe, or heare other.

He spake in the pulpit, that he was able to justifie in the schooles.

In Epist. ad Cor. hom. 9.

Ex Luc. c. 16.

That he favoureth not presumptuous, curious and contentious jangling, and searching of Gods secrets, it is true, no more do we, and much lesse the pride and madnesse of them, that will be teachers, controllers, and judges of Doctors, Church, Scriptures and all.

Cæsarius Arelatensis, Hom. 13. exhorting the ignorant people to repeate among themselues what they had learned in the Sermon, saith, *Alius referat, ego retineo dixisse Episcopum meum, ut qui novit literas, Scripturam Divinam studeat legere: qui verò non novit, quærat sibi & roget qui illi debeat præcepta relegere, ut quod legerit, possit Deo adjuvante complere.*

Neither are you ever able to prove, that every Artificer among us, readeth the deepest and hardest questions of holy Scripture, rather then the morall part, albeit that seeing whatsoever is written, is written for our learning, that through patience and comfort of the holy Scriptures, we might have hope: no simple Artificer amongst us, is forbidden reverently to reade any question of the Scripture, which is either necessary, or profitable for him to know. If there were in the Apostles time, vaine minded men that languished about questions, and perverted the Scriptures to their owne destruction, it is no marvell though there be some such in these dayes. But as the Apostles never restrained or forbad the reading of the holy Scriptures, for the misbehaviour of such as abused the same, no more doe we. And surely this argument of yours (though it came from *Rhemes*) taken of mens abuse, will carry lesse weight in the Schooles, against the generall liberty for all men to reade the Scriptures, then the authority of *Chrysostome*, though he in your judgement, were but a pulpit man, for the contrary.

Where you account onely faith, and fiduce to be new phrases, and figures, the one, faith onely, may be shewed by twenty authorities, to have been used, more then twelue hundred yeeres agoe, by writers of the Church, both Greekes and Latines: the other fiduce, is a new phrase, and for ought I know, of your owne framing, and none of ours: as for the Latine word, *fiducia*, and that which it signifieth, truste and confidence, I doubt not, but they which are meanely read in the Scriptures, doe know them to be both ancient and usuall.

RHEM. 16 *They delight in none more then the Epistle to the* Romans, *the* Cantica canticorum, *the* Apocalyps, *which have in them as many mysteries as words; they finde no difficultie in the sacred booke* **clasped with seven seales, they aske for no Expositour* **with the holy* Eunuch; *they feele no such depth of Gods science in the Scriptures, as S.* Aug. *did, when he cried out,* Mira profunditas eloquiorum tuorum, mira profunditas, (Deus meus) mira profunditas: horror est intendere in eam, horror honoris, & tremor amoris; *that is,* O wonderfull profoundnesse of thy words: wonderfull profoundnesse, my God, wonderfull profoundnesse: it maketh a man quake to looke on it: to quake for reverence, and to tremble for the love therof. *They regard not that which the same Doctor affirmeth, that the depth and profundity of wisdome, not only in the words of holy Scripture, but also in the matter and sense, is so wonderfull, that live a man never so long, be he of never so high a wit, never so studious, never so fervent to attaine the knowledge thereof, yet when he endeth, he shall confesse he doth but begin; they feele not with S.* Hierome, *that the text hath a hard shell to be broken, before we come to the kernell; they will not stay themselues in onely reading the sacred Scriptures thirteene yeeres together, with* S. Basil, *and S.* Gregorie Nazianzene,

They presuppose no difficulties, which all the learned fathers felt to be in the Scriptures.

* Apoc. 5. 1. * Acts 8. Confes. lib. 12. cap. 14.

See Epist. 3. August.

Hier. Epist. 13. cap. 4. Ruff. Eccl. hist. lib. cap. 9.

FULKE 16

affected, is a most manifest slander. For [illegible] the entrance of the word of God and true knowledge of heart, [illegible] comfort, and increase of godlinesse. Where you say, they [illegible] that the true faith of the Church of *Rome*, whereof you would seeme to be [illegible] in no part of Scripture, is more plainely [illegible] then the Epistle, which the Doctor and Apostle of the *Gentiles*, did write [illegible] to be read and understood, of every simple Artificer [illegible] that were in *Rome*, beloved of God, and called to be Saints. 81. KHEM.

Rom. 1. 7.

As for the *Canticum Canticorum*, I think all the brazen faces that conspired to write this Preface, cannot name three simple Artificers in England, that delight more in that booke, then any other of the Scripture: for my part, I know none. Neither is there any Treatise of the holy Scripture, which is generally more studied, either of the learned, or unlearned. But because it is a continuall allegory, the difficulty thereof serued well, to make a shew of your slander, before them whom you have inchanted to beleeve every lie, that your impudent mouth is not ashamed to pronounce. The *Apocalyps* also, though it be hard, no understand, and be full of mysteries, yet may it be read as other parts of holy Scriptures, and there are many things in it, that are plaine and easie to be understood of every Artificer. But perhaps you are more unwilling, they should reade the *Apocalyps*, because it doth describe the Whore of *Babylon*, the City of *Rome*, so plainely, and the Epistle to the *Romanes* liketh you not, because it is so plaine for justification by faith without workes. The rest that you say, of the difficulty of some part of the Scriptures, the simple and godly Artificers among us, doe acknowledge, and either seeke the interpretation of them at the mouth of their learned Pastour, or else are content to be ignorant in the exposition of them, knowing as they are taught by the learned out of S. *Augustine*, that in those places which are plainely set downe in the Scripture, are found all those things which concerne faith and good living. *De doct. Christ. lib. 2. cap. 9.* which is as much as is necessarie, for every Christian man to learne for his salvation.

The example of S. *Basil* and *Gregorie*, in studying the Scriptures thirteene yeeres, before they expounded them, pertaineth not to every simple Artificer, but to the Pastours and Teachers of the Church. And God be thanked, our Church hath many godly learned Teachers, that have studied more then fourteene yeeres before they have openly expounded the Scriptures, and which *follow the understanding of them, not out of their owne presumption, but out of the writings and authoritie of their Ancients or Elders, whom it is knowne to have received the rule of understanding, by succession Apostolike*, which are the words of *Ruffine*, whom you quote, who speaketh not one word of uniforme consent or Apostolike tradition. If you alledge, that all our Preachers, are not of so many yeeres study; I answere, their example maketh no law, especially where the necessity of the Church requireth men of lesse time, yet sufficient to teach the truth. Neither are the most of your Seminarie Priests, whom you send over to disturbe the State of government, as well as the peace of our Church, of thirteene yeeres study in the Scripture, seeing we knew some of them, but the other day, runnagate unlearned boyes, from our Universities, but being come to you, they are suddenly become great Clerkes, and profound Teachers, whom ish impudence serving them in stead of all learning.

RHEM. 17 *If our new Ministers had had this cogitation and care that these and all other wise men have, and ever had, our Country had never fallen to this miserable state in religion, and that under pretence, colour, and countenance of Gods word: neither should vertue and good life have beene so pittifully corrupted in time of such reading, toyling, tumbling and translating the booke of our life and salvation: whereof the more precious the right and reverend use is, the more pernicious is the abuse and profanation of the same: which every man of experience by these few yeeres proofe, and by comparing the former dayes and manners to these of ours, may easily trie.*

Manners and life nothing amended, but much worse, since this licentious roofing of holy Scripture.

FULKE 17 Gods name bee praised, a great number of our Ministers, have had as good cogitation, and care, as is meet for that calling, and thereby have brought our Country into that flourishing state in religion, that, vertue and good life in them that diligently reade the holy Scripture translated into the mother tongue, never more shined in any age, then it hath done since the light of the Gospel hath driven away the clouds of Popish

…chuse but speake. Thinke you, the Councell of the holy Ghost prouideth diuersities of …forgetfulnesse you may not diligently peruse in all the Church of Christ… stians in this time? …drifts to conceale …rous …ner da… …it is detected, in all … men, and are openly …ted, as Stewes be in …

Rhem. 18 *Looke whether your men be more vertuous, your women more chaste, your children more obedient, your seruantes more trusty, your maids more modest, your friends more faithfull, your dealing more just in dealing, your Clergie more deuout in praying: whether there be more religion, feare of God, faith and conscience in all estates now, then of old, when there was not so much reading, chatting, and jangling of Gods word, but much more sincere dealing, loue, and keeping the same. Looke whether through this disorder, women teach not their husbands, children their parents, young fooles their old and wise fathers, the scholers their masters, the sheepe their pastor, and the people the Priest. Looke whether the most chaste and sacred sentences of Gods holy word, be not turned of many into mirth, mockerie, amorous ballets, and detestable letters of loue and lewdnesse: their delicate rimes, tunes, and translations much increasing the same.*

Scriptures as prophanely cited as heathen Poets.

Fvlke 18 We yeeld humble thankes vnto God, that although the fruits of the Gospel, be not so plentifull, as it were meet after so long teaching; yet the word of God hath not beene preached and read in vaine, but that great and notable effects thereof doe appeare, in the life and conuersation of the faithfull. And that all sorts and degrees of men, women, and children, which be diligent in reading and hearing the word of God, be reformed in all vertue and godly behaviour. And that there is more religion, feare of God, faith, and conscience, in all such persons, then was in any superstitious hypocrite, that lived in the darke dayes of Papistry. Neither doe women teach their husbands, children their parents, young men the old, scholers their master, and sheepe their shepherd, except perhaps, where there is greater knowledge in the woman, then in the man, in the childe then in the parent, in the yong, then in the old, in the scholer, then in the master, in the people, then in him that occupieth the place of the Pastor, in which case, it is not against Gods ordinance, that the inferiour should instruct the superiour. The Prophet *Dauid* saith, that he had more vnderstanding then his Elders, because he studied the Law of God, that he became wiser then all his teachers, because his meditation was in the Lords testimonies. But where the husband, parents, old men, masters and pastors, are as they ought to be, better learned in the holy Scriptures, then their inferiours, there is no such disorder amongst us, as you speake of, if you except a few schismatikes departed from us, and condemned of us. Neither are the sentences of Gods holy word, by any of us, abused into mirth, and mockerie, and such other wickednesse, but either by Papists, or prophane vnreligious persons, which haue brought that horrible profanation of the Scriptures, from the common practice in Popery. Neither make we or alow we any such rimes, tunes, or translations, as may giue just occasion to increase such impiety.

Pſal. 119. 99. & 100, &c.

Rhem. 19 *This fall of good life and profaning the diuine mysteries, every body seeth: but the great corruption and decay of faith hereby, none see but wise men, who only know, that, were the Scriptures neuer so truly translated, yet heretikes and ill men, that follow their owne spirit and know nothing, but their priuate fantasie; and not the sense of the holy Church and Doctors, must needs abuse them to their damnation: and that the curious simple and* sensuall men which haue no taste of the *things that be of the Spirit of God, may of infinite places take occasion of pernicious errours; for though the letter or text haue no errour, yet (saith S. Ambrose) the Arrian, or (as we may now speake) the Caluinists interpretation hath errors, l. 2. ad Gratianum c. 1. and* Tertullian *saith,* The sense adulterated is as perillous as the stile corrupted. *De præscrip. S. Hilarie also speaketh thus:* Heresie riseth about the vnderstanding, not about the writing: the fault is in the sense, not in the word. *lib. 2. de Trinit. in principio. and S.* Augustine *saith, that many hold the Scriptures as they do the Sacraments,* ad speciem, & non ad salutem: to the outward shew and not to saluation. *de Baptis. cont. Donat. lib. 3. cap. 19. Finally all Sect-maisters and rauening* * Matth. 4. *wolues, yea* * *the deuils themselues pretend Scriptures, alledge Scriptures, and wholy shroud themselues in Scriptures, as in the wooll and fleece of the simple sheepe. Whereby the vulgar, in these dayes of generall disputes, cannot but bee in extreme danger of errour, though their bookes were truly translated, and were truly in themselues Gods owne word indeed.*

1 Cor. 2.

Scriptures erroneously expounded according to every wicked mans priuate fancie.

All Heretikes pretend Scriptures,

Fvlke 19 These Papists, are able to follow no argument against us, with any apparence of truth, but that which is grounded on petition or begging of principles. For who will grant them, the fall of good life and profaning the diuine mysteries, in aid by them, which vse to reade the holy Scriptures amongst us, as they are taught by us to reade them? yet they … …ly find it. And … for that which they call the great corruption, and decay … faith, … …, and increase of faith. That He-

retikes,

…rance which do abound in the scriptures, for the vnderstanding of their sense, pretending obscurity, or vnwillingnesse, or vnreadinesse in part. But that both the learned will find, seeking, & diligent vse of the Scriptures by the promise of the Holy Ghost to find, and the state of the Church, & of the Doctours, & for the true sense of the Scriptures themselues, out of the Scriptures themselues, according to that rule by the … of *Clemens* … out of the Scriptures themselues, according to the decree, Dist. 37. … Therefore, even to the Scriptures with the assistance of Gods Spirit, may be found that true sense of the holy Church, and the Doctours thereof. But that the ignorant and testernous, which know not Scripture, but their priuate fancies may easily be deceiued, & that Heretikes, Wolues, & the deuils themselues, pretend the holy Scriptures, it needed not so many authorities to prove, because it is acknowledged of all men that haue but meane knowledge: Yet it followeth not which you conclude, that the vulgar or common people, in these daies of generall disputes, cannot but be in extreme danger of error, by reading the Scriptures truely translated, but rather by reading of them, may be preserued from danger of error, if in humblenesse of heart, and desire to know the truth, they seeke, knocke, & pray to him, which hath promised that they shal find, enter, & receiue.

2 Cor. 4. The Scriptures haue bin falsly and heretically translated into the vulgar tongues, and sundry other waies sacrilegiously abused, and so giuen to the people to reade.

Rhem. 20. *But the case now is more lamentable: for the Protestants, and such as S. Paul calleth* ambulantes in astutia, walking in deceitfulnesse, *haue so abused the people, and many other in the world, not vnwise, that by their false translations, they haue instead of Gods Law and Testament, and for Christs written will and word, giuen them their own wicked writing & phantasies, most shamefully in all their versions, Latine, English, and other tongues, corrupting both the letter and sense by false translation, adding, detracting, altering, transposing, pointing, and all other guilefull meanes: specially where it serueth for the aduantage of their priuate opinions. For which, they are bold also, partly to dis-authorise quite, partly to make doubtfull, diuers whole bookes allowed for canonicall Scripture by the vniuersall Church of God these thousand yeeres and vpward: to alter all the authentical and Ecclesiasticall words vsed hitherto in our Christianitie, into new prophane nouelties of speaches agreeable to their doctrine: to change the titles of workes, to put out the names of the Authors,* * *charge the very Euangelist with following vntrue translation, to adde whole sentences proper to their sect, into their Psalmes in meeter,* * *euen into the very Creed in rime, all which the poore deceiued people say and sing, as though they were Gods owne word, being indeed through such sacrilegious treachery, made the deuils word.*

* Beza annot. in c. 1. Luc. v. 78.
* See the tenth article of their Creed in meeter.

Fvlke 20. You slander the Protestants, in saying they walke in deceitfulnes, and abuse men by false translations, corrupting, adding, detracting, &c. the particulars whereof, as they occurre in these annotations, shall receiue their answer to your shame. And as for that booke wherein they are set foorth more at large, by which you meane, *Mariynes Discouery*, the Author did well to terme it an handmaid to this great gentlewoman, the glosse of your annotations, specially in respect of her modestie, that being once rebuked of her sinnes, she holdeth her peace, and doth not reply. So that these five or sixe yeeres having none amongst you, that dare set pen to paper, to defend her after the death of her father, she hath kept silence to the shame of all Papists. Therefore for a large and particular confutation of all those slanders, I referre the Reader to a booke set forth in confutation of that discovery, called *A defence of the sincere and true translation of the holy Scriptures into the English tongue, &c.* And that which you write in the margent, specially against *Beza*, is confuted in the answer to *Martins* Preface, *Section* 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.

The last quarrell against our translation, is, for adding whole sentences to the Psalmes in meeter, and euen to the Creed in rime. By as good reason you might haue brought out all bookes that we write in English, to prove that our translations of the Bible are faultie. For all reasonable men know, that the turning of the Psalmes into meeter, is no translation, neither is the Creed any part of the Text of the holy Scripture, although good regard should be had as well in the one, as in the other, that nothing be added to the sense, though the number of words cannot possibly be kept, as for the most part I hope it is. Where you say the poore deceiued people say and sing those meeters, as though they were Gods own word, you measure their vnderstanding by the blindnesse of your ignorant Papists. But assure your selfe, our people are not so ignorant, but they can distinguish the very text of the Scripture translated into English, from the Paraphrase of the Psalmes brought into meeter, knowing that this later must be consonant in sense vnto the former, or else it is not the diuine Scripture, no not although it bee agreeable vnto it. That our translation maketh of Gods word the Deuils word, it is a rayling sentence grounded vpon no truth, nor argument sounding like truth, and therefore I passe it ouer.

Rhem. 21. *To say nothing of their intollerable liberty & licence, to change the accustomed callings of God, Angels, men, places, and things vsed by the Apostles & al antiquity, in Greeke, Latin, & al other languages of Christian Nations, into new names, sometimes falsly, & alwaies ridiculously & for affectation taken of the Hebrews: to frame & fine the phrase of holy Scriptures after the forme of prophane writers, picking not for the same to supply, adde, alter or diminish as freely as if they translated*

All this their dealing is noted (as occasion serueth) in the … upon this …

stated Liuie, Virgil, or Terence. *Hauing no religious respect to keep either the integrity, or sincere*
simplicity of that venerable stile of Christs Spirit, as S. Aug. speaketh, which kind the holy Ghost
did chuse of infinit wisdom to haue the diuine mysteries rather vttered in, then any other more de-
licate, much lesse in that meretricious maner of writing, that seuerall of these new translators do
vse: of which sort Calvin himselfe and his part-fellowes so much complaine, that they professe, Sa-
tan to haue gained more by these new interpreters (their conceites, brauery of spirit, and audacitie
increasing dayly) then he did before by keeping the Word from the people. And for a patterne of
this mischiefe they giue Castalion, *admiring all their Churches, and Schollers to beware of his*
translation, as one that hath made a very sport and mockery of Gods holy Word. So they charge
him: themselues (and the Zuinglians *of* Zuricke, *whose translations* Luther *therefore abhorred)*
handling the matter with no more fidelitie, grauitie, or sincerity then the other: but rather with
much more falsification, or (to vse the Apostles words) canponation and adulteration of Gods
word then they. Besides many wicked glosses, prayers, confessions of faith, containing both blas-
*phemous errours * and plaine contradictions to themselues, and among themselues, all priuiledged and authorised to be ioyned to the Bible, and to be said and sung of the poore people, and to be beleeued as Articles of faith, and wholly consonant to Gods word.*

* See the foure articles of their Creed in meeter, where they professe that Christ descended to deliuer the Fathers, and afterward in their confession of their faith, they deny *Limbus patrum*.

* Calvin complaineth of the new delicate translatours, namely *Castalio*: himselfe and *Beze* being as bad or worse. Præfat. in nouum Testam. Gal. 1567. *Iosias Simlerus* in vita *Bullingeri*.

a Cor. 2. 17.

FVLKE 21 All these quarrels and false accusations, are answered sufficiently in the booke before remembred, & as they shal be touched in these annotations, they shal here also be confuted.

That *Calvin*, the Church of *Zurich*, and other, complaine of the licentious and prophane translation of *Castalion*, it sheweth indeed, that we approue none, but that is sincere and true, although without proofe you accuse ours to be as bad or worse. If *Luther* in his heat misliked the *Tigurine* translation, it is not sufficient to discredit it, seeing truth, and not the opinion or authority of men, is to be followed in such matters.

The glosses, prayers, and confessions, though they be printed, and bound in the same volume with the Bible, yet they be not priuiledged and authorised to be so ioyned with the Bible, as part of it, or yet so wholly consonant vnto it, but that they are to be examined according to the text of the Scripture, and not otherwise to be receiued, then so far forth, as they are agreeable thereunto. Vnlesse perhaps you thinke, that we vsurpe such Lordship ouer mens faith, as you doe practise, which require all these your slanders, contained in your Preface, and all other errors comprehended in your annotations, to be taken for articles of faith, wholly consonant to the Catholike Religion. The contradiction that you note in the fourth Article of the Creed in meeter, with the confession of our faith denying *Limbus patrum*, if you were not malicious enemies, might be auoided, either by acknowledging that the Authour of that meeter is to be vnderstood so, as his words may agree with the Article of the confession, or: else, that he vttered his priuate opinion, disagreeing from the iudgement of the whole Church.

The purpose and commoditie of setting forth this Catholike edition.

RHEM. 22 *We therefore hauing compassion to see our beloued country-men, with extreme danger of their soules, to vse only such prophane translations, and erronious mens meere fantasies, for the pure and blessed word of truth, much also moued thereunto by the desires of many deuout persons: haue set forth for you (benigne Readers) the new Testament to begin withall, trusting that it may giue occasio to you, after diligent perusing therof, to lay away at least such their impure versiõs as hitherto you haue beene forced to occupie. How well we haue done it, we must not be iudges, but referre all to Gods Church and our Superiours in the same. To them we submit our selues, & this, and all other our labours, to be in part, or in the whole, reformed, corrected, altered, or quite abolished: most humbly desiring pardon, if through our ignorance, temerity, or other humane infirmity we haue any where mistaken the sense of the holy Ghost, further promising, that if hereafter we espie any of our owne errors, or if any other, either friend of good will, or aduersarie for desire of reprehension, shall open vnto vs the same: we will not (as Protestants do) for defence of our estimation, or of pride and contention, by wrangling words wilfully persist in them, but be most glad for, and Gods honor: which being had either by good intention, or by occasion, all is well. This we professe onely, that we haue done our endeauour with prayer, much feare and trembling, lest we should dangerously erre in so sacred, high, and diuine a work: that we haue done it with all faith, diligence, and sincerity: that we haue vsed no partiality for the disaduantage of our aduersaries, nor no more licence then is sufferable in translating of holy Scriptures: continually keeping our selues as neere as is possible to our text, and to the very words and phrases which by long vse are made venerable, though to some profane and delicate eares they may seeme more hard or barbarous,* as the holy stile of Scripture doth lightly to such as the beginning: acknowledging with S. Hierom, that in other writings it is enough to giue in translation, sense for sense, but that in Scriptures, lest we misse the sense, we must keepe the very words, Ad Pammach. ep. 101. c. 2. in prin. We must saith S. Augustine, speak according to a set rule, lest licence of words breed some wicked opinion concerning the things contained vnder the words, De ciu. l. 10. c. 12. Whereof our holy fore-fathers and ancient Doctors had such a religious care, that they would not change*

The religious care and sincerity obserued in this translation.

The ancient Fathers kept religiously the very barbarismes of the vulgar Latine text.

* See S. *August.* lib. 3. consel. cap. 5.

changes the very construction or congruitie of speech, which by vse and proprietie carried
old readings in readings of discrepancie; as [illegible] *to Marcion;* [illegible] *as c. 22. Mat. and in all the Fathers. The same is alleaged* [illegible]
& eaque exacta, ep. 81. Cyprian ep. 63. num. 7. Talis [illegible]
elder translations then the vulgar Latine that now is) in S. [illegible] *cap. 3. De* [illegible]
S. Hierom himselfe, who otherwise corrected the Latine translation [illegible]
time, yet keepeth religiously (as himselfe professeth, Præfat. in [illegible]
the like speeches, Nonne vos magis plures estis illis? and Filius hominis non venit [illegible]
sed ministrare: and Neque nubent, neque nubentur: in his Commentaries vpon these places;
and Non capit Prophetam perire extra Hierusalem, in his Commentaries in cap. 2. Ioel, fin.
finem. And S. Augustine, who is most religious in all these phrases, counteth it a speciall pride
and infirmity in those that haue a little learning in tongues, and some in things that they
easily take offence of the simple speeches or solecismes in the Scriptures. De doctrina Christ. l. 2.
cap. 13. See also the same holy Father, lib. 3. de doct. Christ. cap. 3. and Tract. 2. in Euang. Tom.
But of the manner of our translation more anon.

Mauh. 22. Marke 8. Hebr. 7.

Mat. 6. 20, 22.

Luc. 13.

De ciuit. lib. 10. cap. 12.

FVLKE 22 These forty or fifty yeres being void of compassion, you haue suffered the people to be without a Popish translation, while you had any hope to perswade the world, that ignorance of the holy Scriptures is more meet for them, then knowledge in the same. But being beaten from that most impudent assertion by shame, and the conscience of all Papists that are of any equity or indifferent iudgment crying out against it, and seeing that you haue labored in vaine to bring in blinde ignorance: you haue yeelded by obscure translation, partly to dimme the light of the Scripture, and by hereticall Annotations, to peruert the sense of the holy Ghost, to the vpholding of the kingdome of Antichrist. That our true and sincere translations, out of the originall tongues (which you say men hitherto haue beene inforced to occupie) being laid aside, your mistes of darke speeches, and wicked obseruations might come in place. What you professe and protest of your care and sincerity, may be credited of them that be deuote vnto you: but all reasonable men may take a taste of your credit by this. In the answer to *Martines* booke called the *Discouery, &c.* you were admonished of manifest corruptions, and false translations, euen of your vulgar Latine text, but where is the promise of reformation these fiue or six yeeres? Your like fidelity in citing and applying the sayings of the ancient Fathers, shall God willing be laid open in this answere to your Annotations: but as for the humble acknowledging of your errors, & the correction of the same, we haue small hope to see. For so long as your heads be occupied in contriuing most horrible conspiracies, of treason and murder of the most Honourable Prince in the world, your naturall soueraigne Lady and Queene, and the ouerthrow of your owne Country which hath bred and nourished you: we cannot be perswaded that any heauenly wisdome can enter into so malicious soules, or that there is any feare of God, regard, honour or loue of his truth, that moueth you to any thing, whatsoeuer you pretend: but euen as the booke you lately wrote against the murdering of Princes, had no other purpose of the setters forth, but to make our Prince and her Counsell secure of your deuilish practices, while you intended nothing so carefully, as the most cruell and vnnaturall slaughter of her sacred person, and of all her faithfull Counsellers and trustie subiects, by that hellish and Satanicall conspiracie of *Sauadge, Ballard, Babington*, and the rest, by *Gifford* and *Allen*, principall pillars of that your Seminary of Rhemes, enchanted and confirmed thereunto, openly testified by their owne confessions, at their arraignements. That in translation of the Scriptures, the very words must be kept, as neere as it is possible, and the phrase of the tongue into which we translate will beare, we doe acknowledge with S. *Hier. ad Pammach.* That which you cite out of S. *Augustine*, is not to be found in the place by you quoted: but wheresoeuer it is written, it seemeth to be intended of termes vsuall in the Church, against Heretikes, rather then of translation. That the ancient Doctors refused not the barbarismes and solœcismes of the vulgar Latine translation, which they then had, it was because they did write in Latin, to be vnderstood of the common people, to whom the Latine tongue was vulgar, and that translation similiar: not that those barbarismes and solœcismes by long vse became venerable, or that it is any example for you, to bring in Latine and Greeke words into the English text, neither vsed before, nor vnderstood now of the English people. Although the place you cite out of S. *Ambrose*, is by him defended to be a commendable phrase, by authority of those which made choice of words and eloquent speeches, of which one said, *Loco editiore quam vitioribus decebat*. Neither doth S. *Hierom* in the Epistle to *Damasus*, say, that he keepeth religiously these and such like barbarous speeches, although he vse some of them in his Commentaries, for the cause before alledged, but rather he sheweth, that recourse must be had to the originall truth of the Greeke text. Neuertheless he saith, he hath so tempered his pen, that those things onely being corrected that might seeme to change the sense, he suffered the rest to remaine as they were.

Neither had S. *Augustine* any Religion in false or barbarous Latine, although he did beare

beare with it, as I was willing to vse it where it was best vnderstood, or did best expresse the
originall Greeke. For in the first place by you quoted, hee would have the originall language,
out of which the [illegible] is made, to be looked vnto, & that which is barbarous & obscure, to be corrected by it, as in stead of *vinulenta*, he would have *plantationes*: that which
Sapien. 4. is commonly vnderstood, to be borne with, if it cannot be amended, and giueth for example
Psal. 131. of *That, which* [illegible] he) *we cannot take away frō the mouth of the people that say, Ypon him*
shal my sanctification [illegible] *arise*, where the barbarous word floriet, *doth nothing hinder the sense: yet is*
nothing hinder the correction, but the custome of the singers. But these things may be easily cun-
cunning hearer had rather haue it corrected, that it might be said, non floriet, *but* florebit. *And no-*
tened. Lo this is the most religious care, that he hath to keepe barbarismes & solecismes, this
is the speciall pride & infirmity that he counteth in them, that would haue them corrected.

In the second place by you noted, for auoiding of ambiguity, he saith, he had rather speake
barbarously then purely: as where the text is, *Non est absconditum à te os meum*, because *os* sig-
nifieth a mouth & a bone, the certainty must be learned out of the Greek tongue. *Wherefore*
Psal. 138. *many times* (saith he) *the vulgar custome of speaking is more profitable for signification of things,*
then the learned purity. For I had rather it be said with barbarisme, Non est absconditum a te
ossium meum, *then that it should be therefore lesse plaine, because it is more Latine-like.* His mea-
ning is, he had rather haue a barbarous word vsed (that is vnderstood of the cōmon people)
then a pure Latine word, either not vnderstood, or vncertaine how it should be vnderstood.

In the third place he saith, that *sanguines*, in the plurall, is no good Latine word, yet be-
cause it is the plurall number in the Greeke, the Interpreter did chuse rather to expresse the
truth according to the sound of words, though he spake not so pure Latine, according to
the Grammarians, for if he had spoken it in the singular number, he had not expressed the A-
postles meaning: *Therefore let vs speake* (saith he) *and not be afraid of the Grammarians pal-*
mer, so that we may come to the sound and more certaine truth.

These things I haue examined particularly, though the matter be not weighty, that the
Reader may see how soundly and sincerely, you gather out of the Fathers, where no great
need inforceth you, that he may the rather suspect your dealing with them in matters of
greater importance.

Of the Annotations why they were made; and what maner they containe.

RHEM. 23 *Now, though the text thus truly translated, might sufficiently, in the sight of the learned, & al in-*
different men, both controule the aduersaries corruptions, & proue that the holy Scripture, where of
they haue made so great vaunts, make nothing for their new opinios, but wholy for the Catholike
Churches beleefe and doctrine, in all the points of difference betwixt vs: yet knowing that the
good and simple may easily be seduced by some few obstinate persons of perdition (whom we see gi-
2 Cor. 2. *uen ouer into a reprobate sense, to whom the Gospel, which in it selfe is the odour of life to saluati-*
on, is made the odour of death to damnation, ouer whose eyes for sin and disobedience God suffereth
2 Cor. 3. *a vaile or couer to lie, while they reade the new Testament, euen as the Apostle saith, the Iewes*
haue till this day, in reading of the old, that as the one sort cannot finde Christ in the Scriptures,
De doctrin. Christ. lib. 3. cap. 10. *reade they neuer so much, so the other cannot finde the Catholike Church, nor her doctrine there*
neither) and finding by experience the saying of S. Augustine *to be most true,* If the preiudice of
any erronious perswasion preoccupate the minde, whatsoeuer the Scripture hath to the con-
trary, men take it for a figuratiue speech: *for these causes, and somewhat to help the faithfull*
Reader in the difficulties of diuers places, we haue also set forth large Annotations, thereby to
shew the studious reader in most places pertaining to the controuersies of this time, both the here-
tical corruptions and false deductions, and also the Apostolike tradition, the expositions of the
holy Fathers, the decrees of the Catholike Church and most ancient Councels: which meanes
whosoeuer trusteth not, for the sense of holy Scriptures, but had rather follow his priuate judge-
ments, or the arrogant spirit of these Sectaries, he shall worthily through his owne wilfulnesse be de-
ceiued; beseeching all men to looke with diligence, sincerity, and indifferencie, into the case that
concerneth no lesse then every ones eternall saluation or damnation.

FVLKE 23 Although the text be not truly translated by you, yet ye are not able by it to disproue
the truth of our doctrine, nor to defend your owne heresies. Whatsoeuer in your *Annota-*
tions, you haue obserued to charge vs with hereticall corruptions, or false deductions, hath
for the one beene sufficiently confuted already, the other shall receiue answere now. As for
the old brag of Apostolike tradition, exposition of Fathers, decrees of Church and Coun-
cels, shall be declared now to be as vaine as euer it was. And whosoeuer with diligence, sin-
cerity, and indifferencie will vouchsafe to reade, as well your *Annotations*, as our answer to
the same, I doubt not but they shall acknowledge more to be performed concerning this
matter in the end, then we promise in the beginning. As for the wilfull blinde, that will be
led by none other, but by your blinde Pharizaicall guides, we must let them alone, to fall to-
gether with you, into the pit of euerlasting destruction.

RHEM. 24 *Which if hee do, we doubt not but he shall to his great contentment, find the holy Scriptures most*
clearly & inuincibly to proue the articles of catholike doctrine against our aduersaries, which per-
haps he had thought before this diligēt search, either not to be consonant to Gods word, or at least
not

In Psalm. 67. prope finem. *not contained in the same, and finally he shall proue this saying of S.* Aug. *to be most true.* Multi
sensus, &c. Many senses of holy Scriptures lie hidden, and are knowne to some few of grea-
ter vnderstanding: neither are they at any time avouched more commodiously and accep-
tably then at such times, when the care to answer Heretikes doth force men thereunto. For
then, euen they that be negligent of matters of study and learning, shaking off sluggishnesse,
are stirred vp to diligent hearing, that the Aduersaries may be refelled. Againe, how many
senses of holy Scriptures, concerning Christs God-head, haue beene avouched against *Photi-*
nus: how many of his Man-hood, against *Manichæus*: how many, of the Trinity, against
Sabellius: how many, of the vnity in Trinity, against the *Arrians, Eunomians, Macedoni-*
ans: how many of the Catholike Church dispersed thorowout the whole world, and of the
mixture of good and bad in the same, vntill the end of the world, against the *Donatists* and
Luciferians, and other of the like errour: how many against all other Heretikes, which it
were too long to rehearse? Of which senses and expositions of holy Scripture the appro-
ued authours and avouchers, should otherwise either not be knowne at all, or not so well
knowne as the contradictions of proud Heretikes haue made them.

Heresies make Catholikes more diligent to search and find the senses of holy Scripture for refel-ling of the same.

FVLKE 24 We may see, there is no small account made of these your annotations, that you promise
the diligent Reader, such satisfaction and contentment in them, as he could not find in all the
Popish Treatises, that haue beene set forth these thirty yeeres. Well, the triall is all. For
my part, by the assistance of Gods grace, I nothing doubt, but as I haue in twenty other of
your Treatises, laid open the weaknesse of your part, with the lewde meanes you vse to vp-
hold it, in such sort as you haue no list to reply: so in this worke, I shall performe the like,
that the saying of S. *Augustine*, by you set downe, shall be found most true. That the con-
tradiction of Papists (as of all other like Heretikes) is the occasion, that the true meaning of
the Scripture by diligent search is better vnderstood, then it were like to haue beene, if no
such Heresie had arisen, and that the true Catholikes be better discerned from the arrogant
2 Cor. 11. Heretikes, according to the saying of the Apostle. There must be Heresies, that they which
are approued may be made manifest. So the malice of Satan, the father of lies, is by the in-
vincible power of God, converted to the avouching of the truth, and to the benefit of the
Church, which by Heresies the Deuill seeketh to ouerthrow.

RHEM. 25 *Thus he saith of such things as not seeming to be in holy Scriptures to the ignorant or heretikes,*
yet indeed be there. But in other points doubted of, that indeed are not decided by Scripture, he gi-
ueth vs this godly rule to be followed in all, as he exemplifieth in one. The we do hold, *saith he*, the
verity of the Scriptures, when we do that which now hath seemed good to the Vniuersall
Church, which the authority of the Scriptures themselues doth cōmend: so that, forasmuch
as the holy Scriptures cannot deceiue, whosoeuer is afraid to be deceiued with obscuritie
of questions, let him therein aske counsell of the same Church, which the holy Scripture
most certainly and evidently sheweth and pointeth vnto. *Aug. lib. 1. cont. Cresc. c. 13.*

FVLKE 25 Your application of S. Augustines place, is as true as your quotation: for you quote, cap.
13. instead of 33. cap. And he speaketh not of points of doctrine, that indeed are not
decided by Scripture, for the point of doctrine in controuersie betweene him and the
Donatists, that such as were baptized by Heretikes, might not be rebaptized, hee saith in
the Chap. going before, *Sequimur sane nos in hac re etiam Canonicarum authoritatem certis-*
simam Scripturarum. Truly we follow in this thing also, the most certain authority of the Canoni-
call Scriptures. And a little before, he had alledged for the same question among other au-
thorities of Scriptures, the saying of our Saviour Christ to *Peter*: He that is once washed,
Ioan. 13. need not to be washed againe. But the matter that was not to be found in the Scripture, was
an example of one baptized by Heretikes, received by the Church without re-baptisme.
For he had also before alledged the same example of the Samaritanes, who being circum-
cised in Schisme and Heresie, were not circumcised againe, when they were converted to
the true Religion of the Iewes: which prooveth the point of doctrine invincibly. But the
contentious heretike, would still urge the like example to be shewed of Baptisme, whereup-
on Saint Augustine saith, *Proinde quamuis hujus rei certè de Scripturis canonicis, non proferas*
tur exemplum, &c. Therefore although indeed, an example be not brought forth of this thing,
out of the canonicall Scriptures, yet in the same thing also the truth of the same Scriptures is
holden of vs, when we doe that which hath now pleased the whole Church, whom the authority of
the Scriptures themselues doth commend, that for as much as the holy Scripture cannot deceiue,
whosoeuer feareth to be deceiued with the obscurity of this question, let him aske counsell of the
same Church, which the holy Scripture without all ambiguity, doth demonstrate or set out. The
obscurity of this question, grew by the contrary iudgement and practice of S. *Cyprians*
time, which the whole Church, by authority of the Scriptures, had reformed in S. *Augu-*
stines time. He saith not therfore, *that of points not decided by Scriptures, the church must be co-*
sulted, but where question of contrary iudgment & practice doth arise, the iudgment of the
whole Church must be enquired, what is agreeable to the holy Scriptures, and preferred

before

before the particular opinions and practices of any other, though otherwise godly and learned, as *Cyprian* was.

The Church therefore hath wisdome to decide questions by Scripture, not authority to determine of points of doctrine, not decided by the Scriptures, for there are none such necessary for Gods people, to know or practise.

REM. 26 *Now to give thee also intelligence in particular, most gentle Reader, of such things as it behoveth thee specially to know concerning our Translation: We translate the old vulgar Latine text, not the common Greeke text, for these causes.*

Many causes why this new Testament is translated according to the ancient vulgar Latine text.

It is most ancient.

1. *It is so ancient, that it was vsed in the Church of God aboue 1300. yeeres agoe, as appeareth by the Fathers of those times.*

FULKE 26 You translate the vulgar Latine text, and not the originall Greeke text, for ten causes. The first is the Antiquity, that it was in vse the in Church of God aboue 1300. yeeres agoe. This is more boldly affirmed, then it can be soundly proved: for it appeareth not by the Fathers of those times, that any one translation was generally used. S. *Augustine*, as we shewed before, saith, There was an infinite variety of Latine translations. S. *Hieronym* in effect saith as much *in præfat. ad Damasum in 4. Euang.* Yea, it will be hard for you to name any one Father of the Latine Church, that vsed it more then 1300. yeeres agoe.

Cont. Marc. lib. 5. In ep. ad Gal. ca. 6. in 1 Cor. 1. c. 1. & Rom. cap. 1.

First, *Tertullian* vsed it not, as appeareth by an hundred texts that he citeth, differing from it: one or two shall suffice for example. Your vulgar Latine hath *Alter alterius onera portate*, *Tertullian* citeth it: *Onera vestra invicem sustinete*. Your text hath, *prudentiam prudentium reprobabo*, *Tertullians* text was, *irritam faciam*. Your text hath, *Non enim erubesco Evangelium*, *Tertullians* text was, *Non enim me pudet Evangelij*.

S. *Cyprian* vsed it not, as appeareth by infinite texts, which he citeth in his bookes of Testimonies *ad Quirinum*, and thorowout his workes, whereof I will shew a few exampies. Your text hath Matth. 3. *Non sum dignus calceamenta portare*. *Cyprians* text had, *Non sum idoneus; ad Quirinum, lib. 1. num, 12.* Againe, Luke 1. Your text hath, *Quia visitavit & fecit redemptionem plebis suæ*: *Cyprians* text was, *Quia prospexit redemptionem populo suo, lib. 2. num. 7.* Againe, your text Iohn 1. hath *In principio erat verbum*. S. *Cyprians* text had, *In principio erat Sermo, lib. 2. num. 6.* Your text Rom. 2. hath, *An divitias benitatis ejus & patientiæ, & longanimitatis contemnis?* S. *Cyprians* translation had, *An nunquid opulentiam benitatis ejus & sustinentiam & patientiam contemnis? lib. 3. num. 35.* The Clergie of Rome in S. *Cyprians* time, used not your vulgar Latine text, as appeareth by divers texts cited in their Epistles: As for example, Your text hath, Mat. 18. *Omne debitum dimisi tibi quoniam rogasti me*. The Romanes text had, *Donavi tibi omne debitum quia me rogasti*, *Cler. Rom. epist. 31.* Your text hath, Rom. 1. *Quia fides vestra annunciatur in universo mundo*. Their text had, *Quia fides vestra prædicatur in toto mundo*.

Irenæus, or he that translated him into Latine, which is very ancient, followed another translation, then your vulgar Latine. I will forbeare examples, which are many, because it is not certaine of what time the translatour of *Irenæus* lived, who is thought to have written in Greeke.

Com. in Psal. 67. In Psal. 106.

Arnobius an ancient writer used not your text, as appeareth by divers places which he citeth: for example, Your text hath, 1 Ioh. 2. *Filioli novissima hora est*. *Arnobius* did reade, *Pueri novissima hora, &c.* Your text, Luk. 22. hath, *Satanas expetivit vos ut cribraret*. *Arnobius* did reade, *ventilet*. Your text saith, *Ego autem rogavi*, *Arnobius* saith, *Ego autem intercessi*.

S. *Hilarie* useth not your vulgar Latine text, as appeareth thorow all his Commentarie upon S. *Matthew*, whereof take these examples: Your text hath Mat. 7. *In quo enim judicio judicaveritis judicabimini*. S. *Hilarie* saith, *Indicabitur de vobis*.

Againe, cap. 11. your text hath, *Arundinem vento agitatam*; *Hilarie* readeth, *vento moveri*. Your Latine text hath, Matth. 26. *Extendens manum exemit gladium suum & percutiens servum principis Sacerdotum amputavit auriculam ejus*. S. *Hilarie* saith, *gladium exeresus servo principis Sacerdotum aurem abscidit*.

S. *Ambrose* you confessed before, to use a more ancient translation, then your vulgar Latine, and lest the unlearned Reader should thinke it were in that one only place, I will giue a few examples, whereby it may appeare, that he used not your vulgar Latine in his whole Commentarie upon S. *Luke*, which is his without controversie. In the Angels salutation, Luke 1. your text hath, *in mulieribus*. S. *Ambrose* saith, *inter mulieres*. In the answere of *Mary*, your text hath, *fiat mihi*. *Ambrose* saith, *contingat mihi*. In the 12. cha. where your text hath *ager*, *Ambrose* hath *possessio*. Yours hath *Quid induamini*, *Ambrose* hath, *quid vestiamini*.

Pacianus used it not, as Ep. 1. Luc. *Dignus est mercenarius*, your text is, *Operarius*. 2 Cor. 2. *Non enim versutias ejus ignoramus*. Yours, *Non enim ignoramus cogitationes ejus*.

Iulius Firmicus, tra. 1. *Qui aufert*. *Vul. Qui tollit*. Apo. 5. *Prostraverunt se*. *Vul. Ceciderunt*. *Victorinus* Col. 1. *sedes*. *Vulg. throni*. *Condita*. *Vulg. creata*. 2 Tim. 3. *mysterium Vulg. Sacramentum*. *Receptum*, *Vulg. assumptum*.

Gaudentius

Gaudentius Brixiensis used it not, as appeareth, *Ep. ad Germinium*, where he rehearseth the whole parable of the unjust Steward out of another translation.

Seeing none of these Fathers of these times, used your vulgar Latine text, I pray you tell us in good earnest, what Fathers you meane? for these are the chiefe, and almost all, whose workes remaine of those times. Againe, where you say in the margent, it is most ancient, you forget what you said before, that *Ambrose* followed an elder translation then the vulgar Latine translation.

Sect. 22.

REM. 27 2 *It is that (by the common received opinion, and by all probability) which S.* Hierome *afterward corrected according to the Greeke, by the appointment of* Damasus *then Pope, as he maketh mention in his preface before the foure Evangelists, vnto the said* Damasus: *and* in Catalogo in fine, *and* ep. 102.

Corrected by S. Hieronym.

FULKE 27 The places by you quoted, doe shew, that *Hieronym* did correct a vulgar Latine text, that was much used before his time, at the request of *Damasus*, but the common received opinion of Papists, which call it S. *Hieronymus* translation, is no good argument to prove it to be the ancient vulgar text of his correction. All probability, is but your owne authority. For it is against all probability, that *Hieronym* who corrected it, according to the Greeke, as he professeth, would have left so many places, that are not warranted by any Greeke copie.

Againe, there are in it, some of those faults which S. *Hieronym* did correct, as in S. *Marke* the first, the name of *Esay*, which he thinketh to be the fault of the writers, Com. in Matth. cap. 3. The like is in some copies of the vulgar Latine, *Judea* for *Jude*. Matth. 2. and cap. 6. he correcteth the word *exterminans*, which remaineth in your vulgar Latine text.

Also cap. 16. 4. it appeareth that S. *Hieronymus* text was *vade retro me*, yours is *vade post me*.

In the Epistle to the Gal. cap. 1. where your vulgar Latine hath *expugnabam illam*, S. *Hieronym* in his Commentarie, rehearseth the text & *devastabam illam*. Likewise for *acquievi* in the same chapter, he correcteth *contuli* according to the Greeke. Againe, vpon the third chapter he saith expressly, *Legimus in quibusdam codicibus, quis vos fascinavit non credere veritati? Sed hoc quia in exemplaribus Adamantij non habetur, omissum. In some bookes it is read, Who hath bewitched you not to beleeve the truth? but because it is not found in the copies of* Origens, *we have omitted it.* But those words which he saith he hath omitted, your vulgar text hath. Therefore with greater probability, may I say, that your vulgar text is not that which S. *Hieron.* corrected, but rather the same text uncorrected, then you can affirme, that by all probability, it is that which he corrected. Many like examples might be brought out of his Commentaries vpon the Epistle to the *Ephesians*, and to *Philemon*, and to *Titus*, where he sheweth his correction out of the Greeke, which is not observed in your vulgar Latine text. Therefore your vulgar Latine text is not that which he corrected.

REM. 28 3 *Consequently it is the same which S.* Augustine *so commendeth and alloweth in an Epistle to S.* Hierome.*

* Epist. 10. Commended by S. Augustine.

FULKE 28 The antecedent being proved false, the consequent cannot be true. S. *Augustine* commendeth S. *Hieronymus* labour and diligence in that correction of the vulgar Latine, but we have declared before, this is not that which he corrected, therefore it is not the same which *Augustine* so commendeth. Neither doth *Augustine* use your vulgar Latine text, as I might shew by fine hundred examples, but a few shall suffice to give a taste.

In the 9. of S. Iohn your vulgar Latine text hath, *fecit luctum ex sputo, & linivit luctum super oculos ejus*. S. *Augustines* translation was *de saliva sua lutum fecit & inunxit oculos cæci. Tract. in Ioan. 44.* Also Iohn 13. your vulgar Latine hath *post buccellam*. S. *Augustines* booke had, *post panem*, or *post panem intinctum*. In the first chapter of the first Epistle of S. Iohn, your vulgar Latine text hath, *& testamur & annunciamus vobis vitam æternam, quæ erat apud patrem & apparuit nobis*. S. *Augustines* text had, *& testes sumus & annunciamus vobis vitam æternam, quæ erat apud patrem & manifesta est in nobis*. Also in the second chapter, to the fift verse, he addeth these words, *Si in illo perfecti fuerimus*, which are not in your vulgar Latine text, in the same place he readeth *dilectio Dei*, where your text hath *charitas*. In the fourth chapter of the same Epistle, your text hath *Omnis spiritus qui solvit Iesum*. S. *Augustines* text had *omnis spiritus, qui non confitetur Iesum in carne venisse, &c.* By these it is manifest that S. *Augustine* followed not your vulgar Latine text, which it is like he would have done, if it had beene the same which S. *Hieron.* corrected, & which he so commended & allowed.

REM. 29 4 *It is that which for the most part euer since hath beene used in the Churches service, expounded in Sermons, alledged and interpreted in the Commentaries and writings of the ancient Fathers of the Latine Church.*

Vsed and expounded by the Fathers.

FULKE 29 You are not able to prove your Church service to be so ancient as S. *Augustines* time, for many of your Church Lessons are taken out of *Beda*, and other writers, which lived many hundred yeeres after S. *Augustines* age. And such parts of the Scripture, as seeme to have beene of most ancient time used in the Church of Rome, are not taken out of your vulgar

Latine

Latine text. In the Lords prayer, it is *panem nostrum quotidianum*, in your vulgar text *supersubstantialem*, Likewise for *gloria in excelsis*, your vulgar Latine hath *gloria in altissimis*. So out of Matthew 21. your Church service hath, *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Hosanna in excelsis*, your vulgar Latine hath *in altissimis*.

That it hath not beene euer since S. *Hieronyms* time alledged, and interpreted in the writings and Commentaries of the ancient Fathers of the Latine Church shall appeare by these testimonies following; Your text hath Matt. 16. *porte inferi non prævalebunt*. *Optatus Milevitanus* alledgeth, *porte inferorum non vincent*. Also Matth. 7. your vulgar Latine hath *conversi dirumpant vos*. *Optatus* read, *conversi elidant vos*, Againe, Luc. 18. in your vulgar Latine it is thus written, *dixit autem & ad quosdam qui in se confidebant tanquam justi, & aspernabantur cæteros*. *Optatus* saith it is written, *Dicebat Iesus hanc similitudinem propter eos qui se sanctos putant, & contemnunt cæteros*.

Fulgentius another ancient Father of the Latine Church, alledged not alwayes your Latine text, as appeareth *Ad Trasimundum lib. 1. c. 5. Omnis spiritus qui non confitetur Iesum Christum in carne venisse, ex Deo non est*. Your text hath, *qui soluit Iesum*, 1 Ioan. 4. Also lib. 2. c. 18. his text had *conforme corpori*, where your text hath *configuratum*, Phil. 3.

Primasius another old father of the Latine Church, in his Commentarie vpon the Epistle to the Hebrewes c. 1. hath *Oleo lætitiæ præ consortibus*, where your text hath, *oleo exultationis præ participibus*. And cap. 3. ad Gal. in his exposition he followeth that, which he saith was the Latine text, *Quibus ad horam cessimus*: whereas the Latine now is negatiuely, *neque ad horam*. And although the Writers or Printers have prefixed the vulgar Latine before his Commentaries: yet it appeareth b ymany places of his Commentaries, that he followed another text.

Prosper Aquitanicus somewhat elder then he, alledged Scripture out of another translation, then your vulgar Latine: as *de promiss. part. 3. pro. 1.* out of Ioan. 1. *dic, ut habeamus renunciare his*, your text is, *ut responsum demus*. In the same place, *vox clamantis in eremo, parate viam, &c.* your text is *in deserto, dirigite*. And out of the Acts 13. he citeth this text, *Cum impleretur cursus Ioannes dixit, quem me suspicamini esse, non sum ego, sed ecce venit post me, de cujus pedibus non sum dignus solvere corrigiam calceamentorum ejus*. Your text is, *cum impleret autem Ioannes cursum suum dicebat, quem me arbitramini esse non sum ego, ecce venit post me cujus non sum dignus calceamenta pedum solvere*. It were folly to adde more examples in a case so manifest.

Leo Bishop of Rome, expoundeth not your vulgar Latine text, and therefore it is not like to be that which S. *Hieronym* corrected: for in his Hom. in *fest. omn. sanctorum*, interpreting the beginning of S. *Matthewes* Gospel: next after *Beati pauperes*, he placeth *Beati qui lugent*, as it is in the Greeke, *Post prædicationem, &c. After the commendation of this most happy poverty, our Lord added, saying, Blessed are they that mourne*. Your vulgar text placeth, *Beati mites, quoniam ipsi possidebunt terram*. And *Leo* when he commeth to the third beatitude, he readeth *hereditate possidebunt terram*, more expressing the Greeke word. *Gregorie* indeed, who was three hundred yeeres after the time by you before named, used your vulgar Latine text, and that so precisely, that where there is a manifest corruption, not of the translator, but of the writers, Luk. 15. *evertit domum*, for *everrit*, he neuertheless expoundeth the text according to that corruption, although he confesseth that in another translation it was *emundat*, which is more agreeable to the Greeke. But this errour of *Gregorie*, you are content to give over, for in your translation you say, *she doth sweepe the house*, according to the truth of the originall Greek, being ashamed to follow the grosse error of the best Bishop of Rome, of all the number that followed him.

Vigilius an ancient Father useth not your translation, as appeareth in many places: Lib. 2. he citeth the text thus, Luc. 2. *Puer autem crescebat & confortabatur, repletus sapientia, & gratia Dei super eum*. Your text hath, *Plenus sapientia, & gratia Dei erat in illo*. Againe, this text Heb. 2. he citeth, *Nam paulo minus minoratum vidimus Iesum, &c.* Your text is, *Eum autem qui modicè quam Angeli minoratus est*. In the same place after some Greeke copies *Vigilius* readeth, *Sine Deo*, where your text is, *Gratia Dei*.

Gildas our countreyman, Matth. 5. 16. *Magnificent patrem vestrum*. Vulg. *Glorificent*. Matth. 7. 3. *Trabem in oculo tuo non consideras*. Vulg. *Non vides*, 1 Timoth. 3. *Si quis Episcopatum cupit, bonum opus cupit*. Vulg. *Desiderat*.

RHEM. 30 Sess. 4. 5 *The holy Councell of Trent, for these and many other important considerations, hath declared and defined this only of all other Latine translations, to be authentical, and so only to be used and taken in publike lessons, disputations, preachings and expositions, and that no man presume vpon any pretence to reject or refuse the same.* Only authentical by the holy Councell of Trent.

FVLKE 30 The profane particular Chapter of Trent, hath no authority to preferre any translation, much lesse one so corrupted and depraved as that is, before the originall text of the Apostles and Evangelists owne enditing: nor to forbid any man to reject that, which is found

found disagreeing from the originall verity. No more all they which your gouernours and teachers of the Popish French Church, will not acknowledge Tridentine to be both any authority against the truth, but vrge it for it, as S. Paul spake of himselfe and other Apostles.

2 Cor. 13.

RHEM. 31 6 *It is the gravest, sincerest, of greatest majestie, least partialitie, as being without all respect of sects, controversies, and contentions, specially these of our time, as appeareth in these places which Erasmus and others at this day translate much more to the aduantage of the Catholike cause.* Most grave, least partiall.

FVLKE 31 In gravity, sincerity, and majesty, it is not to be compared with the authentical Greeke text, beside that in many places it is ridiculous, vnsincere, vntrue, and consequently of no authority, much lesse majesty. And although the translator was not partiall in respect of the controuersies of our time, yet his vnapt translation sometime is abused of you, to the maintenance of your errours, as in answering your annotations it will appeare.

RHEM. 32 7 *It is so exact and precise according to the Greeke, both the phrase and the word, that desligate Heretikes therefore reprehended is of rudenesse. And that it followeth the Greeke farre more exactly then the Protestants translations, beside infinite other places, we appeale to these,* Tit. 3. 14. Curent bonis operibus præesse. ϖροίστασθαι Engl. Bibl. 1577. to maintaine good works. *and* Heb. 10. 20. Viam nobis initiavit. ἐνεκαίνισεν. Engl. Bible, He prepared. *So in these words.* Institutiones, Traditiones, Idola, &c. *In all which they come not neere the Greeke, but euide is of purpose.* Precise in following the Greeke.

FVLKE 32 The translatour indeed according to his knowledge, did purpose to translate exactly, both words and phrases: but being neither very good Grecian, nor good Latinist, beside that he erred in many places from the true sense, he hath translated many places barbarously, as is confessed by *Lindanus, Isidorus Clarius*, and other of indifferent iudgement among you. What hurt is it then, if by learned men of these times, which have exact iudgement in both the tongues, that rudenes be amended: Is the Scripture of more credit in false Latine or in barbarous Latine, then in true and cleane Latine? No verely, but that you preferre old errours, before old truth newly restored. If that vulgar translation follow the truth more exactly then ours, I would wish ours were reformed according to the Greeke. Concerning the examples you bring, I answer to the first, that your (*præesse*) doth not follow the Greeke more exactly, then our words, to maintaine, or, to shew foorth. For ϖροίστασθαι doth signifie as well that which we translate, as that which your vulgar text hath. We translate it also to excell, as *Beza* doth say, *Præstantes esse*: and the Greeke signifieth all three indifferently, as euery man that is learned therein, will confesse, and the Lexicons beare witnesse. To the second I say, The word, Dedicated, as *Beza* translateth it, had beene more proper, then Prepared: yet, because the word signifieth to renew, and mention is made before of the new way, it is no hurt to the sense, to say, He prepared a new way. As for the words, *Iustificationes, Traditiones, Idola*, we expound truly according to the Greeke, as is declared at large, in the booke of the Defence of our translations, vnto which I referre the Reader.

RHEM. 33 8 *The Aduersaries themselues, namely* Beza, *preferreth it before all the rest*, In præfat. no. Test. an. 1556. *And againe he saith, that the old Interpreter translated very religiously*, Annot. in Luk. 1. v. 1. Preferred by Beza himselfe.

FVLKE 33 *Beza* preferreth it before the licentious translations of *Castalion, Illyricus*, and such like, and it is not to be denied, that the old Interpreter of the new Testament, according to his knowledge, and after the copy which he followed, translated religiously: yet, partly for want of knowledge, partly for lacke of conference of other copies, or iudgement to discerne them, he hath translated many things obscurely, many things vntruly, some things ambiguously, and often times barbarously.

RHEM. 34 9 *In the rest, there is such diversity, and dissention, and no end of reprehending one another, and translating every man according to his fancie, that* * Luther *said, If the world should stand any long time, we must receiue againe (which he thought absurd) the Decrees of Councels, for preserving the vnity of faith, because of so diuers interpretations of the Scripture. And* Beza (*in the place aboue mentioned*) *noteth the itching ambition of his fellow-translators, that had much rather disagree and dissent from the best, then seeme themselues to haue said or written nothing. And* Beza's *translation it selfe, being so esteemed in our countrey, that the Geneua* * *English Testaments be translated according to the same, yet sometime goeth so wide from the Greeke, and from the meaning of the holy Ghost, that themselues which protest to translate it, dare not follow it. For example,* Luke 3. 36. *They haue put these words,* The sonne of Cainan, *which he wittingly and wilfully left out: and* Act. 1. 14. *they say,* With the women, *agreeable to the vulgar Latine: where he saith,* Cum uxoribus, with their wiues. All the rest inclined of the Sectaries themselues, each reprehending another.

* The new Test. printed the yere 1580 in the Title.

FVLKE 34 The dissention of interpreters, must be decided by the originall Greeke, as S. *Augustine* sheweth, and S. *Hieronyme* thinketh as much. Neither is there greater dissention of our interpreters, then is of the copies of your vulgar Latine text: neither is it like, neither is there any

any cause why *Luther* should so say, as you report out of his aduersary *Coclæus*. For so long as the Greeke text remaineth, the vncertainty of translations cannot bring the truth in vncertainty, but they that be learned, and louers of truth, may plainly see it. Nor yet is *Beza's* translation so wide from the Greeke, that it is forsaken of vs: but we vse our iudgement freely in those points, and are not tied vnto his authority. *The son of Cainan*, though it be a superfluous and false addition, yet because it is in most of the Greek copies, we are content to let it stand, as the name of *Ieremie* in S. *Matth.* Gospel, which yet we doubt not to be a corruption in stead of *Zacharie*, or else that there should be neither of both named. Yet *Beza* by authority of *Moses*, and of a very ancient Greeke copie, now remaining in the Librarie of the Vniuersitie of Cambride, doth leaue it out in his translation.

Cap. 27. 9.

The other example, *Cum uxoribus*, with their wiues, is nothing wide from the Greeke text, but very aptly agreeth therewith, yet because the word signifieth women also generally, and because it might be, that there were other godly women, beside the wiues of the Apostles, our translator thought good to translate it by the word women, which comprehendeth as well wiues as other women.

RHEM. 35 *It is not onely better then all other Latine translations, but then the Greeke text it selfe, in those places where they disagree.*

It is truer then the vulgar Greeke text it selfe.

FVLKE 35 This onely argument, if it were well proued, might iustifie your translation out of the vulgar Latine text. The other nine reasons, if they were all granted (as there is not one of them all true and good) are not sufficient to proue, that you ought to translate out of the Latine, rather then out of the Greeke. Seeing the water is most pure out of the spring, and not out of ponds and ditches, that are derived from it.

RHEM. 36 *The proofe hereof is euident, because most of the ancient Heretiks were Grecians, and therfore the Scriptures in Greeke were more corrupted by them, as the ancient fathers often complaine,* Tertullian *noteth the Greeke text which is at this day* (1 Cor. 15. 47.) *to be an old corruption of* Marcion *the Heretike, and the truth to be as in our vulgar Latine,* Secundus homo de cœlo cœlestis, The second man from heauen heauenly. *So reade other ancient fathers, and* Erasmus *thinketh it must needs be so, and* Calvin *himselfe followeth it.* Inst. l. 2. c. 13. parag. 2. *Again,* S. Hierome *noteth that the Greeke text* (1 Cor. 7. 33.) *which is at this day, is not the Apostolicall verity, or the true text of the Apostle: but that which is in the vulgar Latine,* Qui cum uxore est, solicitus est quæ sunt mundi, quomodo placeat uxori, & diuisus est. He that is with a wife, is carefull of worldly things, how he may please his wife, and is divided or distracted. *The Ecclesiasticall historie called the* Tripartite, *noteth the Greeke text that now is* (1 Ioh. 4. 3.) *to be an old corruption of the ancient Greeke copies, by the Nestorian Heretikes, and the true reading to be as in our vulgar Latine,* Omnis spiritus qui soluit Iesum, ex Deo non est. Euery spirit that dissolueth Iesus, is not of God: *and* Beza *confesseth that* Socrates *in his Ecclesiasticall history readeth so in the Greeke,* πᾶν πνεῦμα ὃ λύει τὸν Ἰησοῦν, &c.

The ancient Fathers for proofe hereof, and the aduersaries themselues.

* Lib. 5. cont. Marcionem.
* Ambrose.
Hierom. lib. 1. cont. Iovin. c. 7.
Lib. 12. cap. 4.
Lib. 7. c. 32.

FVLKE 36 The proofe is like your accustomed proofes, where you heap on words with a little appearance to deceive the ignorant, which being rightly weighed, haue no substance at all of truth in them. Your first argument is, that most of the ancient Heretiks were Grecians, which did corrupt the Scriptures in Greeke. A feeble reason, as though the prouidence of God, which caused the new Testament to be written in Greek, either could not, or would not, preserue it from the corruption of Heretikes, in Greeke, as well as in Latine. But some of these corruptions, you say, remaine in the Greeke books vnto this day: it may be in some copies they do, which yet are conuinced by other copies. But that you deny: and for example you say, *Tertullian* affirmeth the Greeke text, which is at this day, 1 *Cor.* 15. 47. to be an old corruption of *Marcion* the Heretike, and the truth to be as your vulgar Latine hath: but *Lindanus* whom you follow, mistooke *Tertullian* greatly, and so doth *Beza*. For *Tertullian* laieth not *Marcions* corruption in that verse, but in the 45. verse, and by authority of the Apostle in the 47. ver. discouereth his corruption, as well as by the order of the same verse. For after he hath proued out of the Apostle against *Marcion*, that the resurrection pertaineth vnto the body, and not vnto the soule onely: he declareth that the Apostle confirmeth the same of Christ himselfe, where he saith, *Factus primus* Adam, &c. *The first* Adam *was made a liuing soule, the last* Adam *a quickning spirit, although the most foolish Heretik would not haue it to be so: for he hath placed the last Lord, in stead of the last* Adam, *fearing indeed, lest if he shall haue the Lord to be the last* Adam, *we also might defend Christ in the last* Adam, *to be of the same nature, whereof the first* Adam *was. But the falshood doth plainly appeare: for why is there the first* Adam, *but because there is the last* Adam? *There is no order of things one to another, except they be equall, and be either of the same name, or substance, or author: For although in diuers things be equall, and be either of the same name, or substance, or author: But if the author also, there may be one thing first, and another last, yet they must be of one author. But if the author be another, he also may be called the last: yet that which he hath brought in, is first, but last, if it be equal to the first. Now equal to the first it is not, because it is not of the same author: after the same manner he shall be considered in the name of man. The first man* (saith he) *is of the earth earthly, the*

Marcion denied the humanitie of Christ.

Marcion denied God to be Creator of the world.

* Meaning the Apostle.

second is the Lord from heauen. Why is he called the second, if he be not a man as the first? or is the first the Lord of the second be? But is sufficeth, if in the Gospell he exhorteth Christ the second of man, and man, and in the man Adam, cannot deny him. The words following also, shall serue him together: for when the Apostle saith, such as he is heauenly, is of the euerlasting substance, such are the same earthly. Therefore such as the man is, such is the heauenly, God are they not which are of him heauen. This place of *Tertullian* being rightly understood, doth not charge the Greeke text with any corruption, but rather reproueth the corruption of *Marcion* in the 45. verse, and is a good testimonie for the confirmation of that reading, which is now of that 47. verse in the Greeke text. And whereas in his booke, *De resurrectione carnis*, it is now read, *Secundus homo de Cælo*: it seemeth that *Dominus* is left out, through fault of the writers, seeing he addeth immediately, *id est* [illegible], *id est Christus*, which agreeth properly to *Dominus*, and addeth not *Cælestis*, as it is in the vulgar Latine. And although some ancient Fathers of the Latine Church, as *Ambrose*, and *Hieronyme* doe reade so, and *Caluine* misliketh not the sense, which is true: yet all the Greeke copies, and ancient Fathers of the Greeke Church, as *Athanasius* alledging it against *Marcion* himselfe, *Euthy. Pan. part.* 1. *tit.* 9. *Chrysostome*, *Damascen*, and *Oecumenius*, holding the Greeke text, and the sense thereof, being good and godly, there is no reason why it should be counted a corruption. Another corruption, of the Greeke text, you say, is noted by S. *Hieron.* in 1 *Cor.* 7. 33. *Aduersus Iouinian. lib.* 1. where indeed he saith, that the Latine bookes of his time, were as the Greeke is now, and that the Apostolike truth is as your vulgar text is, and as he in that place translateth: yet he confesseth, that he hath cited it otherwise, and so he doth in his booke against *Heluidius*, and in *Ep. ad Eustoc. de Virgin. custodia*. But seeing S. *Basil* that was somewhat elder then he, and a father of the Greeke Church, doth oftentimes cite the text as we reade it now, and so doth *Chrysostome* likewise reade and expound it, *Oecumenius* also, and *Theophylactus*: and almost all the old Greeke copies doe agree in this reading, with that which was the ancient Latine text in S. *Hieronymes* time: it is rather like S. *Hieronymes* Greeke booke was faulty, and lacked the coniunction, then that all the Greeke Church was deceiued in it. The third corruption, you say, is noted by the *Tripartite hist. li.* 12. *c.* 4. in 1 *Ioan.* 4. 3. and the true reading to be *omnis spiritus qui soluit Iesum*, as also *Socrates* contendeth, affirming that text which we now reade, is a corruption of the Nestorians, as *Beza* confesseth. But *Beza* telleth you also that S. *Cyprian l.* 2. *aduers. Iudæos c.* 8. citeth it in Latine, according to that we now reade in the Greeke, who seeing he liued certaine hundred yeres before *Nestorius*: *Socrates*, or *Cassiodorus*, which liued so long after him, doe vniustly charge him with corruption, although some old copies in their time, whom your vulgar interpreter followed, might haue λύει ἀπὸ Ἰησοῦ, as *Socrates* saith. Yet all the Fathers of the Greeke Church, as appeareth by *Oecumenius*, retaining the Greeke text, as it is now, and all the ancient copies thereunto agreeing, and the Syrian translation confirming it, the testimonie of one no very ancient Historian, *Socrates*, and that manifestly false, is not sufficient to conuince the Greeke Testament of corruption: especially, seeing not onely *Cyprian*, and long before him *Tertullian de præscriptionibus aduersf. hæret.* and after them *Augustine*, and other ancient fathers of the Latine Church, doe acknowledge this reading, to be the true text and word of God.

Beuiglius.

RHEM. 37 *But the proofe is more pregnant, out of the Aduersaries themselues. They forsake the Greeke text as corrupted, & translate according to the vulgar Latine, namely* Beza *and his scholers the English translatours of the Bible, in these places,* Heb. c. 9. ver. 1. *saying,* The first couenant, *for that which is in the Greeke.* The first Tabernacle, *where they put couenant, not as of the text, but in another letter, as to be vnderstood according to the vulgar Latine, which most sincerely leaueth it out altogether saying,* Habuit quidem & prius iustificationes, &c. The former also indeed had iustifications, &c. *Againe,* Rom. 12. ver. 11. *They translate not according to the Greeke text.* Tempori seruientes, seruing the time, *which* Beza *saith must needs be a corruption: but according to our vulgar Latine,* Domino seruientes, seruing our Lord. *Againe,* Apo. 11. v. 2. *they translate not the Greeke text,* Atrium quod intra templum est, the court which is within the temple, *but cleane contrary according to the vulgar Latine, which* Beza *saith is the true reading,* Atrium quod est foris templum, the court which is without the temple. *Only in this last place one English Bible of the yeere* 1562. *followeth the error of the Greeke. Againe,* 2 Tim. 2. v. 14. *they adde,* but, *more then is in the Greeke, to make the sense more commodious and easie, according as it is in the vulgar Latine. Againe,* Iam. 5. v. 12. *they leaue the Greeke, and follow the vulgar Latine, saying,* Lest you fall into condemnation. *I doubt not* (*saith* Beza) but this is the true and sincere reading, and I suspect the corruption in the Greeke came thus, &c. *It were infinite to set downe all such places, where the Aduersaries* (*specially* Beza) *follow the old vulgar Latine and the Greeke copie agreeable thereunto, condemning the Greeke text that now is of corruption.*

The Caluinists themselues of late forsake the Greeke as corrupt, and translate according to the ancient vulgar Latine text.

FVLKE 37 It is a shameless cauillation to say, we acknowledge the Greeke text to be corrupt, because

ceife in three few places, where the Greeke copies doe vary, through the default of the writer, being deceived by like found of letters, or otherwife, we chufe that reading which helpe beſt agreeable to the circumſtance of the text, is confirmed alſo by moſt of the auncient Latin tranſlation: as in the firſt example you bring out of *Heb.* 9.1. Some Greeke copies doe leave out the word *καινὴν* (which is in many copies) and to the circumſtance of language reſpecteth. The ſame is the iudgement of *Phocius* and *Oecumenius*, and before them, of *Chryſoſtome*, in whoſe copy it was left out. The *Syrian* tranſlation alſo omitteth it, as well as the vulgar Latine. Is the Greeke text then corrupted (though many copies be corrupted) when we have ſo good teſtimony of the true reading thereof, both out of ſome auncient Greeke copies yet extant, out of the ancient Fathers of the Greeke text, and alſo out of the ancient tranſlations into other Languages?

The ſecond, *Rom.* 12. likewiſe, hath moſt of the ancient Greeke copies to warrant it, beſide the authoritie of *Clemens Alexandrinus*, *Baſil*, *Chryſoſtome*, *Phocius*, *Oecumenius*, *Theophylactus*, old writers of the Greeke Church, the *Syrian* tranſlation, and the vulgar interpreter of the Latine: yet forſooth we forſake the Greeke text as corrupted, when in diverſitie of Greeke readings, we follow that which is ſo ſubſtantially advouched.

The third example, *Apoc.* 11. beſides the *Complutenſe* Edition, which doubtles followed ſome ancient Greeke copies, hath the authority of *Arethas*, and thoſe ancients of the Greeke Church, out of whom he gathered his Commentarie, which is ſufficient to iudge of that diverſitie, which is in miſtaking of one onely letter in the Greeke word,

The fourth, *2. Tim.* 1.14. is no departing or forſaking of any Greeke text, but only a neceſſary explication of that Greeke according to our Engliſh phraſe. In ſo infinite a number of places, as you ſpeake of in the end of this ſection, you had ſmall wit to bring this for one, but that you were come to the end of your quarrels, though you place another after it for a faſhion. You your ſelues have other manner of additions then this is, in your tranſlation, whereof ſome are neceſſary, and ſome needleſſe: yet you would not be charged to forſake the Latine text as corrupt, although ſometimes you doe, and cleave to the Greeke, wherein no wiſe man will blame you.

The laſt example, *Iob.* 5. 11. hath alſo ancient Greeke copies, the *Syrian* tranſlation, and the iudgement of *Oecumenius*, with ſuch ancient Fathers as he doth follow, together with the vulgar Latine.

To conclude, we forſake not the Greek text as corrupted, when we forſake the fault of the Printer, or of the writer, and follow the Greek text, which is warranted by ancient copies, written or printed, and by the authorities of ancient Fathers, the ſenſe of the holy Ghoſt, and the circumſtances of the places agreeing that to be the very true reading of the Greeke text, and the right Scripture of God, no more then you forſake the vulgar Latine text as corrupted, when you leave the common reading, and follow that which out of ſome ancient written coppies, is placed in the Margent, as I noted before, of the text of *Luke*, *avertit domum*, for *everrit*, & yet the error of *evertit* is above nine hundred yeere old, as appeareth by *Gregorie*. And you your ſelues acknowledge in the ende of this Preface, that ſometimes you tranſlate the word that is in the Latine margent, and *not that in the text, when by the Greeke, or the Fathers, we ſee it is a manifeſt fault of the writer thereof, that miſtooke one word for another*. And may not we doe the ſame in the Greeke, which you doe in the Latine, without forſaking the Greek text as corrupted. O conſcience of Papiſts!

Luke 15. 8. Hom. 34. in Evang.

REMM. 38. *Againe*, Eraſmus *the beſt tranſlatour of all the later*, by Bezas *iudgement*, *ſaith*, *that the Greeke ſometime hath ſuperfluities corruptly added to the text of holy Scripture*, as Mat. 6.10 *the end of the* Pater noſter, *theſe words*, Becauſe thine is the kingdome, the power, and the glory for evermore. *Which he calleth*, *nugas*, *triſles*, *raſhly added to our Lords prayer*, *and reprehendeth* Valla *for blaming the old vulgar Latine becauſe it hath not likewiſe*, Rom. 11, 6. *theſe words in the Greeke*, *and not in the vulgar Latine*: But if of works, it is not now grace: otherwiſe the worke is no more a work. *And* Mar. 10.29. *theſe words*, or wife, *and ſuch like*. *Yea the Greeke text in theſe ſuperfluities condemneth it ſelfe*, *and juſtifieth the vulgar Latine exceedingly*: *as being marked throughout in a number of places*, *that ſuch and ſuch words or ſentences are ſuperfluous*, *in all which places our vulgar Latin hath no ſuch thing*, *but is agreeable to the Greeke*, *which remaineth after the ſuperfluities be taken away*. *For example*, *that before mentioned in the end of the* Pater noſter, *hath a marke of ſuperfluity in the Greeke text thus* [illegible], *and* Mar. 6.11. *theſe words*, Amen I ſay to you, it ſhall be more tollerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhe in the day of iudgement, then for that Citie. *And* Mat. 20. 22. *theſe words*, And be baptized with the baptiſme that I am baptized with? *Which is alſo ſuperfluouſly repeated againe*, v. 23. *and ſuch like places exceeding many*: *which being noted ſuperfluous in the Greeke*, *and being not in the vulgar Latine*, *proove the Latine in theſe places to be better*, *truer*, *and more ſincere then the Greeke*.

Superfluities in the Greeke, which Eraſmus calleth triſling and raſh additions.

See No. Teſt. Grec. Rob. Stephani in folio, & Criſpini.

Eraſmus [illegible] Eraſmus, or any other man, ſhall reject out of the Greeke

Greeke ſentences that ſeeme not pure (for [illegible] ſo called that [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

When the Fathers say, that the Latine text must yeeld to the Greek, and be corrected by it, they meane the true & uncorrupted Greeke text.

Luke 39 How good your conclusion is, I have shewed before: but [illegible], you could say, that it is [illegible] every Greeke copie to it agree with the most or [illegible]. But to dissent [illegible] from it, sometimes from them all, and the [illegible] it must needs be a great [illegible]. The testimony of [illegible] you cite, is nothing against [illegible] for your vulgar Latine text [illegible] where it followeth [illegible] copies of the Greeke text: unto which you doe well confesse with S. *Augustine*, that the Latine translations that faile in any thing, must needs yeeld. But the chiefest matter is, to prove first, that it was translated out of the more learned and diligent Greeke copies, partly extant, partly not extant. And secondly, that it hath so continued ever since, without alteration or corruption. The first you take upon you to prove by eight reasons, all which shall be severally examined.

The vulgar latine translation is many wayes justified by most ancient Greeke copies, and the Fathers.

Rhem. 40 1. *If it agree with the Greeke text (as commonly it doth) and in the greatest places concerning the controversies of our time, it doth most certainly so far the adversaries have not to complaine: unlesse they will complaine of the Greeke also, as they doe,* Iam. 4. v. 2. *and* 1 Pet. 3. v. 21. *where the vulgar Latine followeth the Greeke text, saying,* Occidisti *and* Quod vos similis forma, &c. *But* Beza *in both places correcteth the Greeke text also as false.*

Fulke 40 If it agree with the true and uncorrupted Greeke text, we will not complaine, but you must remember that every Greeke copy, either extant or not extant, is not sufficient to excuse it: Neither can you prove, that it agreeth with the true and uncorrupted text in all places, as where it is not onely against all old copies extant, but also against the reading and interpretation of all the fathers of the Greeke Church. Where you doubt, lest we will forsake the Greeke, it is needlesse. *Beza* in Iam. 4. 2. with *Erasmus*, supposeth a letter might be changed through default of the writers, in a matter of no controversie or advantage against you. In the other place he maketh no question, but sheweth how the Greeke word is taken, even in the same sense that your vulgar Translatour doth.

Rhem. 41 2. *If it disagree here and there from the Greeke text, it agreeth with another Greeke copie set in the margent, whereof see examples in the forsaid Greeke Testament of* Robert Stevens *and* Crispin *thereunto, namely,* 2 Pet. 1. 10. Satagite ut per bona opera certam vestram vocationem faciatis. *Se the margent.* and Mar. 8. 7. Et ipsos benedixit.

Fulke 41 Sometimes it doth agree with other Greeke copies set in the margent, but not alwaies, and therefore this is no good argument to justifie it to agree with the Greeke in all places. Secondly, if it did alwayes agree with that which is in the margent, it were not enough to warrant it, except you could prove all that is in the margent to be alway the true and uncorrupted, the more learned and diligent Greeke copie.

Rhem. 42 3. *If these marginall Greeke copies be thought lesse authenticall then the Greeke text, the adversaries themselves tell us the contrary, who in their translations often follow the marginall copies, and forsake the Greeke text: as in examples above mentioned,* Rom. 11. Apoc. 11. 2 Tim. 2. Iam. 5. &c. *it is evident.*

Fulke 42 You make very good conclusions, all of particulars: we our selves doe sometimes follow the marginall copies as the true text, and leave the common reading, *Ergo* the marginall copies be alwayes the true text. In the examples by you noted, I have shewed you what reasons we have to preferre these marginall copies. Bring you the like for those which agree with your vulgar Latine, dissenting from the common Greeke reading, and then your argument will be of some force, otherwise you may be ashamed to use it.

Rhem. 43 4. *If all* Erasmus *Greeke copies have not that which is in the vulgar Latine,* Beza *had copies which have it, and those most ancient (as he saith) and better. And if all* Beza's *copies fail in this point, and will not helpe us,* Gagneie *the French Kings Preacher, and he that might command in all the Kings Libraries, be found Greeke copies that have just according to the vulgar Latine: and that in such place as would seeme otherwise lesse probable, as* Iac. 3. v. 5. Ecce quantus ignis quàm magnam silvam incendit! Behold how much fire what a great wood it kindleth! *A man would thinke it must bee rather as in the Greeke text.* A little fire what a great wood

Codex Vaticanus, Alex. &c. and so in the Syriac.

[illegible] and so in the vulgar Latine, as Tyg. Bale &c. 3. S. [illegible] Cant. 7. 13. Sept. [illegible] Complut. [illegible] Codex Vaticanus, Alex. [illegible] Greeke copies, Chrys. and 1. Cant. 4. Tolet. [illegible] Greeke copies, Beza.

Fulke 43 This argument is subtile as the figge wherof the former. Therefore except you prove that which very copie of *Erasmus, Beza, Gagneie*, or any other mans [illegible] vulgar Latine, to be a true, uncorrupted, and more learned and diligent copie, then the common Greeke text, you say nothing to the purpose. For the Latine text (as you said before in the [illegible]) must yeeld and be corrected, according to the Fathers meaning, by the true and uncorrupted Greeke text, and by S. [illegible] sometimes, by the more learned and diligent copies, therefore cannot be justified by following any Greeke copie, though it be false, corrupted, lesser learned, and more [illegible]. And as for some Greeke copies, it is [illegible] like but they have by some perverse writers, beene altered according to the Latine, or negligently beene [illegible] copied out of more truer copies.

Rhem. 44 5 *If all these copies be not sufficient, the ancient Greeke Fathers had copies and expounded them, [illegible] to our vulgar Latine, as* 1 Tim. 6. 20. Prophanas vocum novitates. *So readeth S.* Chrysostome, *and expoundeth it against heretical and erronious novelties. Yet now we know no Greeke copie that readeth so. Likewise* Ioh. 10. 29. Pater meus quod mihi dedit majus omnibus est; *so readeth S.* Cyril, *and expoundeth it, lib. 7. in* Ioh. cap. 10. *Likewise* 1 Ioh. 4. 3. Omnis spiritus qui solvit Iesum, ex Deo non est; *so readeth S.* Irenæus, l. 3. c. 18. *S.* Augustine, tract. 6. *in* Io. *S.* Leo ep. 10. c. 5. *besides* Socrates *in his Ecclesiasticall history*, l. 7. c. 22. *and the Tripartite*, l. 12. c. 4. *who say plainely, that this was the old and true reading of this place in the Greeke. And in what Greeke copie extant at this day is there this text,* Ioh. 5. 2. Est autem Hierosolymis probatica piscina? *and yet S.* Chrysostome, *S.* Cyril, *and* Theophylact *read so in the Greeke, and* Beza *saith it is the better reading, and so is the Latine text of the Roman Masse booke justified, and eight other Latine copies that reade so; for our vulgar Latine here, is according to the Greeke text,* Super probatica; *and* Rom. 5. v. 17. Donationis & justitiæ, *so readeth* Theodoret *in Greeke; and* Luke 2. v. 14. Origen *and* Chrysostome *reade,* Hominibus bonæ voluntatis, *and* Beza *liketh it better then the Greeke text that now is.*

The Greeke Fathers.

ἐυαρεστία.

ἐπ' ἀνθρωποις.

Fulke 44 This reason hath more pith then all the foure that went before, therefore where is your vulgar Latine hath the consent of the ancient Fathers of the Greeke Church, although there be no Greeke copie extant at this day to warrant it, yet will we not condemne it, as disagreeing from the Greeke text. As in the first example you bring, 1 *Tim.* 6. 20. Although *Oecumenius* doth reade, as the common reading is now, yet he telleth you that *Chrysostome* did reade as your vulgar Latine hath. *Beza* addeth, *Basil*; and of the Latine Fathers, *Ambrose* and *Augustine*, and confesseth that it hath a very good sense, yet he preferreth the other, peradventure being moved by the authority of the Syrian Interpreter, who translateth it vanities and not novelties. But in your second example of *Ioan.* 10. 29. you were sowly beguiled to say, So readeth S. *Cyril, and expoundeth it, lib.* 7. *in Ioan. cap.* 10. For that seventh booke, as the fifth, the sixth, the eighth, are none of S. *Cyrils* bookes, nor of any ancient Fathers, but were added by *Iodocus Chithoveus*, a very late writer, because these foure bookes of *Cyril* are lost, and are no where extant at this day. You shew your selves to be diligent readers of antiquity, by this example. And yet you might have bin admonished, to beware of this ridiculous errour at this time, if you would have vouchsafed to peruse my rejoynder to *Bristow*, sometime one of your crew, who made sport with this authority of *Cyril*, to defend the vulgar Latine ones before, and was well laught at for his labour, as you are much more, among all the learned, which by his stumbling in the darke, could not beware of falling in the broad day light.

Your third example is of 1 *Ioh.* 3. *Omnis spiritus qui solvit Iesum*, which *Irenæus* readeth so, but of *Irenæus* there may be a doubt, because he did write in Greeke, and is translated into Latin by one that followed the vulgar Latine text very much, and was not so precise in expressing the words of *Irenæus*, as may appeare by that parcell of *Irenæus* in Greeke, which is reserved in *Epiphanius*, if any man will bestow a little time in comparing them. As for S. *Augustine in tract.* 6. *in Ioannem*, readeth this text before his Treatise, according to the Greeke text that now is, and afterward discourseth at large upon it. But towards the end, he repeateth the text according to the vulgar Latine, and doth briefly expound it, whereby it seemeth, that his booke had both the texts. Except we should suspect, that those few lines which concerne the vulgar Latine, were interlaced by some that would shew what sense the words of the vulgar Latine might have. And indeed the words in the conclusion, *Quid non docet, nisi nos falsa interrogemus, verba non credamus*, doe very aptly agree with the end of the sentence immediately before those lines, *adeo in nostris, quæ ad fallendum.*

[illegible] be examined by the ancient writers, especially [illegible]
gustine, *Ludouicus Viues* noteth diuerse lines inserted into his booke *De Ciuitate Dei*, which [illegible] in
other ancient copies were not to be found.

Section 36. *Leo* indeed, who liued after S. *Augustine*, and was a Bishop of Rome, followed here-
in the vulgar Latine text. *Socrates* and the Tripartite story, which is but a repetition of *So-
crates*, I have answered before. So that except you had *Irenæus* in Greeke, you have gained
little certainety out of the ancient Fathers. *Tertullian* and *Cyprian* being for the Greeke
reading that now is, as I have shewed before, with all the Greeke Church.

Touching your fourth example, *Ioan.*5.2. if you can be content to let *Piscina* be the Nomi-
native case, and by *probatica* understand a gate of Ierusalem neere to the Temple so called,
your vulgar Latine text is agreeable to the Greeke text, and need not to be altered. And this
is *Beza's* iudgement for the name of that gate, citing, *Nehe.*3. 1. &c. And although *Chrysо-
stome* and *Cyril*, and *Theophylact* deceiued by them, reade otherwise, yet *Euthymius*, who
followed other ancient Fathers of the Greeke Church, readeth agreeably to the Greeke
text that now is, and to the vulgar Latine.

Concerning your fifth example, *Theodoret* (as *Beza* telleth you) readeth the copulative
conjunction καὶ betweene the two Nownes, signifying gift and iustice, but it appeareth not
so by his Commentary. And his reading is not sufficient to controule all the copies, and all
other the Fathers of the Greeke Church, as *Chrys. Phot. Oecum. Theoph.* Last of all, Luc.2.14.
the vulgar Latine is maintained not onely by *Origen* and *Chrysostome*, but also by a most an-
cient copie which *Beza* had, now kept in the Library of the Vniuersity of Cambridge, and
is not misliked of *Beza*, although he follow the common reading warranted by all the rest
of his Greeke copies, and many other of the ancient Fathers. To conclude, if all the varie-
ties of the vulgar Latine, had some ancient Greeke Father, or some old copy to avouch
them, as a great number have not: yet were that not sufficient to iustifie them, if the better
learned and more diligent copies be against them, and the sense of the place doe plainely re-
quire another reading.

RHEM. 45 6 *Where there is no such signe or token of any ancient Greeke copie in the Fathers, yet these lat-
ter interpreters tell us that the old Interpreter did follow some other Greeke copie, as* Marke 7.3.
Nisi crebro laverint. Erasmus *thinketh that he did reade in the Greeke* πυγμῇ, often: *and* Beza
*and others commend his conjecture; yea and the English Bibles are so translated, whereas now
it is* πυγμῆ, *which signifieth the length of the arme vp to the elbow. And who would not thinke
it is so, that the Euangelist should say, The Pharisees wash often, because otherwise they eat not, rather
then thus*, Vnlesse they wash vp to the elbow they eat not?

FVLKE 45 We thinke verely, that the old Interpreter did follow some Greeke copie which he had,
in places where he hath not been depraued. But whether it was alwayes a true & incorrup-
ted copy which he followed, we must be bold to examine by other copies, by consent of the
Greeke Fathers, by diligent marking the scope of the text, and by the ancient translations,
which seeing they are often against your vulgar Latine text, although the Interpretour fol-
lowed some Greeke copie, whether extant or not extant, he is not altogether to be excu-
sed, nor his translation, according to some corrupt copie to be embraced as authenticall. Be-
side this, it is oftentimes manifest, that when his reading was the same that ours is, yet som-
times because he understood not the property of the Greeke word or phrase, sometime be-
cause he was not able to expresse it aptly in the Latine tongue, he hath committed many er-
rours meet to be amended, as in the annotations of *Beza*, *Erasmus*, and others, a great num-
ber may be seene. This reason therefore is of no force, to make it better then the Greeke ge-
nerally, though the truth of πυγμῇ, for πυγμῆ, were granted vnto you: no more then a beg-
gars cloake with a hundred patches in it, is better then a faire gowne of velvet, that hath but
one stitch amisse in it. Now as for the word in question, if it signifie vp to the elbow, as
Theophylact and *Euthymius* doe take it, I see no absurditie, although the Popish Priest at
Masse washeth only his fingers ends, (as superstition is sometimes nice, sometimes insatiable)
if we thinke that the Pharisees washed their hands to the elbowes. And peradventure it is
more probable that they washed to the elbow, then that they washed oftentimes before
every meale. But seeing the word commeth of πυγμὴ, which signifieth a fist, the meaning
may be, they washed diligently, as they doe which oftentimes rub one fist in another: and
so it may be taken for often washing, as the Interpretour of *Euthymius* saith it is taken of all
the Interpretours.

RHEM. 46 7 *If all such conjectures, and all the Greeke Fathers helpe no not, yet the Latine Fathers* The Latine
See Annot. Louan. in No. Test. & Anno. Lucas Brugen-sis in Biblia. *with great consent will easily iustifie the old vulgar translation, which for the most part they fol-
low and expound, as* Ioh.7.39. Nondum erat spiritus datus; *so readeth S.* Augustl. 4. de Trin. c. 20. *and* l. 83. quæst. q. 62. *and* tract. 52. in Ioan. Leo ser. 2. de Pentecoste. *Whose authoritie were sufficient, but indeed* Didymus *also a Greeke Doctor readeth so*; lib. 2. de Spirit. Sancto, *translated by S.* Hierom, *and a Greeke copie in the Vaticane, and the Syriake new Testament.* *Likewise*

Likewise Ioh.20.22. Sic enim volo manere, *so read S.* Ambrose *in* Psal.45. *and* Psal.118. Octonario Resh. *S.* Augustine *and venerable* Bede *upon S.* Iohns *Gospel.*

FVLKE 46 The consent of the Latine Fathers which followed the vulgar text, which S. *Hieronym* in his time confessed to be corrupted, will not iustifie the vulgar translation against all the Greeke copies, all the Fathers, all old translations, all circumstances of the text, and that which you adde, all such coniectures.

The former example is not agreeable to the rule, for (as you say) it hath a Greeke copie in the Vaticane, it hath the Syriake translation, and a Greeke author to warrant it, beside the authoritie of *Augustine* and *Leo*, Fathers of the Latine Church. And yet two make not so great a consent, to carry the matter from all copies, Fathers, translations, circumstances and coniectures. But in truth, your vulgar text, in some copies, hath according to the Greeke, *Spiritus sanctus*, and leaueth out *datus*, yet indeed, this is not to be accounted a fault or varitie, though it be not precisely according to the word, which expresseth the true meaning of the text, as all men, except Macedonian Heretikes (which deny the Diuinity of the holy Ghost) will confesse.

In your second example, you have small consent, seeing *Erasmus* telleth you, that *Augustine* is corrupted, and *Hieronym* (as you confesse in the next Section) is against you, and so are some copies of your vulgar translation. Then have you no more but S. *Ambrose*: for venerable *Beda* hath according to the Greeke, *si enim volo manere*, by whom the corruption of S. *Augustine* is plainely discouered, seeing he hath nothing in a manner of his owne, but the very words of S. *Augustine* upon that place.

RHEM. 47 8 *And lastly, if some other Latine Fathers of ancient time reade otherwise either here, or
in other places, not all agreeing with the text of our vulgar Latine, the cause is, the great diuersi-
tie and multitude that was then of Latine copies, (whereof S.* Hierom *complaineth) till this one
vulgar Latine grew only into use. Neither doth their diuers reading make more for the Greeke,
then for the vulgar Latin, differing oftentimes from both, as when S.* Hier: *in this last place rea-
deth,* Si sic enim volo manere, lib. 1. adu. Iou. *it is according to no Greeke copie now extant. And
if yet there be some doubt, that the readings of the Greeke or Latine Fathers, differing from the
vulgar Latine, be a checke or condemnation to the same: let* Beza, *that is, let the Aduersary him-
selfe, tell vs his opinion in this case also.* Whosoeuer, *saith he*, shall take vpon him to correct
these things, (*speaking of the vulgar Latine translation*) out of the ancient Fathers writings,
either Greeke or Latine, vnlesse he doe it very circumspectly, and aduisedly, he shall surely
corrupt all, rather then amend it, because it is not to be thought, that as often as they cited
any place, they did alwayes looke into the booke, or number every word. *As if he should
say, We may not by and by thinke that the vulgar Latine is faulty and to be corrected, when we
reade otherwise in the Fathers, either Greeke or Latine, because they did not alwayes exactly
cite the words, but followed some commodious and godly sense thereof.*

FVLKE 47 I perceiue you will needs have your vulgar Latine text to stand, though it have neither
Greeke copies, nor Greeke Fathers, nor good reason, which you call coniectures, nor the
consent of the Latine Fathers, to maintaine it. For the divers reading of the Latine fathers,
maketh no more for the Greeke, then for the vulgar Latine (you say) differing oftentimes
from both. Admit it bee so, when they differ from both, yet when they agree with the
Greeke, as you cannot deny, but oftentimes they doe, they make more for the Greeke, then
for the vulgar Latine. And where you say, they differ often from both, that one example
that you bring, argueth that you have no great store of examples, where they differ from
both. For the place of *Hieronym* agreeth fully with the sense of the Greeke, although hee
adde the word *sic*, which is not in the Greeke, yet maketh no alteration in the sentence,
which is conditionall, whereas your vulgar Latine is absolute, without condition.

But to put the matter out of doubt, that no readings of some Latine or Greeke Fathers,
differing from the Latine, is a checke or condemnation to the same, *Beza* his authoritie is
cited, saying, That whosoeuer shall take vpon him to correct the vulgar Latine translation,
out of the ancient Fathers writings, Greeke or Latine, vnlesse he doe it very circumspectly
and aduisedly, he shall rather marre then mend. This is your vsuall kinde of reasoning, of a
particular to inferre an vniuersall. But what if he doe it circumspectly and aduisedly? what
if he have not onely some Fathers writing, but also some Greeke copies, or all, or
most that are extant? What if he have good reasons taken of the scope of the text, and cir-
cumstances thereof? May he not then be bold to correct something in the vulgar Latine
translation? As whensoeuer *Beza*, or any other learned man reproueth the vulgar Latine
interpreter, he doth it not vpon the onely writing of some Father, who had not alwayes the
booke by him, when hee cited places of the Scripture, but either all or some of those
proofes, leading him to approue the writing of that Father, to be the true text, and specially
some Greeke copie to warrant it.

RHEM. 48 *Thus then we see that by all meanes the old vulgar Latine translation is approued good, and*

better

better then the Greeke text it selfe, and that there is no reason why is should give place to any other text, copies, or readings. Mary if there be any faults evidently crept in by those that heretofore wrote or copied out the Scriptures (as there be some) them we grant no lesse, then we would grant faults now adayes committed by the Printer, and they are exactly noted of Catholike writers, namely in all Plantines *Bibles, set forth by the Divines of* Lovan: *and the holy Councell of* Trent *willeth that the vulgar Latine text be in such points thorowly mended, and so to be most authenticall. Such faults are these,* In fide, *for,* in fine: Præscientiam, *for* præsentiam: Suscipiens, for susp*i*ciens: *and such like very rare, which are evident corruptions made by the copiers, or growne by the similitude of words. These being taken away, which are no part of these corruptions & differences before talked of, we translate that text, which is most sincere, and in our opinion, and as we have proved, incorrupt. The Adversaries contrary, translate the text, which themselues confesse, both by their writings and doings, to be corrupt in a number of places, and more corrupt then our vulgar Latine, as is before declared.*

The few and small faults negligently crept into the vulgar Latine translation.

Stil. 4.

FVLKE 48 They have very dimme eyes, that thorow these grosse paralogismes, can see the vulgar Latine translation, in all points approved good, yea better then the true text it selfe of the Greeke, so that it may *not give place to any other text, copies, or readings,* except it be in such faults as are evidently crept in by the negligence of the writers, which you affirme to be very rare. But if you would correct your bookes, but euen according to some ancient readings and copies, observed in *Plantines* Bible, which you speake of, you should reforme many hundred places even in the new Testament, and make them to be more agreeable to the Greeke text, then that you take to be your vulgar Latine translation. But except it be grosse corruptions, that may be felt with the hand, you will not bend one ioynt to the Greeke text, such malice you beare against the truth. Neuertheless, you translate that text (you say) which in your opinion is uncorrupt, we translate the Greeke, which we confesse to be corrupt, as you have declared. What you have declared, we have I hope sufficiently confuted: it is now time to see what you have more to charge vs, with confession of corruption in the Greeke text.

The Calvinists confessing the Greeke to be most corrupt, yet translate that onely, and hold that only for authenticall Scripture.

RHEM. 49 *And if we would here stand to recite the places in the Greeke, which* Beza *pronounceth to be corrupted, we should make the Reader to wonder, how they can either so plead otherwise for the Greeke text, as though there were no other truth of the new Testament but that: or how they translate onely that (to deface, as they thinke, the old vulgar Latine) which themselues so shamefully disgrace, more then the vulgar Latine, inventing corruptions where none are, nor can be, in such universall consent of all, both Greeke and Latine copies. For example,* Matth: 10. The first Simon, who is called Peter, *I thinke (saith* Beza) *this word πρῶτος, first, hath been added to the text, of some that would establish* Peters *Primacie. Againe,* Luke 22. *The Chalice,* that is shed for you. *It is most likely (saith he) that these words being sometime but a marginall note, came by corruption out of the margent into the text. Againe,* Act. 7. *Figures which they made,* to adore them. *It may be suspected (saith he) that these words, as many other, have crept by corruption into the text, out of the margent. And* 1 Cor. 15. *He thinketh the Apostle said not νῖκος,* victorie, *as it is in all Greeke copies, but νεῖκος,* contention. *And* Act. 13. *he calleth it a manifest errour, that in the Greeke it is* 400. *yeeres, for three hundred. And* Act. 7. v. 16. *he reckoneth up a whole catalogue of corruptions, namely,* Mark. 12. v. 42. ὃ ἐστι κοδράντης, which is a farthing. *And* Act. 8. v. 26. αὕτη ἐστὶν ἔρημος, This is desert. *And* Act. 7. v. 16. *the name of* Abraham, *and such like. All which he thinketh to have beene added or altered into the Greeke text by corruption.*

*In Annot. Nou. Test. an. 1556.

FVLKE 49 The Calvinists (you say) confesse the Greeke text to be most corrupt, and yet translate it onely: yes forsooth, they have translated the Syriake, and some parts of the Arabike, as they could get the copies. But who are they, that confesse the Greeke text to be most corrupt? You answere, *Beza*, bringing in his suspicion onely, in foure places. But a suspicion or opinion, is neither an affirmation, nor a confession. Yet let vs severally examine them. In the first place, he doth not so much as suspect the matter, but onely maketh an obiection, and answereth it, approving also with the ancient Fathers, the Primacie of *Peter*, the Primacie of order (I say) not of dignity. Yea, he is so farre from suspicion of this matter, that *Mar.* 3. 16. he readeth *Simon the first*, where neither your vulgar Latine readeth so, nor the common printed Greeke text hath it so.

In the second place, Luk. 22. 20. he saith it may be, that it came out of the margent into the text, but he doth not affirme it. He saith further, that *Basile* readeth the Participle, with his Article in the Dative case, which taketh away all difficulty, yet because all the copies extant, have it in the Nominative case, he concludeth in the end, that the solœcisme may be excused by the property of the Hebrew tongue, expressed sometime in the Greeke, as I have shewed at large in mine answere to *Gregorie Martin, cap. 1 sect.* 37, 38, 39.

In the third place, he hath some light suspicion, that the words, *to adore them*, might be removed out of the marget into the text, as in all written books, many such like words have beene.

beene. The ground of this suspicion, is the authority of *Iustinus Martyr*, who citing this place against Tryphon the Iewe, saith that these words, *to adore them*, you lie (saith he) how it may stand with the sense of the Hebrew text of the Prophet *Amos*: and speaketh never a word of corruption.

In the fourth place, he noteth the grounds of his suspicion, to be the Greeke text of *Osee*, and the authority of *Augustine, in Ioan. tract.* 12. who readeth, *Vbi est mors contentio tua?* whereby it appeareth that the translation which he followed, did reade *νῖκος*, and not *νεῖκος*. So readeth S. *Cyprian ad Quirinum l.* 3. *c.* 58. and *Tertullian de resur. carn.* yet because of the generall consent of all copies, and other writers, *Beza* retaineth the usuall reading.

Now come we to those places, which are past suspicion, as being manifestly affirmed to be corruptions. Of the first (you say) he calleth it a manifest errour, that in the Greeke it is 400 yeeres for 300 yeeres, *Act.* 13. but that is not so: for rehearsing many accounts, of *Berosaldus*, of *Iunius*, and other, he suspecteth onely with *Luther*, that error to be in the number he doth not affirme it to be manifest.

The next place is, *Act.* 7. 15. where he thinketh the name of *Abraham*, by some unskilfull person to be added, as the name of *Ieremie*, *Mat.* 27. and of *Esay*, *Mar.* 1 and *Matth.* 13. as *Hieronym* confesseth in stead of *Asaph*, where neither of both is read, at this day. And certaine it is, that *Abraham* bought his field of *Ephron*, not of the sonnes of *Emor*. And *Iacob* it was that purchased the field of *Emor*, the father of *Shechem*, as Saint *Hierom* saith. Now if you can give the true sense, not leaving out the name of *Abraham*, you shall deserue great commendation. In the meane time, *Beza* telleth you, it maketh no uncertaintie or corruption in the Scripture, if a name or two, by errour of some bold Writers, not of the Author, be placed amisse, which by conference of other places, may easily be espied, and reformed. The place, *Marke* 12. 42. though he was long troubled, as he confesseth, about the reckoning of it, yet in the end he findeth out the true account, how two mites make a quadrant, and suspecteth no manner of corruption at all.

Neither in the last place, doth he so much as suspect any corruption or addition, but onely referreth the word *Desert*, to the way, and not to the Citie: although the Citie of *Gaza* at that time was not inhabited. This Section therefore proveth not, that the Calvinists, (as you terme them) confesse the Greeke to be most corrupt. For here is onely one name certainly iudged to be unruly added, as all men confesse, the name of *Ieremie*, *Matth.* 27. to be, and two or three light and uncertaine suspicions, about matters of small weight, and such as can make no alteration of doctrine, the rest are false and maist accusations.

They standing precisely vpon the Hebrew of the old, and Greeke text of the new Testament, must of force deny the one of them.

RHEM. 50 *But among other places, he laboureth exceedingly to proue a great corruption,* Act. 7. ver. 14. *where it is said (according to the Septuagints, that is, the Greeke text of the old Testament) that* Iacob *were downe into Egypt with* 75. *soules. And* Luc. 3. v. 36. *he thinketh these words,* τοῦ Καϊνάν, Which was of Cainan, *to be so false, that he leaueth them out in* * *both his editions of the new Testament: saying, that he is bold so to do, by the authority of* Moses. *Whereby he will signifie that it is not in the Hebrew text of* Moses, *or of the old Testament, and therefore it is false in the Greeke of the new Testament. Which consequence of theirs (for it is common among them, and concerneth all Scriptures) if it were true, all places of the Greeke text of the new Testament, cited out of the old according to the Septuagints, and not according to the Hebrew (which they know are very many) should be false, and so by tying themselues onely to the Hebrew in the old Testament, they are forced to forsake the Greeke of the new: or if they will maintaine the Greeke of the new, they must forsake sometime the Hebrew in the old, but this argument shall be forced against them else where.*

* Ann. Dom. 1556. & 1565

FVLKE 50 He Heweth out of *Hieron.* that the Greeke text of the *Septuagints*, in his time, agreed with the originall of the Hebrew in the number of 70. and therefore he thinketh *πέντε* is but in stead of *πέντε*. But all men be not of his opinion, therefore although the matter be not great, it is no reason, that the whole Church, (for that they meane by the Calvinists) should be charged for one mans opinion, (and that but in one matter of no moment, so change the doctrine) to confesse the Greeke text to be most corrupt.

In the place, *Luc.* 3. 36. he iudgeth τοῦ Καϊνάν, to be fully added to S. *Luke*, not onely by authority of *Moses*, which were sufficient, but also by testimony of an ancient Greeke copie, which now is at Cambridge. But all your quarels, touching *Qui fuit Cainan*, I have confuted in my Defence against *Gregorie Martine*, in the Preface, *Sect.* 18. 20.

They say the Greek is more corrupt then we will graunt them.

RHEM. 51 *By this little, the Reader may see what gay patrones they are of the Greeke text, and how little cause they have in their owne iudgement to translate it, or want of it, as in derogation of the vulgar Latine translation, and how easily we might answere them in a word, why we translate not the Greeke: forsooth because it is so infinitely corrupted. But the truth is, we doe by no meanes grant it so corrupted as they say, though in comparison we know it lesse sincere and incorrupt then the vulgar Latine, and for that cause and others before alledged, we preferre the said Latine, and have translated it.*

RULE 51 The Greeke text of the new Testament vnderstood no part or point of that truth which is the very ground and truth of God. The secretary of our translations, against all your frivolous cavillations, hath hitherto, thankes be to God, beene so strongly defended, as you have no list any more to assaile it. And as touching your easie answere that you can make, why you translate not the Greeke, *forsooth because it is so infinitely corrupted*, all men of reasonable understanding may conceive, how well you have proved this infinite corruption. The summe of all your reasons being drawne together, your argument is this: One man suspecteth here and there, in three or foure places, some depravation, or else in a name and a number, thinketh there is some corruption, *ergo* by confession of all the Calvinists, the Greeke text is infinitely corrupted. But you tell vs, you will not grant the Greeke to be so corrupt, as we say, though you know it lesse sincere, and uncorrupt then the Latine, and therefore you preferre it; and have translated it. Well, if you know the Greeke text that now is, to be sincere, where any of us hath but suspected or judged it to be corrupt; and we have proved it to be sincere, where you have slandered it to be corrupt: there is no reason, why you should not acknowledge it to be very perfect, and therefore have translated it, rather then the vulgar Latine: which your owne Bibles of *Plantines* edition, whereunto you referre vs, doe convince of infinite variety, which as S. *Hieronym* saith, is a manifest argument of falshood; and as yet it is not decided among you, in that variety, which reading is to be followed, as true and authenticall.

Praef. ad Damas. in 4. Evangelia.

REHEM. 52 *If yet there remaine one thing which perhaps they will say, when they cannot answere our reasons aforesaid: to wit, that we preferre the vulgar Latine before the Greeke text, because the Greeke maketh more against vs: we protest that as for other causes we preferre the Latine, so in this respect of making for vs or against vs, we allow the Greeke as much as the Latine, yea in sundry places, more then the Latine, being assured that they have not one, and that we have many advantages in the Greeke, more then in the Latine, as by the Annotations of this new Testament shall evidently appeare: namely in all such places where they dare not translate the Greeke because it is for vs, and against them, as when they translate,* δικαιώματα, ordinances, *and not* iustifications, *and that of purpose, as* Beza *confesseth*, Luc. 1. 6. δικαίωσιν, ordinances, *or* institutions, *and not* traditions, *in the better part*, 2 Thess. 2. 15. παραδόσεις, Elders, *and not* Priests: Luc. 22. v. 20. εἰδωλα, Images, *rather then* Idols, *and specially when S.* Luke *in the Greeke so maketh for vs, (the vulgar Latine being indifferent for them and vs): that* Beza *saith it is a corruption crept out of the margens into the text. What need these absurd devices and false dealings with the Greeke text, if it made for them more then for vs, yea if it made not for vs against them? But that the Greeke maketh more for vs, see* 1 Corinthians 7. *In the Latine*, Defraud not one another, but for a time, that you give your selues to prayer, *in the Greeke*, to fasting and prayer. Act. 10. 30. *In the Latine* Cornelius *saith*, From the fourth day past, vntill this houre I was praying in my house, and behold a man, &c. *in the Greeke*, I was fasting, and praying. 1 Ioh. 5. 18. *In the Latine*, We know that every one which is borne of God, sinneth not; but the generation of God preserveth him, &c. *in the Greeke*, but he that is borne of God preserveth himselfe. Apoc. 22. 14. *In the Latine*, Blessed are they that wash their garments in the blood of the Lambe, &c. *in the Greeke*, Blessed are they that doe his Commandements. Rom 8. 31. *Certus sum, &c.* I am sure that neither death nor life, nor other creature is able to separate vs from the charity of God, *as though he were assured, or we might and should assure our selues of our predestination. In the Greeke,* πέπεισμαι, I am probably perswaded that neither death nor life, &c. *In the Evangelists, about the Sacrifice and blessed Sacrament, in the Latine thus*, This is my blood that shall be shed for you: *and in S.* Paul, This is my body which shalbe betrayed or delivered for you: *both being referred to the time to come, and to the sacrifice on the Crosse. In the Greeke*, This is my blood which is shed for you: & my body which is broken for you: *both being referred to that present time when Christ gave his body & blood at his Supper, then shedding the one, & breaking the other, that is sacrificing it sacramentally & mystically. Loe these & the like our advantages in the Greeke, more then in the Latine.*

We prefer not the vulgar Latine text, as making more for vs.

The Greeke text maketh for vs more then the vulgar Latine.

For the Reall presence.

For fasting.

For free-will.

Against onely faith.

Against special assurance of salvation.

For the sacrifice of Christs body and blood.

RULE 52 A great token of your true meaning, that you preferre not the vulgar Latine, as making more for you, in which respect in these Annotations it shall appeare, that you have more advantage in the Greeke, then in the Latine, being assured that we have not one, and you many advantages in the Greeke. These Popish brags, all that reade your writings, are so well acquainted with them, that we need not stand in doubt of them: having tried by often experience, that when the matter commeth to approvement, your arguments are no better then a false and feeble excuse can afoord you, as in answere to the Annotations, by Gods helpe, it will be made manifest: In the meane space, you note vnto vs certaine places, where you have more advantage in the Greeke, then in the Latine. First, in such places where we dare not translate the Greeke, because it maketh for you, against vs. Secondly, where the Greeke hath some words making for you, which the Latine hath not. Of the first sort, is the word *Iustificationes, Luke* 1. which we call ordinances of purpose (as *Beza* confesseth)

vnconfessedly) shall you should we not of purpose mend that error, which puts by the ende of controversie, whether the word in that place signifieth another thing? as I have shewed at large in my Defence against *Martine, Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 50. and *Cap.* 8. *Sect.* 1. and the other Sections following.

For the word *Traditiones*, mine answere is, *Cap.* 2. in all the Sections: for the words, Elders, and Priests, *Cap.* 6. for Images and Idols, *Cap.* 3. for the place of *Luke* 22. 20. as I have shewed before, *Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 37. 38. 39.

But to come to the latter sort, first you bring two texts, 1 *Cor.* 7. and *Act.* 16. 30. where fasting is mentioned in the Greeke text, which is not in the vulgar Latine. O impudent slanderers, doe we deny fasting, because we deny your Antichristian prohibition and abstinence from meats, to be Christian fasting? God be praised, our doctrine is found for fasting, would God our practice were as often, as our iudgement is pure and agreeable to the holy Scriptures, in an hundred places almost, that commend fasting.

Your next advantage is for free-will, not flat Pelagianisme I hope, but cancrousin with it, that mans will being holpen with Gods grace, is free: and we hold, that it is free from constraint, but not from bondage of sin, *Rom.* 7. And what other things can you prove out of that text, 1 *Ioh.* 5. 18. *He that is borne of God, preserveth himselfe*: dare you say by force of free-will, and not by the strength of Gods grace? Make your syllogisme, and give vs a plaine conclusion, and wee shall see what advantage the Greeke text giveth you.

Another giveth you advantage against onely faith. What is that, I pray you, *Apoc.* 22. 14. Blessed are they that doe his Commandements: a goodly advantage, I promise you. They that are iustified by faith only in his merits doe his Commandements: and none other. Against special assurance of salvation, you have, *Rom.* 8. 38. S. *Paul* saith not as it is in the Latine, *Certus sum*, I am sure, but *confidens*, I am probably perswaded. Verily, either the Greeke word signifieth I am sure, or as I cannot bee deceived, or else your vulgar Latine translation is false. And where he saith, I am perswaded, he noteth the certainety of the word and Spirit of God, whereby he hath this assurance.

Your last advantage is about the sacrifice of the blessed Sacrament, where the Greeke text useth the present tense, referring that breaking of his body, and shedding of his blood, to the present sacrificing of it sacramentally, and mystically: but I would advise you to beware, lest while you seeke advantage for a sacrifice, you leese your best argument for the reall presence, as you terme it. For you are wont to reason thus: He gave that which should be crucified, but his naturall body was crucified, therefore he gave his naturall body: and so he did, to be received spiritually, as in a Sacrament or mysterie. But to shut you from your sacrifice, the word of shedding so often repeated will be sufficient, except you have forgotten your old distinction of his unbloody sacrifice from his bloody sacrifice: if his blood be shed in the Sacrament, then is the Sacrament also a bloody sacrifice. When you have weighed all, I hope you will see, it is small gaines that you gather by this advantage, that you need not to cry out and say, *Loe these and the like our advantages in the Greeke, more then in the Latine.* Nay rather these bee your fantasies of the Greeke, and of the Latine.

REHEM. 53 *But is the vulgar translation for all this Papisticall, and therefore doe we follow it? (for so some of them call it, and say it is the * worst of all other) If it be, the Greeke (as you say) is more, and so both Greeke and Latine, and consequently the holy Scripture of the new Testament is Papisticall. Againe if the vulgar Latine be Papisticall, Papistry is very ancient; and the Church of God for so many hundred yeares wherein it hath used and allowed this translation, hath beene Papisticall. But wherein is it Papisticall? forsooth in these phrases and speeches,* Poenitentiam agite. Sacramentum hoc magnum est. Ante gratia plena. Talibus hostijs promeretur Deus. *and such like. First, doth not the Greeke say the same? See the Annotations upon these places. Secondly, could he translate these things Papistically, or partially, or rather prophetically so long before they were in controversie? Thirdly, doth he not say for,* Poenitentiã agite, *in another place,* Poenitemini: *and doth he not translate other mysteries, by the word,* Sacramentum, *as* Apoc. 17 Sacramentum mulieris, *and as he translateth one word,* Gratia plena, *so doth he not translate the very like word,* plenus ulceribus, *which themselues doe follow also? Is this also Papistry? when he said,* Heb. 10. 29. Quanto deteriora merebitur supplicia, &c. *and they like is well enough, might he not have said according to the same Greeke word,* Vigilate ut mereamini fugere ista omnia & stare ante filium hominis. Luc. 21. 36. *and* Qui merebuntur seculum illud & resurrectionem ex mortuis, &c. Luc. 20. 35. *and* Tribulationes quas sustinetis, ut mereamini regnum Dei, pro quo & patimini, 2 Thess. 1. 5. *Might he not (we say) if he had partially affiliated the word merit, have used it in all these places, according to his and * your translation of the same Greeke word,* Heb. 10. 29? *which he doth not, but in all these places saith simply,* Vt digni habeamini, *and* Qui digni habebuntur. *And how can it be judged Papisticall, or partiall, when he saith,* Talibus hostiis promeretur Deus, Heb. 13? *Was* Primasius *also, S.* Augustines *scholer,*

The Protestants condemning the old vulgar translation as making for vs, condemne themselues.

It is void of all partialitie.

Against Doct. Rocke pag. 147. See Chemnit. in exam. Concil. Trid. sess. 4. Mat. 3. & 11. Ephes. 5. Luke 1. Heb. 13. Mar. 1. μετανοεῖτε ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν. Luc. 16. v. 20.

No. Testam. 1580.

In Ep. ad Heb.

Cypr. 14. & 28 *scholer, a Papist, for using this text, and all the rest, that have done the like? Was S. Cyprian a Papist for using so often this speech,* Promereri Dominum iustis operibus, &c. *Or is there any difference, but that S. Cyprian useth it as a deponent more Latinly, the other as a passiue loose finely? Was it Papistry to say,* Senior *for* Presbyter, Ministrantibus *for* sacrificantibus, *or* liturgiam celebrantibus; simulachris *for* idolis, fides tua te salvum fecit, *sometime for* sanum fecit? *Or shall we thinke he was a Caluinist for translating thus, as they thinke he was a Papist, when any word soundeth for us?*

FVLKE 53 There is none of us, that calleth the vulgar translation of the new Testament Papistically, as though it were translated by Papists, or else made so greatly for Papistry, when it is rightly understood: but because it is so magnified by the Papists, that it is preferred before the Greeke, which is the originall tongue, in which the new Testament was written, and commanded by the *Tridentine* Papists, to be counted the only authenticall text. And he that said, the vulgar translation is worst of all, spake of the vulgar translation of the whole Bible, in comparison of the Hebrew of the old Testament, and of the Greek of the new Testament, and of the *Septuaginta* in Greeke, and the Latine thereof. Your fond conclusions, *the Greeke is more Papisticall, and Papistry is very ancient, if the vulgar translation be Papisticall,* be as good as your antecedent: *Some of them call it so,* which I am sure, no man of learning hath done, otherwise then I have before declared, except it be for that it is abused of Papists, to maintaine Popery, when indeed the translatour had no such meaning, as in the three first examples it is manifest: for by *pœnitentiam agite*, he meant not Popish doing of penance, but true and Christian repentance: yet you will not give over the shew of Popish penance and satisfaction, that you have by that translation. Likewise, by *Sacramentum, Ephes.* 5. 32. he meant nothing but a mysterie generally, as the truth of the Greeke is, and as you doe well prove out of his translation of the same word, *Apoc.* 17. Nevertheless, if you give over the hold, you would seeme to have of that translation, to make Matrimonie a Sacrament of the new Testament, in that sense that Baptisme and the Lords Supper are called Sacraments: you shall have no shew in the Scriptures to dazell the eyes of the ignorant. For *Gratia plena*, I thinke, if he had understood the force of the Greeke word rightly, he would have translated it otherwise. That he translateth the very like word, *plenus misericordiæ*, which we also translate, *full of sorie*, it may excuse him of partiall affection, but cannot defend his translation, to expresse the sense of the Greeke word. For the very like word he translateth *iustificati*, being iustified, or made iust, not full of iustice, *Rom.* 3. 24. and 1 *Cor.* 6. 4. *Iustificatus sum*, I am iustified. But concerning the last phrase, *Heb.* 13. because he could not expresse his owne minde in Latine, I know not what his meaning was, but leave it to God and himselfe. Nevertheless it is certaine, that it is not onely barbarous, but also false and blasphemous to say, that by good workes Gods favour is deserved.

The active of this verbe, *Heb.* 11. 5. & 6. he translateth *placuisse* and *placere*, to please and to have pleased: what else can the passive then signifie, but to be pleased? which perhaps he meant, if he had knowne any Latine word of the passive voyce that had signified so much, for lacke of which, he used that terme, which was of the common people used in that sense.

Now where he useth the word *mereri*, *Heb.* 10. 29. you say we like it well enough: but how know you our liking so well? we may allow the sense of the translation as good, because wicked men are thought worthy punishment according to their deserts: but we doe not allow the translation, to be agreeable to the sense of the Greeke word ἀξιόω, and therefore he could not have said truly, according to the same Greeke verbe: *watch that you may deserue to escape all these things, and to stand before the sonne of man*, and so of the rest: for not onely his translation had beene untrue, but the sentences thorow his untrue translation had beene false: for though men deserue, and are accounted worthy of punishment and damnation by sin, yet they deserue not Gods graces and his kingdome by their works, but are accounted worthy of his blessing and eternall felicity, for Christs sake of Gods meere mercy. But you aske whether *Primasius*, S. *Augustines* scholer, were a Papist for using this text, & all the rest that have done the like? I answer no. For *Primasius* meaneth nothing else, but that God is pleased, (as the Greeke word signifieth) to accept such sacrifices. *Talibus enim hostijs & muneribus eleemosynarum, promeretur Deus adipisci, vnde dicit per Prophetam, Misericordiam volo & non Sacrificium: non est considerandus pauper, qui videtur accepisse, sed potius qui iussit dare: eleemosyna enim quæ pauperi largitur in terra, a Deo recipitur in cœlo. Et noli intendere quod hoc sit tibi redditurus quod accepisti: accepisti enim terrena dedisti, æterna recuperaturus, with such sacrifices and gifts God is pleased to receive them. wherfore he saith by the Prophet, I will mercy and not sacrifice. The poore man is not to be considered, which receiues, but rather he which commandeth to giue: for the almes which is given to the poore man vpon earth, is received of God in heauen. And thinke not that he will render vnto thee that which he hath receiued: for thou hast given earthly things, but thou shalt purchase eternall things.*

things. These be the words of *Primasius* upon that text, which declare, that *promereor* was vulgarly taken for *delector*, to be pleased or delighted. Neither doth he meane any meriting by the meane of purchasing, which he useth: for he was an utter enemy to the *Pelagians*, as his Master *Augustine* was, but onely, that God of his mercy doth crowne and reward his owne gifts, not our merits, as S. *Augustine* saith. And when he useth the name of merits, he meaneth simply, workes, as many of the old Writers did in that time: for otherwise there is no Father so cleere for iustification by faith onely, as *Primasius* is, *Rom.* 3. upon these words, *being iustified freely*. *Audi gratis* (saith he) *& tace de meritis*: Heare this word *freely*, and hold thy peace of *merits*. Likewise upon *Rom.* 4. and many other places; and who so used this text according to this meaning, we take them not for Papists.

But further you demand, whether S. *Cyprian* was a Papist, for using so often this speech, *Promereri Dominum justis operibus, panitentia, &c.* I answere as before. The using of the words maketh not a Papist, but the Popish meaning, which S. *Cyprian* hath not, but that God is pleased with iust workes and obedience, repentance and humility, not merited or deserued: for he citeth the Scripture plentifully, that we ought to glory in nothing, seeing nothing is ours. *Test. ad Quirin. cap.* 4. And that we must put our onely trust in God, and glory in him. *cap.* 10. Your last question, Was it Papistry to say *Senior* for *Presbyter*, &c. is fooliish trifling: We accuse not your Translatour of Papistry, though you abuse his untrue or unperfect translations sometime to the defence of Papistry.

RHEM. 54 *Againe, was he a Papist in these kinde of words onely, and was he not in whole sentences?* The Papists thereof (as they terme it) is in the very sentences of the holy Ghost, more then in the translation. *as*, Tibi dabo claves, &c. Quicquid solveris in terra, erit solutum & in cœlis; *and*, Quorum remiseritis peccata, remittuntur eis; *and* Tunc reddet unicuique secundum opera sua; *and* Nunquid poterit fides salvare eum; Ex operibus iustificatur homo & non ex fide tantum; *and* Nubere volunt, damnationem habentes, quia primam fidem irritam fecerunt; *and* Mandata eius gravia non sunt; *and* Aspexit in remunerationem. *Are all these, and such like Papisticall translations, because they are most plaine for the Catholike faith which they call Papistrie? Are they not word for word as in the Greeke? and the very words of the holy Ghost? And if in these there be no accusation of Papisticall partiality, why in the other? Lastly, are the ancient Fathers, generall Councels, the Churches of all the West part, that use all these speeches and phrases now so many hundred yeeres, are they all Papisticall? Be it so, and let vs in the name of God follow them, speake as they spake, translate as they translated, interpret as they interpreted, because we beleeve as they beleeved. And thus far for defence of the old vulgar Latine translation, and why we translate it before all others. Now of the maner of translating the same.*

FVLKE 54 We have answered before of the words: and for the sentences we say, they are no Papisticall translations, neither doe they any thing in the world favour Papistry: for they are well translated, and they are the very words of the holy Ghost: when you can conclude any Papistry out of these sentences in good and lawfull forme of arguments, we will yeeld to your Papistry. Finally, the ancient Fathers, generall Councels, and Churches of the West part, that used these speeches before Papistry was hatched and fully shapen, were not all Papists, but most of them professed enemies to the usurped tyrannie of the Pope, to the pride of his Clergie, to merit of works and of free-will: and were maintainers of iustification by faith onely, of the marriage of them that were not able to keepe the vow of continence (as in answere to these Annotations it shall more fully appeare) and by their owne words not mangled, gelded, and falsified, as they are in your Annotations, but truly set downe as their bookes shall testifie, whereby it shall be evident, that you beleeve not as they beleeved, nor interpret as they interpreted, as you use not the translation that many of them used, nor speake as they spake.

RHEM. 55 *In this our Translation, because we wish it to be most sincere, as becommeth a Catholike translation, and have endeavoured so to make it: we are very precise and religious in following our copie, the old vulgar approved Latine: not onely in sense, which we hope we alwayes doe, but sometimes in the very words also and phrases, which may seeme to the vulgar Reader, and to common English eares not yet acquainted therewith, rudenesse or ignorance: but to the discreet Reader that deeply weigheth and considereth the importance of sacred words and speeches, and how easily the voluntary translatour may misse the true sense of the holy Ghost, we doubt not but our consideration and doing therein shall seeme reasonable and necessarie: yea, and that all sorts of Catholike Readers, will in short time thinke that familiar, which at the first may seeme strange, and will esteeme it more, when they shall* * *otherwise be taught to understand it, then if it were the common knowne English.* The maner of this translatio, and what hath been observed therein.

* See the last Table at the end of the booke.

For example, we translate often thus, Amen, Amen, I say vnto you. *Which as yet seemeth strange: but after a while it will be as familiar, as* Amen *in the end of all prayers and Psalmes; and even as when we end with* Amen, *it soundeth farre better then* So be it: *so in the beginning,* Amen, Amen, *must needs by use and custome sound farre better then* Verily, Verily. *Which indeed doth not expresse the asseveration and assurance signified in the Hebrew word; besides that it is* Certain words not English, nor as yet familiar in the English tongue

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*it is the solemne and usuall word of our Saviour * to expresse a vehement asseveration, and therefore is not changed, neither in the Syriake, nor Greeke, nor vulgar Latine Testament, but is preserued and used of the Euangelists and Apostles themselues, even as Christ spake it,* propter sanctiorem authoritatem, *as S.* Augustine *saith of this and of* Alleluia, *for the more holy and sacred authority thereof, lib.2. doct.Christ. cap.11. And therefore doe we keepe the word* Alleluia, Apoc. 19. *as it is both in Greeke and Latine, yea and in all the English translations, though in their bookes of Common prayer, they translate it,* Praise ye the Lord. *Againe, if* Hosanna, Raca, Belial, *and such like, be yet untranslated in the English Bibles, why may not we say,* Corbana; *and* Parasceve: *specially, when they Englishing this latter thus,* The preparation of the Sabbath, *put three words more into the text, then the Greeke word doth signifie;* Matt.27. 62. *And others saying thus, After the day of* preparing, *make a cold translation and short of the sense, as if they should translate,* Sabbath, the resting; *for * Parasceve is as solemne a word for the Sabbath eue, as* Sabbath *is for the Iewes seuenth day, and now among Christians much more solemner, taken for good friday onely. These words then we thought it farre better to keepe in the text, and to tell their signification in the margent or in a table for that purpose, then to disgrace both the text and them with translating them. Such are also these words,* The Pasche. The feast of Azymes. The bread of proposition. *Which they translate,* The Passeover, The feast of sweet bread, The shew bread. *But if* Pentecost, Act. 2. *be yet untranslated in their Bibles, and seemeth not strange: why should not* Pasche *and* Azymes *so remaine also, being solemne feasts, as* Pentecost *was? or why should they English one rather then the other? specially whereas* Passeover *at the first was as strange, as* Pasche *may seeme now, and perhaps as many now understand* Pasche, *as* Passeover; *and as for* Azymes, *when they English it,* The feast of sweet bread, *it is a false interpretation of the word, and nothing expresseth that which belongeth to the feast concerning vnleauened bread. And as for their tearme of* shew bread, *it is very strange and ridiculous. Againe, if* Proselyte *be a receiued word in the English Bibles,* Mat.23. Act.2. *Why may not wee bee bold to say,* Neophyte, 1 Tim.3.? *specially when they translating it into English, doe falsly expresse the signification of the word thus,* a young scholer. *Whereas it is a peculiar word to signifie them that are lately baptized, as* Catechumenus, *signifieth the newly instructed in faith not yet baptized, who is also a young scholer rather then the other, and many that haue beene old scholers, may be* Neophytes *by differring baptisme. And if* Phylacteries *be allowed for English,* Mat. 23. *we hope that* Diaragmes *also,* Prepuce, Paraclete, *and such like, will easily grow to be currant and familiar. And in good sooth there is in all these such necessity, that they cannot conueniently be translated; as when S.* Paul *saith,* Concisio non circumcisio: *how can we but follow his very words and allusion? And how is it possible to expresse* Euangelizo: *but as we doe* Euangelize? *for* Euangelium *being the Gospell, what is* Euangelizo *or* to Euangelize, *but to shew the glad tidings of the Gospell, of the time of Grace, of all Christs benefits? All which signification is lost, by translating as the English Bibles doe,* I bring you good tidings, Luc.2.10. *Therefore we say* Depositum, 1 Tim.6. *and, He* exinanited *himselfe,* Phil. 2. *and, You haue* reflourished, Phil. 4. *and to* exhaust, Heb. 9. 28. *because we cannot possibly attaine to expresse these words fully in English, and we thinke much better, that the Reader staying at the difficultie of them, should take an occasion to looke in the table following, or otherwise to aske the full meaning of them, then by putting some vsuall English words that expresse them not, so to deceive the Reader. Sometime also we doe it for another cause, as when we say,* The aduent of our Lord, *and* Imposing of hands; *because one is a solemne time, the other a solemne action in the Catholike Church: to signifie to the people, that these and such like names come out of the very Latine text of the Scripture. So did* Penance, doing penance, Chalice, Priest, Deacon, Traditions, Altar, Host, *and the like (which we exactly keepe as Catholike termes) proceed euen from the very words of the Scriptures.*

Pasche. Azymes. Neophyte. Why we say, *our Lord,* not *the Lord* (but in certaine cases) see the annotations, 1 Tim. 6. pag. 706. Catholike termes proceeding from the very text of Scripture.

LVKE 55 Not the desire of sincerity, but rather of obscurity, hath made you to thrust in a great number of words, not onely Hebrew, or Syriake, which are found in the Greeke text, but also Greeke and Latine words, leauing the English words of the same, which by long use, are well knowne and familiar in the English tongue. And as for Hebrew and Syriake words, which are found in the Greeke text, it is not to be misliked that they should bee brought also into the English tongue: because the Spirit of God, not without cause writing Greeke, did thinke it meet to reteine them. And therefore in our translations, we reteine them all, except a few that are vsually expressed in English: as Amen, Amen, in the begining of a sentence, which might well haue beene vsed, but that the translatour studied to be more plaine, and to expresse the meaning of that asseueration. *Alleluia* we use in the new Testament, because we finde it in the Greeke Testament: but when we translate the old Testament, there is no reason why we should not translate it into English, as well as other words of the text. We say also *Hosanna, Raca, Belial,* yea, and *Corbona,* because we finde them in the originall text. But as for Greeke termes which may well enough be expressed in the English tongue, we see no cause why we should reteine them; as *Parasceue, Azymes,*

Argiua, Magdalene, And if you had read Quintilian, you would not call Cranmer, Grindall, nor Whitgift, reuiuers of the Greeke tongue, but rather Graecizers, and you would say, they would haue made Greeke words as Iesse Eustace, Mary Cutlasse, Archbishop Winne, Eucasia, Hosiah, Pyrrha, Nauclerus, Typhonicus, Bole, Artemas, Dithabitis, Mistris Grosse, Anti-christine, Encenes, Dysenterie, Pyrrha, Nauclere, Typhonicke, Bole, Artemas, Dithabite, and euen as you haue done, Sages, Church, chiefe Steward, Dedication, Weyward, Fire, Master of the ship, Tempestuous, Sowrail, Mansile, a place betweene two Seas; whereas if we should picke quarrels as you doe against us, we should make our selues, to all wise people, ridiculous, as you are. You neither like that our translation calleth Parasceue, the day of preparing, nor the preparation of the Sabbath, and yet both are true, according as the word is taken in that place. You say it is a solemne word for the Sabbath Eue: but you are short of the sense, for it is taken for a whole day before the Euening, and for the day of preparing: neither of which things are contained in your Popish terme, Eue. Where you say, it is peculiar to good Friday onely; Ignatius is against you, Epi.5. using it for every Friday. Where you say, Pasche, Easter, or Passeover, the one being the vsuall English terme for that Feast, the other expressing the meaning of the Hebrew word. And where you say, it signifieth Azymes but sweet Bread, and vnleauened Bread, as we translate it, and Panes propositionis but shew Bread, or bread that is shewed? Yet you say, that the one is false, the other ridiculous and strange: nevertheless, some of the best learned among you, have vsed those termes, as Heskins, lib.1. cap.15. and 22. Sanderus translation of Beda, lib.5. cap.22. You mislike that Neophytus is translated a young scholer, and will have it restrained to those that are newly baptized, though they be old scholers. We know, that Neophytus doth signifie one lately planted, and so were they called, that were lately baptized, in as much as by the visible signe of Baptisme they were newly ingraffed into the faith: but if any such were well learned, he was not excluded from the office of a Bishop, from which S. Paul excludeth Neophytum, as appeareth by the story of S. Ambrose, who was chosen Bishop before he was baptized, and ordained Bishop the eighth day after he was baptized. Neither doth Catechumenus signifie alway him that is not baptized, for S. Paul vseth it, Gal.6.6 for every one that is instructed. If Phylacteria could as well be Englished either for sense or terme, as Didragma, Paracletus, and such like, I thinke the translatours would not haue fained a terme of the Greeke word: although the word Phylacteries was vsuall in the English tongue, before our translations, as appeareth in the Homet, of Wricte se upon Tuesday in the second weeke of Lent, where he sheweth also what they were. Concision we vse also, to expresse the allusion vnto Circumcision: but there is no such like reason, for Prepuce, Depositum, Gratis, and such like Latine words as you vse. Euangelium signifieth the glad tidings of the Gospel, and so we translate, Luke 2. Euangelize, I bring you glad tidings. And yet Iodocus Lorichius a Popish Doctor, in his Gospel, contendeth that Euangelium signifieth properly Bonum nuntium, Good tidings, rather then glad tidings. So that by his iudgement, that which you reprove, is the better translation. But why doe you not call Euangelium the Euangile, as the Scotes doe? as well as Euangelizare to Euangelize, but that you affect novelty of words, to obscure the Gospel, as much as you can. In the rest which you call Catholike termes, you are glad to have a sound of words out of the Scripture for a shew, seeing you haue no matter at all to iustifie your Popish Aduent, Penance, Traditions, and such like.

Evangelium Lorichij.

RHEM. 56 *Moreouer, we presume not in hard places to mollifie the speeches or phrases, but religiously keepe them word for word, and point for point, for feare of missing, or restraining the sense of the holy Ghost to our fantasie, as* Ephes. 6. Against the spirituals of wickednesse in the celestials; *and,* What to me and thee woman? *wherefore see the Annotations vpon this place; and,* 1 Pet. 2. As infants euen now borne, reasonable, milke without guile desire ye. *We doe so place* reasonable, *of purpose, that it may be indifferent both to infants going before, as in our Latine text; or to milke that followeth after, as in other Latine copies, and in the Greeke.* Ioh.3. *we translate,* The Spirit breatheth where he will, &c. *leauing it indifferent to signifie either the holy Ghost, or wind: which the Protestants translating* wind, *take away the other sense more common and vsuall in the ancient Fathers. We translate,* Luke 8. 23. They were filled, *not adding of our owne,* with water, *to mollifie the sentence, as the Protestants doe; and* cap. 22. This is the Chalice, the new Testament, &c. *not,* This Chalice is the new Testament; *likewise* Marke 13. Those dayes shall bee such tribulation, &c. *not as the Aduersaries,* In those dayes, *both our text and theirs being otherwise; likewise* Iac. 4. 6. And giueth greater grace, *leauing it indifferent to the* Scripture, *or to the* holy Ghost, *both going before. Wherein the Aduersaries too too boldly presumptuously adde, saying,* The Scripture giueth, *taking away the other sense, which is farre more probable; likewise,* Heb.12. 21. *we translate,* So terrible was it which was seene, Moses said, &c. *neither doth Greeke or Latine permit us to adde, that* Moses said, *as the Protestants presume to doe. So we say,* Men brethren, A widow woman, A woman a sister.

Iohn 2.

Certaine hard speeches and phrases.

Matth. 5.

The Protestants presumptuous boldnesse, and liberty in translating.

Athenæ nis.

sillers, Dames of Alphæus, *and the like. Sometime also out of choise of purpose the Scripture phrase*, as, The hell of fire, *according to the Greeke and Latine*; which we might say perhaps, the fiery hell, *by the Hebrew phrase in such speeches, but not, hell fire, as commonly it is translated, likewise* Luke 4. 36. *What word is this? that in power and authoritie he commandeth the uncleane spirits?, as also* Luke 2. *Let us passe over, and see the word that is done, where we might say, thing, by the Hebrew phrase, but there is a certaine majestie and more signification in these speeches; and therefore both Greeke and Latine keepe them, although it be no more the Greeke or Latine phrase, then it is the English. And why should we be so squeimish as new words or phrases in the Scripture, which are necessary, when we doe easily admit and follow new words coined in court and in courtly or other secular writings?*

LVKE 56 By all meanes you labour to suppresse the light of truth, under one pretence or another. For what preiudice had it beene to the sense, if you had translated *spirituales nequitiæ*, spirituall wickednesse, as you doe *desiderium carnis luxuriæ*, the desires of fleshly riotousnesse, 2 *Pet.* 2. 18.? Your second example, *John* 2. is no hard phrase in Greeke, but very vulgar and common, signifying as we have translated, *What have I doe with thee woman?* but that you are angry with Christ for reprehending his mother, when shee was in fault: whom you hold to be void of all sinne, even originall, contrary to the Scriptures. Otherwise you are not so precise in the same phrase: For *Mat.* 8. 29. *Quid nobis & tibi*, you translate, What is betweene us and thee?

In the third example, some of your old copies agreeing with the truth of the Greeke, why doe you follow the error of the rest of your copies, but that you love darknesse rather then light? In the fourth example, the words of the Text following, *Thou hearest the sound thereof*, doe plainely argue, that *spiritus* in that place signifieth the wind, and not the holy Ghost. For the sound or noise of the holy Ghost is not heard. Neither doe the ancient Fathers otherwise translate it, though by that text, as they may well, they prove the free working of Gods Spirit.

In the fifth, it is plaine both out of the text, and out of S. *Matthew* 8. 24. that the vessell was filled with the waves of water. In the sixth example, *Luke* 22. 1. S. *Paul*, 1 *Corinth.* 11. doth warrant us, that this is S. *Lukes* meaning, *This cup is the new Testament*. But you know why you would have hidden it as much as is possible, because it is direct against Transubstantiation. In the seventh, our translation is according to the meaning, as appeareth, *Matt.* 24. 21. though yours be more precise to the word of S. *Marke*.

In the eighth place, you say, that we too too boldly and presumptuously adde the word *Scripture, James* 4. 6. saying; *the Scripture giveth greater grace*, whereas you leave it indifferent to the Scripture, and the holy Ghost, both going before. By which reprehension you verifie the saying of the Apostle, *The spirit that dwelleth in you lusteth to envie*. For except envie of our well doing, had blinded your eyes, you would never have said, that the holy Ghost is that Spirit that lusteth unto envie, as both your vulgar translation, and you your selues doe render the text.

In the ninth, you seeke a knot in a rush, *Heb.* 12. 21. for whether this word (*that*) be added or omitted, the sense is all one. And you your selues adde many other words for explication, as it is necessary for every translatour.

Men and brethren, is our English phrase, as Masters and friends, of the same persons. And what difference is there betweene a widow woman, and a wowan that was a widow? A woman a sister, the originall text saith not, 1 *Cor.* 9. but a sister to wife: for it were absurd to say, A sister a woman. But where you say, the hell of fire, seeing your Latine is *gehenna ignis*, why say you not, the *gehenna* of fire, as you say, *Pasche*, and not Passeover, *Amen, Amen*, and not verily, verily? If you may expresse not onely the phrase, but also the Hebrew word in English, without offence against the maiestie of that speech, we may be bold to bring the Hebrew phrase into the English tongue, so as it may be understood of English men.

Gehenna ignis.

RHEM. 57 *We adde the Greeke in the margent for divers causes. Sometimes when the sense is hard, that the learned Reader may consider of it, and see if he can helpe himselfe better then by our translation*; as Luke 11. Nolite extolli. *Be not exalted*, and againe, Quod superest date eleemosynam; *rather. Sometime to take away the ambiguity of the Latine or English*; as Luke 11. Et domus supra domum cadet. *Which we must needs English*, and house upon house shall fall; *by the Greeke, the sense is not, one house shall fall upon another; but, if one house rise upon it selfe, that is, against it selfe, it shall perish, according as he speaketh of a kingdome divided against it selfe, in the words before. And* Acts 14. Sacerdos Iovis qui erat; *in the Greeke*, qui, *is referred to* Iupiter. *Sometime to satisfie the Reader, that might otherwise conceive the translation to be false*; as Philip. 4. v. 9. But in every thing by prayer, &c. *in omni oratione*, not, in all prayer, *as in the Latine it may seeme. Sometime when the Latine neither doth, nor can, reach to the signification of the Greeke word, we adde the Greeke also as more significant.* Illi soli servies, him onely shalt thou serue. *Latreuseis. And* Acts 6. Nicolas a stranger *of Antioche, proselytus*; and

The Greeke added often in the margent for many causes.

Matth. 4.

and Rom. 9. The *seruice, λατρεία*, and Ephes. 1. to perfit, in Italian *omnia in Christo, ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι*; and, Wherein he hath gratified us, *ἐχαρίτωσεν*; and Ephes. 6. Put on the armour, *πανοπλίαν*; and a number the like. *Sometime, when the Greeke hath two senses; and the Latine but one, we adde the Greeke*; 2 Cor. 1. By the exhortation wherewith wee also are comforted; *the Greeke signifieth also* consolation, &c. *and* 2 Cor. 10. But having hope of your faith increasing, to be, &c. *where the Greeke may also signifie*, as or when your faith increaseth. *Sometime for advantage of the Catholike cause, when the Greeke maketh for us more then the Latine*, as, Seniores, *πρεσβύτεροι*. Vt digni habeamini, *ἵνα ἀξιωθῆτε*. Qui effimdetur, *τὸ ἐκχυνόμενον*. Præcepta, *ἐντολαί*. *Nouns*; and Ioan 21. *πάσχα*, Pasce & rege. *And sometime to shew the false translation of the heretike; as when* Beza *saith*, Hoc poculum in meo sanguine qui; *τὸ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐκχυνόμενον* quod pro vobis effundetur, Luke 22. *and* Quem oportet cœlo continere, Act. 3. *This we use the Greeke divers wayes, and esteeme of it as it is worthy, and take all commodities thereof for the better understanding of the Latine, which being a translation, cannot alwayes attaine to the full sense of the principall tongue, as we see in all translations.*

Act. 15. 2 Thess. 2. 1 Cor. 11.

LVKE 57 Seeing that you confesse, that the Latine being a translation, cannot alwayes attaine to the full sense of the principall tongue, why did you not translate out of the Greeke which is the principall tongue? And why doth the *Tridentine* assembly authorize that translation for onely authentical, which neither doth nor can attaine to the full sense of the principall tongue, before the text of the principall tongue it selfe? As for the advantage of your cause whereof you speake, hath beene exactly examined already, and more shall be in the proper places.

RHEM. 58 *Item we adde the Latine word sometime in the margent, when either we cannot fully expresse it, (as* Act. 8. *They tooke order for* Stevens *funerall*, Curaverunt Stephanum; *and, All take not this word*, Non omnes capiunt) *or when the Reader might thinke, it cannot be as we translate, as* Luke 8. *A storme of wind descended into the lake, and they were filled, &* complebantur; *and* Iohn 5. *when Iesus knew that he had now a long time*, quia jam multum tempus haberet; *meaning, in his infirmity.* The latin text sometime noted in the margent

LVKE 58 If you added the Latine word every time that you give not the precise signification thereof, you should make you selues sometimes, and sometimes your vulgar Latine translation ridiculous, even to children that are young Grammarians, as when you translate *Tauernator*, a creditour, *Luke* 10 *stabulum*, an inne, *Luke* 10. *navis*, a boat, *Marke* 8. *navicula*, a ship, *Luke* 5. *Non quia de egenis pertinebat ad eum*, Not because he cared for the poore, and such like.

RHEM. 59 *This precise following of our Latine text, in neither adding nor diminishing, is the cause why we say not in the title of Bookes, in the first page, S.* Matthew, *S.* Paul: *because it is so neither in Greeke, nor Latine; though in the tops of the leaves following, where we may be bolder, we adde S.* Matthew, &c. *to satisfie the Reader. Much unlike to the Protestants our adversaries, which make no scruple priviledge out the name of* Paul *in the title of the Epistle to the Hebrewes, though it be in every Greeke booke which they translate. And their most authorized English Bibles leave out (Catholike) in the title of S.* Iames *Epistle and the rest, which were famously knowne in the Primitive Church by the name of* Catholicæ Epistolæ, Euseb. hist. Eccles. lib. 2. cap. 22. In the beginning of bookes, Matth. Paul, &c. not S. Matthew, S. Paul, &c.

Bib. an. 1579. 1580. Ann. 1577. 1562.

Item we give the Reader in places of some importance, another reading in the margent, specially when the Greeke is agreeable to the same, as Ioh. 4. transiet de morte ad vitam. *Other Latine copies have* transijt, *and so it is in the Greeke.* Another reading in the margent.

FVLKE 59 How precise youare, let those few examples last before remembred testifie. And for adding, let your owne confession beare witnesse, *Curaverunt Stephanum. They tooke order for Stevens funerall.* Where a plaine dressing of his battered body unto buriall is signified, and no pompous funerall. And if I should follow such small quarrels, as you doe, I might bring in plenty of examples, as 2 *Cor.* 8. *Qui multum*, he that had much, and *Qui modicum non minoravit*, he that had little, wanted not. 2 *Cor.* 1. *Supra virtutem*, above our power, 1 *Cor.* 13. *Evacuavi quæ erant parvuli*, I did away the things that belonged to a little one.

For diminishing, take these examples. 1 *Cor.* 14. *Si quid autem volunt discere*, but if they learne any thing, Will or desire left out. *Act.* 25. Festus *autem respondit servari* Paulum *in Cæsarea*. But *Festus* answered that *Paul* is in Cæsarea, this word (kept) being omitted. But *Act.* 10. 41. in a place of great importance, and a matter of some controversie, the text is diminished of a whole clause, *testibus præordinatis à Deo*, for which you give us no English at all. Likewise *Heb.* 7. 28. in a matter of controversie, where the Latine is, *Lex enim homines constituit Sacerdotes, infirmitatem habentes*, you translate for the *Law appointeth Priests, them that have infirmity*, leaving out *homines*; where the *antithesis* is betweene the Priesthood of men, and of the Sonne of God.

These bee diminishings of your Latine text, which otherwise is defective from the Greeke

God in a hundred places; yet you make a great matter, that the name of Pastor hath no, in the title of the Epistle to the Hebrewes: and the name of Catholike to the title of the Epistle of S. Iames. But the titles are no part of the word of God; yet we use to cite the Epistles in some of our translations. And one ancient Greeke copie I meane [illegible] of Paul. Againe, those other five Epistles are called Catholike or Generall: not because the doctrine of them, were more sound and Catholike then the doctrine of S. Paul's Epistles, but because they are directed to no speciall city or countrey, but either universally to all Christians, or to all Iewes, inhabiting many nations.

RHEM. 60 *We binde not our selues to the points of any one copy, print, or edition of the vulgar Latine in places of no controversie, but follow the pointing most agreeable to the Greeke, and to the Fathers Commentaries. As* Col. 1. 10. Ambulantes digne Deo, per omnia placentes. Walking worthy of God, in all things pleasing. ἀξίως τοῦ κυρίου εἰς πᾶσαν ἀρεσκείαν. Eph. 1. 17. *We point thus,* Deus Domini nostri Iesu Christi, Pater gloriæ; *as in the Greeke, and S.* Chrysostome, *and S.* Hierom *both in text and Commentaries. Which the Catholike Reader specially must marke, lest he finde fault, when he seeth our translation disagree in such places from the pointing of his Latine Testament.* The pointing sometime altered.

We translate sometime the word that is in the Latine margent, and not that in the text, when by the Greeke or the Fathers we see it is a manifest fault of the writers heretofore, that mistooke one word for another; as in fine, *not* in fide, 1 Pet. 3. v. 8. præsentiam, *not* præscientiam, 2 Pet. 1. v. 16. Heb. 13. latuerunt, *not* placuerunt. The margent reading sometime preferred before the text.

Thus we have endeavoured by all meanes to satisfie the indifferent Reader, and to helpe his understanding every way both in the text, and by annotations: and withall to deale most sincerely before God and man, in translating and expounding the most sacred text of the holy Testaments. Farewell good Reader, and if we profit thee any whit by our poore paines, let us for Gods sake be partakers of thy devout prayers, and together with humble and contrite heare call upon our Saviour Christ to cease these troubles and stormes of his deerest Spouse: in the meane time comforting our selues with this saying of S. Augustine: That Heretikes, when they receive power corporally to afflict the Church, doe exercise her patience: but when they oppugne her onely by their evill doctrine or opinions, then they exercise her wisedome, *De civit. Dei, lib. 18. cap. 51.*

FVLKE 60 You take enough unto you, to use your iudgement in pointing, which may alter the whole sense, and sometimes give a contrary meaning. And as you are bold sometime to preferre the margent reading, before the text, when by the Greeke or the Fathers, you see it is a manifest fault of the writer, so might you have done in many more places, and made your translation more agreeable to the truth of the Greeke text: if you had not rather to flie from the truth, then to come no neerer then you be inforced.

Now that I also in a word, may let the Reader understand my purpose in answere to the Annotations: I meane not to strive for every word in the margent, as the names of Popish feasts, and such like, neither to meddle with those Annotations, which although they be not rightly gathered out of the text, yet containe no impiety or slander of the Church, or the true members thereof. But onely with such as are framed against the truth, and the maintainers thereof.

RHEM. # THE BOOKES OF THE NEVV TESTAMENT, ACCORDING TO THE COVNT OF THE CATHOLIKE CHVRCH.

4. GOSPELS.	The 2 Epist. to the Thessalonians
THe Gospel of S. Matthew.	The 1 Epist. to Timothee
The Gospel of S. Marke.	The 2 Epist. to Timothee
The Gospel of S. Luke	The Epistle to Titus
The Gospel of S. Iohn.	The Epistle to Philemon
The Acts of the Apostles.	The Epistle to the Hebrewes
S. PAVLS EPIST. 14.	THE 7. CATHOL. EPISTLES
THe Epistle to the Romans	THe Epistle of S. Iames
The 1 Epist. to the Corinth.	The 1 Epistle of S. Peter.
The 2 Epistle to the Corinthians	The 2 Epistle of S. Peter.
The Epistle to the Galatians	The 1 Epistle of S. Iohn
The Epistle to the Ephesians	The 2 Epistle of S. Iohn
The Epistle to the Philippians	The 3 Epistle of S. Iohn
The Epistle to the Colossians	The Epistle of S. Iude
The 1 Epist. to the Thessalonians	The Apocalypse of S. Iohn.

1. *The infallible authoritie and excellencie of them above all other writings.*

S. Augustine lib. 11. cont. Faustum cap. 5.

THE excellencie of the Canonicall authoritie of the Old and New Testament, is distinct from the bookes of latter Writers: which being confirmed in the Apostles times, by the successions of Bishops, and propagations of Churches, is placed as it were in a certaine Throne on high, whereunto every faithfull and godly understanding must be subject and obedient. There, if any thing move or trouble thee as absurd, thou mayest not say, The Author of this booke held not the truth: but either the copie is faulty, or the Translatour erred, or thou understandest not. But in the works of them that wrote afterward, which are contained in infinite bookes, but are in no case equall to that most sacred authority of Canonicall Scriptures: in which soever of them is found even the same truth, yet the authority is farre unequall.

REIM. A. 2 *The discerning of Canonicall from not Canonicall, and of their infallible truth, and sense, commeth unto us, only by the credit we give unto the Catholike Church: through whose consideration we beleeve both the Gospel and Christ himselfe. Whereas the Sectaries measure the matter by their fansies and opinions.*

S. Augustine cont. Epist. fundamenti cap. 5.

I for my part, would not beleeve the Gospel, unlesse the authoritie of the Catholike Church moved me. They therefore whom I obeyed, saying, Beleeve the Gospel: why should I not beleeve them, saying, Beleeve not Manichæus? *Chuse whether thou wilt. If thou wilt say, Beleeve the Catholikes: loe they warne me that I give no credit unto you: and therefore beleeving them, I must needs not beleeve thee. If thou say, Beleeve not the Catholikes: it is not the right way, by the Gospel to drive me to the faith of* Manichæus, *because I beleeved the Gospel it selfe by the preaching of Catholikes.*

Luther, Calvin.

Againe, lib. de utilit. credend. cap. 14.

I see that concerning Christ himselfe, I have beleeved none, but the confirmed and assured opinion of peoples and nations: and that these peoples have on every side possessed the mysteries of the Catholike Church. Why should I not therefore most diligently require, specially among them, what Christ commanded, by whose authority I was moved to beleeve that Christ did command some profitable thing? Wilt thou (O Heretike) tell me better what he said? whom I would not thinke to have beene at all, or to be, If I must beleeve because thou sayest it. What grosse madnesse is this, to say, Beleeve the Catholikes, that Christ is to be beleeved: and learne of us, what he said.

Againe, cont. Faustum lib. 11. cap. 1.

Thou seest then in this matter what force the authority of the Catholike Church hath, which even from the most grounded and founded seats of the Apostles, is established untill this day, by the line of Bishops succeeding one another, and by the consent of so many peoples. Whereas thou sayest, This is Scripture, or, this such an Apostles, that is not: because this soundeth for me, and the other against me. Thou then art the rule of truth, whatsoever is against thee, is not true.

FVLKE A. The truth and sense of the Scripture commeth not onely by the credit we give unto the Church, but also by the Spirit of God which giveth witnesse to his word, as the Prophet saith, * My Spirit which is within thee, and my word which I have put in thy mouth, and the mouth of thy seed, shall not faile for ever. And therefore you falsifie S. *Augustines* authority, in translating *Commoveret*, moved. For he saith, as there were many things, which held him in the Catholike faith, so if he were an infidell, he would not beleeve the Gospel, unlesse the authority of the Church *Commoveret*, with other things did move him. And although the authority of the Church (for the most part) doe first move the outward man to know and reverence the Scriptures: yet afterward by the Spirit and the Word, hee is confirmed in the faith of them, so that now he beleeveth not onely for the authority of the Church, which consisteth of men, but by the assurance of the Spirit of God, and the authority of the word it selfe, expressed in the Scriptures. And therefore S. *Augustine* in the 14. Chapter of the same Booke, saith of the Manichees, as we may say of the Papists, *what have we to doe but to forsake them, that invite us to know things certaine, and afterward command us to beleeve uncertaine things: and to follow them which invite us first to beleeve, that which we are not yet able to behold, that being made stronger through faith it selfe, we may attaine to understand that we beleeve, now not men, but God himselfe, confirming and lightening our minds inwardly.* The other two sentences of S. *Augustine*, although they bee not truly and wholly cited, yet they containe nothing for the Popish Church which is not Catholike, but particular and hereticall, yea Antichristian, and

* Esay 51.

Many borne and bred in schisme and heresie, are even by heretiks and schismatiks moved first to give credit to the Scriptures.

and hath no farther ground of doctrine, from the Apostles and the Bishops of the Primitive Church, whose doctrine it hateth and persecuteth. For his countenance in the same doctrine, that S. *Augustine* commendeth, and not sticking in the same place, where the Apostles, and ancient Bishops sate.

REIM. B. 3 *No Heretikes have right to the Scriptures, but are usurpers: the Catholike Church being the true owner and faithfull keeper of them. Heretikes abuse them, corrupt them, and utterly seeke to abolish them, though they pretend the contrary.*

Tertullian lib. De præscriptionibus, bringeth in the CATHOLIKE CHVRCH speaking thus to all Heretikes.

O Luther, Zuinglius, Calvin.

Who are you, when, and from whence come you? What doe you in my possession, that are none of mine? By what right (Marcion) *doest thou cut downe my wood? Who gave thee licence* (O Valentine) *to turne the course of my fountaines? By what authority* (Apelles) *doest thou remove my bounds? And* * *you the rest, why doe you sow and feed for these companions at your pleasure? It is my possession, I possesse it of old, I have assured origins thereof, even from those Authors whose the thing was. I am the heire of the Apostles. As they provided by their Testament, as they committed it to my credit, as they adjured me, so doe I hold it. You surely they disherited alwayes, and have cast you off, as forreiners, as enemies.*

* Their schollers and followers.

Againe in the same booke.

Encountring with such by Scriptures, availeth nothing, but to overturne a mans stomacke or his braine. This Heresie receiveth not certaine Scripiures: and if it doe receive some, yet by adding and taking away, it perverteth the same to serve their purpose: and if it receive any, it doth not receive them wholly: and if after a sort it receive them wholly, nevertheless by devising divers expositions, it turneth them cleane another way, &c.

FVLKE B. *Luther, Zuinglius* and *Calvin*, which received and beleeved all the Scriptures of God, and alwayes gave soveraigne authoritie onely unto them, are unfitly compared with such Heretikes, as *Tertullian* named, which refused what Scriptures they would, and corrupted the rest at their pleasure. Therefore although all their Heresies are condemned by the Scriptures, which is sufficient to establish the faithfull, yet it was in vaine to encounter with them, by authority of the Scriptures, which they did not admit; whereas by the argument of prescription, they were plainely convinced. For as *Tertullian* saith, *That it is true which is first, and that is false which is latter*, which is the meaning of *Tertullian*, and his scope in that booke of Prescription against Heretikes.

REIM. C. 4 *Yet doe they vaunt themselves of Scriptures exceedingly, but they are never the more to be trusted for that.*

S. Hierom adversus Lucifer ianos in fine.

Let them not flatter themselves, if they seeme in their owne conceit to affirme that which they say, out of the Chapters of Scriptures: whereas the Devill also spake some things out of the Scriptures, and the Scriptures consist not in the reading, but in the understanding.

Vincentius Lirinensis lib. cont. profanas hæreseum Novationes.

Here perhaps some man may aske, whether Heretikes also use not the testimonies of divine Scriptures. Yes indeed doe they, and that vehemently: For thou shalt see them flie thorow every one of the sacred Bookes of the Law, thorow Moses, the Bookes of the Kings, the Psalmes, the Apostles, the Gospels, the Prophets. For, whether among their owne fellowes, or strangers: whether privately, or publikely: whether in talke, or in their Bookes: whether in banquets, or in the streets: they (I say) alledge nothing of their owne, which they indeavour not to shadow with the wordes of Scripture also. Read the workes of Paulus Samosatenus, *of* Priscillian, *of* Eunomian, *of* Iovinian, * *of the other plagues and pestilences: thou shalt finde an infinite heape of* [illegible] *page in a manner omitted or void, which is not painted and coloured with [illegible] of the new or old Testament. But they are so much the more to bee taken heed of,*

* Of Gentiles or of Iewes

and to be feared, the more secretly they lurke under the shadowes of Gods diuine Lawe. For they know their stinkes would not easily please any man almost, if they were brought out nakedly and simply themselves alone, and therefore they sprinkle them as it were with certaine precious spices of the heavenly word: to the end that he which would easily despise the errour of man, may not easily contemne the Oracles of God. So that they doe like unto them, which when they will prepare certaine bitter potions for children, doe first annoint the brimmes of the cup with honey, that the unwary age, when it shall first feele the sweetnesse, may not feare the bitternesse.

FVLKE C. The Papists in this point of vaunting, are not behinde, as appeareth in the Preface. And wherefore serue these Annotations, but to vaunt themselves of the Scriptures? But they are never the more to be trusted for that, but the Scriptures more diligently to bee searched, and studied, that their falshood in perverting them, may the better be espied and discovered.

Calvin and *Iewell* have their pages garnished not onely with authorities of Scripture, but also with sentences of the ancient Fathers of the Primitive Church, which by the judgement of *Vincentius*, are meanes to bring them to the true understanding of the Scriptures, and are testimonies, that they teach not their owne new inventions, as *Samosatenus, Priscillian, Eunomius, Iouinian, &c.* but the ancient faith of the Church, planted by the Apostles, and continued by the ancient Fathers, for many hundred yeeres after Christ, even untill the Apostacie was made by Antichrist.

RHEM. D. 5 *The cause why, the Scriptures being perfect, yet we use other Ecclesiasticall writings and traditions.*

Vincentius Lirinensis in his golden booke before cited, *aduersus profanas haresium Nouationes.*

Here some man perhaps may aske, forasmuch as the Canon of the Scriptures is perfect, and in all points very sufficient in it selfe, what need is there, to ioyne thereunto the authority of the Ecclesiasticall understanding? for this cause surely, for that all take not the holy Scripture in one and the same sense, because of the deepenesse thereof; but the speeches thereof, some interpret one way, and some another way, so that there may almost as many senses be picked out of it, as there be men; for* Novatian *doth expound it one way; and* Sabellius *another way; otherwise* Donatus; *otherwise* Arius, Eunomius, Macedonius; *otherwise* Photinus, Apollinaris, Priscillianus; *otherwise* Iovinian, Pelagius, Celestius; *lastly, otherwise* Nestorius. * *And therefore very necessary it is, because of so great windings and turnings of divers errours, that the line of Prophetical and Apostolical interpretation, be directed according to the rule of the Ecclesiastical and Catholike sense or understanding.*

* So he calleth the Churches sense, and the Fathers interpretations of Scriptures.

* Otherwise Wicleffe, Luther, Calvin, Puritanes.

S. Basil. lib. de Spiritu sancto cap. 27.

Of such Articles of religion as are kept and preached in the Church, some were taught by the written word, other some we have received by the tradition of the Apostles, delivered unto us as it were from hand to hand in mystery secretly: both which be of one force to Christian Religion: and this no man will deny that hath any little skill of the Ecclesiasticall rites or customes; for if we goe about to reject the customes not contained in Scripture, as being of small force, we shall unwittingly and unawares maugle the Gospel it selfe in the principall parts thereof, yea rather, we shall abridge the very preaching of the Gospel, and bring it to a bare name.

FVLKE D. While you hold tradition beside the Scripture to be necessary, you cannot defend the Scripture to bee perfect and sufficient by it selfe, unto all points of faith, as *Vincentius* saith, Whom you falsifie in translating, *ad omnia*, in all points; and leaving out, that he saith before, of the meanes to defend faith, which are the authority of Gods Law, and the tradition of the Catholike Church, which tradition bringeth in nothing that is left out of the Scriptures (as yours doe) but containeth the summe of Catholike doctrine grounded in the Scriptures. As apparently plainly by the words of the same Father, abridging his former sentence.

Diximus

Diximus in superioribus hanc fuisse semper & esse hodieque Catholicorum consuetudinem, ut fidem [illegible] Ecclesiastica traditione, non quia Canon [illegible] verbis diuina prosus plenique arbitratu interpretantis, pariter [illegible] ant. Atque ideo necesse fit, ut ad unam Ecclesiasticum sensum [illegible] telligentia dirigatur, in his duntaxat præcipue quæstionibus, quibus [illegible] matis fundamenta nituntur. We have said before, that this hath alwayes beene, and is also at this day, the custome of the Catholikes, to approue the true faith by these two meanes. First by the authority of the diuine Canon, afterward by tradition or delivery of the Catholike Church, not because the Canon alone, is not by it selfe sufficient unto all things: but because many interpreting the words of God after their owne pleasure doe conceiue diuers opinions and errours. And therefore it is necessary that the understanding of the heavenly Scripture be directed to one rule of Ecclesiasticall sense, onely in those questions chiefly, on which the foundations of the whole Catholike doctrine doe leane.

By which saying it is plaine, that *Vincentius* allowed another manner of perfection and sufficiencie of the holy Scriptures, then you doe acknowledge, which teach, that there be Articles of faith necessary to be beleeved, which are not to be proved out of the Scripture, but stand only upon credit of tradition, as prayer for the dead, invocation of Saints, &c. whereas *Vincentius* speaketh of no tradition but that which is grounded upon the Canon of the Scriptures.

In the second testimony of S. *Basil* also, you falsifie his meaning, translating *Dogmata* Articles of Religion, whereby you would have it thought, that he speaketh of Articles of faith and doctrine, preached in the Church, which have no warrant out of the Scriptures, whereas he speaketh onely of formes of speech, by which the Articles of faith taught in the Scripture, are expressed, and of Rites or Ceremonies used in the Church in his time. As that they used to sing in the Church: Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, with the holy Ghost. The Heretikes objected, that this forme of speech, *with the holy Ghost*, was not found in the Scriptures. S. *Basil* proveth by the Scripture, that equall glory is due to the holy Ghost, with the Father, and the Sonne. But touching the use of the preposition σὺν, in that forme of glorifying the holy Trinity, which of ancient time had beene used in the Church, he referreth it to Apostolike tradition, as hee doth a number of Ceremonies beside, and formes of publike Service then used in the Church: which he calleth ἄγραφα, that are not spoken of in the Scriptures, at leastwise not plainly and expressly, for he defendeth some of them to have their reason out of the Scriptures: counting among them the forme of this confession: to beleeve in the Father, in the Son, & in the holy Ghost, which forme of words in so many syllables, is not found in all the Scriptures, yet the truth and substance of this confession is most plainly and perfectly contained in the holy Scriptures. S. *Basil* therefore is no Patrone of traditions, that bring in Articles of faith or religion, not contained in the Scriptures, as it is evident by other places of his writings, as in his morall, Reg. 26. *Every word and deed ought to be warranted by testimony of the Scripture, inspired of God.* And againe, Reg. 8. *If whatsoever is not of faith is sin (as the Apostle saith) and faith is of hearing, and hearing by the word of God, whatsoever is without the holy Scripture, seeing it is not of faith, is sin.* The same judgement he sheweth in many other parts of his workes, as he that will, may see, *Tract. de vera & pia fide, in regul. brev. inter* 1. & 95. & 98. *Epist.* 80.

THE SVMME OF THE New Testament.

RHEM. THat which was the summe of the Old Testament, to wit, Christ and his Church, as S. Augustine saith, catechising the ignorant: the very same is the summe of the New Testament also. For (as the same S. Augustine saith againe) In the Old Testament there is the occultation of the New: and in the New Testament there is the manifestation of the Old. And in another place: In the Old doth the New lie hidden, and in the New doth the Old lie open. And thereupon our Saviour said: I am not come to breake the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them. For assuredly I say unto you, Till heaven and earth passe, one jot or one tittle shall not passe of the Law, till all be fulfilled. In which words he sheweth plainely, that the New Testament is nothing else but the fulfilling of the Old. August. de cat. rud. cap. 3. 4. Super Exod. 9.73. Matth. 5.

Therefore to come to the parts: The Gospels doe tell of Christ himselfe (of whom the Old Testament did foretell) and that even from his comming into the world, unto his going out thereof againe. The Actes of the Apostles doe tell of his Church, beginning at Hierusalem the head city of the Iewes, & of the propagation thereof to the Gentiles and their head city Rome. And The Apocalypse doth prophesie of it, even to the consummation thereof: which shall be in the end of the world. The Epistles of the Apostles doe treat partly of such questions as at that time were moved, partly of good life and good order.

THE SVMME OF THE foure Gospels.

RHEM. THe Gospels doe tell historically the life of our Lord Iesus, shewing plainely, * that he is Christ or the King of the Iewes, whom until then, all the time of the Old Testament, they had expected: and withall, that they of their owne meere malice and blindnesse (the iniquity being of the Seniores, but at the length the multitude also consenting) would not receive him, but ever sought his death: which for the redemption of the world, he at length permitted them to compasse, they deserving thereby most justly to be refused of him, and so his Kingdome or Church to be taken away from them, and given to the Gentiles. For the gathering of which Church after him, he chuseth twelue, and * appointeth one of them, to be the chiefe of all, with instructions both to him and them accordingly. John 20.31. * Christ appointed no Pope.

The story hereof is written by foure: who in Ezechiel and in the Apocalypse are likened to foure living creatures, every one according as his booke beginneth. S. Matthew to a man, because he beginneth with the pedegree of Christ as he is man. S. Marke to a lion, because he beginneth with the preaching of S. Iohn Baptist, as it were the roaring of a lion in the wildernesse. S. Luke to a calfe, because he beginneth with a Priest of the Old Testament (to wit Zacharie the father of S. Iohn Baptist) which Priesthood was to sacrifice calues to God. S. Iohn to an Eagle, because he beginneth with the Divinity of Christ, flying so high as more is not possible. Ezc. 1. Apoc. 4.

The first three do report at large what Christ did in Galilee after the imprisonment of S. Iohn Baptist. Wherefore S. Iohn the Evangelist writing after them all, doth omit his doings in Galilee (save only one, which they had not written of, the wonderfull bread which he told the Capharnaites he could and would give, Io. 6.) and reporteth first, what he did whiles Iohn Baptist as yet was preaching and baptizing: then, after Iohns imprisoning, what he did in Iury every yere about Easter. But of his Passion all foure doe write at large.

Where it is to be noted, that from his baptizing (which is thought to have beene upon twelfth day) what time he was beginning to be about 30 yeeres old, Luke 3.) unto his passion, are numbred three moneths and three yeeres, in which there were also foure Easters.

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THE ARGVMENT OF S. MATTHEVVES GOSPEL.

RHEM. SAint Matthevves Gospel may be well divided into five parts. The first part, as touching the Infancie of our Lord Iesus, Chap. 1. & 2.

The second, of the preparation that was made to his manifestation, Chap. 3. and a piece of the 4.

The third, of his manifesting of himselfe by preaching and miracles, and that in Galilee: the other piece of the 4. Chap. unto the 19.

The fourth, of his comming into Iurie, toward his Passion, Chap. 19, 20.

The fifth, of the holy weeke of his Passion in Hierusalem, Chap. 21. unto the end of the booke.

Of S. Matthew we have Mat. 9. Mar. 2. Luc. 5. How being before a Publican, he was called of our Lord, and made a Disciple. Then Luc. 6. Mar. 3. Mat. 10. How out of the whole number of the Disciples, he was chosen to be one of the twelue Apostles, and out of them againe he was chosen (and none but he and S. Iohn) to be one of the foure Evangelistes. Among which foure also, he was the first that wrote, about 8. or 10. yeeres after Christes Ascension.

The first part of this Gospel of the Infancie of our Saviour Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF IESVS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

CHAPTER I.

The pedegree of Iesus, to shew that he is Christ, promised to Abraham *and* David. 18 *That he was conceived and borne of a Virgin, as Esay prophecied of him.*

Gen 12.22. 2 Reg. 7.

The Translation of the Rhemes.

Psal. 131. Luc. 3.31.

THE booke of the * generation of IESVS CHRIST, the sonne of David, the sonne of Abraham.

Gen. 21.25. 29.38.

2 * Abraham begat Isaac, And Isaac begate Iacob. And Iacob begate Iudas and his brethren.

1 Par. 2,5. Ruth 4.18.

3 And Iudas begat Phares and Zaram of || Thamar, * And Phares begat Esron. And Esron begat Aram.

4 And Aram begat Aminadab. And Aminadab begat Naasson. And Naasson begat Salmon.

5 And Salmon begat Booz, of Raab. And Booz begate Obed, of Ruth. And Obed begat Iesse.

6 And Iesse begat David the King. And

2 Re. 12.14. * David the King begate Salomon, of her that was the wife of Vrias.

1 Par. 3.10. 7 And * Salomon begat Roboam. And Roboam begate Abia. And Abia begat Asa.

8 And Asa begate Iosaphat. And Iosaphat begat Ioram. And Ioram begat Ozias.

9 And

The Translation of the Church of England.

THIS is the * booke of the generation of Iesus Christ, the sonne of David, the sonne of Abraham. Luke 3

2 * Abraham begate Isahac, Isahac begate Iacob, * Iacob begate Iudas and his brethren: Gen. 21.1. Gen. 25.2 Gen. 29.35

3 * Iudas begate Phares and Zara of Thamar. * Phares begate Esrom. Esrom begate Aram. Gen. 38.2 1 Par. 2.5. ruth 4.18.

4 Aram begate Aminadab. Aminadab begate Naasson, Naasson begate Salmon.

5 Salmon begate Boos of Rachab, Boos begate Obed of Ruth, Obed begate Iesse.

6 * Iesse begate David the King. * David the King begate Salomon, of her that was the wife of Vrie. 1 Reg. 16. 2 Reg. 12. 1

7 * Salomon begate Roboam, Roboam begate Abia, Abia begat Asa. 3 Reg. 11.4 1 Paralip. 3

8 Asa begat Iosaphat. Iosaphat begat Ioram, Ioram begate Ozias.

9 Ozias

9 And Ozias begat Ioatham. And Ioatham begat Achaz. And Achaz begat Ezechias.

10 And Ezechias begat Manasses. And Manasses begat Amon. And Amon begat Iosias.

11 And Iosias begat Iechonias and his brethren *in the Transmigration of Babylon.

12 And after the Transmigration of Babylon, * Iechonias begat Salathiel. * And Salathiel begat Zorobabel.

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud. And Abiud begat Eliacim. And Eliacim begat Azor.

14 And Azor begat Sadoc. And Sadoc begat Achim. And Achim begat Eliud.

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar. And Eleazar begat Mathan. And Mathan begat Iacob.

16 And Iacob begat ‖ Ioseph the ‖ husband of MARY: † of whom was borne IESVS, who is called CHRIST.

17 Therefore all the generations from Abraham unto David, fourteene generations. And from David to the Transmigration of Babylon, fourteene generations. And from the Transmigration of Babylon unto CHRIST, fourteene generations.

18 And the generation of CHRIST, was in this wise. When his mother MARY was espoused to Ioseph, before they came together; she was found to be with childe by the holy Ghost.

19 Whereupon Ioseph, for that he was a just man, and would not * put her to open shame: was minded secretly to dimisse her.

20 But as he was thus thinking, behold the Angel of our Lord appeared to him in sleepe, saying: Ioseph sonne of David, feare not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is ‖ borne in her, is of the holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a Sonne: and thou shalt call his name † IESVS. For hee shall save his people from their sinnes.

22 And all this was done that it might be fulfilled which our Lord spake by the Prophet, saying,

23 *Behold ‖ a Virgine shall be with childe, and ‖ bring forth a Sonne, and they shall call his name Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is *God with us*.

24 And Ioseph rising up from sleepe, did as the Angel of our Lord commanded him, and tooke his wife.

25 And he knew her not ‖ till she brought forth her ‖ first borne Sonne: and called his Name IESVS.

9 *Ozias begat Ioatham, Ioatham begat Achas, Achas begat Ezechias.*

10 * *Ezechias begat Manasses, Manasses begate Amon, Amon begate Iosias.* 2 Reg. 20. 21. 1 chron. 3. 23.

11 † *Iosias begat Iechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon.* 4 Reg. 23. 24. 1 par. 36. 4. † Some reade, Iosias begat Iacim, Iacim begat Iechonias

12 *And after they were brought to Babylon, * Iechonias begat Salathiel, * Salathiel begat Zorobabel.* 4 Reg. 24. 6.

13 *Zorobabel begat Abiud, Abiud begat Eliacim, Eliacim begat Azor.* 2 chron. 36. 9. 1 Chron. 3. 16

14 *Azor begat Sadoc, Sadoc begat Achen, Achen begat Eliud.*

15 *Eliud begat Eleazar, Eleazar begat Matthan, Matthan begat Iacob.*

16 *Iacob begat Ioseph the husband of Mary, of whom was borne Iesus, that is called Christ.*

17 *And so all the generations from Abraham to David, are fourteene generations: and from David untill the carying away into Babylon, are fourteene generations: and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ, are fourteene generations.*

18 * *The birth of Iesus Christ was on this wise. When as his mother Mary was betrothed to Ioseph (before they came together) she was found with childe of the holy Ghost.* Luke 1. 27.

19 *Then Ioseph her husband, being a righteous man, * and not willing to make her a publique example was minded privily to put her away.* Deut. 24. 1.

20 *But while he thought these things, behold, the Angell of the Lord appeared unto him in a dreame, saying, Ioseph thou sonne of David, feare not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the holy Ghost.*

21 *She shall bring forth a Sonne, * and thou shalt call his name Iesus: for he shall save his people from their sinnes.* Luke 1. 31. Acts 4. 12.

22 *All this was done, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet saying.*

23 *Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Sonne, and they shall call his Name Emmanuel, which is by interpretation God with us.)* Esay 7. 14.

24 *Then Ioseph, being raised from sleepe, did as the Angel of the Lord had bidden him, and he tooke his wife:*

25 *And knew her not, till she had brought forth her first borne Sonne, and called his Name Iesus.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. I.

The booke. *This Gospell is most worthily sung in holy Church at Matens upon Christmas day. It also it is the Gospell of the* Conception *and* Nativity *of our blessed Lady: because here is declared the pedegree of her also.*

You must understand this note, where there is a Priest or Deacon, that ... it lustily, as in Cathedrall Churches, or other great Quieres: as for poore country Churches, ... there is none but one hedge Priest that can neither ... or sing, it is mumbled up as the rest of the ... owl Masse, unlesse wee shall think poore Churches ... no part of the Popes holy Church. To the feasts of the Conception and Nativity of your Lady, ... a very idoll, you might have added the Visitation of Mary, of the common

1 Cor. 8. 4

... and ... of your o... y... ted the... Nativity, bec... you ... to the ... the b... Mary was conceived and borne without the spo... 5. 12. ... 3 ... Ar... therefore, in stead of honouring her with the ... ledge of Ch... the ... and ... both of her and us, you honour an idoll, and not her: for an idoll is nothing in the world. And so is ... man or woman which is conceived without originall sinne, except our Saviour C..., who was conceived by the holy Ghost, as none other ever was or shall be. Likewise when you call the blessed Virgine our Lady, as you call God and Christ our Lord, what doe you but make her equall with God and Christ, in power and redemption? In which respect God is called our Lord. For it is no ... me of civill or temporall dignity and authority, as when we say, Our soveraigne Lady the Queene; but a re... us and divine honour that you ascribe unto her, calling her absolutely, Our Lady, as blasphemously, as the Frenchmen doe ridiculously call other Saints, Monsieur S. *Pierre*, Monsieur S. *Peter*, or my Lord S. *Peter*, and Madame S. *Genofefa*, Mistresse S. *Genofefa*, or, My Lady S. *Genofefa*, *&c.* In which appellation, as in offering of candles, and other things unto her image and worshipping thereof, you resemble the old *Collyridian* heretikes, against whom, and generally against the worshipping of images, *Epiphanius* writeth, *Haref.* 78. & 79. calling the making of images to be worshipped, a devillish intent, and the worshipping of them and of the Virgine *Mary*, to be a deifying of her, and a blasphemous and wicked worke. What would he have written if he had seene the horrible idolatrie committed by the Papists in the pilgrimages to the images of the blessed Virgine, where you called, and yet call stockes and stones your Lady, as, Our Lady of *Walsingham*, *Ypswich*, *Paris*, *Antwerp*? What else were they but dead images as those places? If he had heard your blasphemies uttered in the solemne * festivities, that you hold in her honour, contained in Hymnes, Anthemes, and especially in that execrable Psalter of *Bonaventure*, who perverteth whatsoever the holy Ghost hath uttered in praise of God, abusing it to magnifie the Virgine *Mary*.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. 1.

RHEM. 3 Thamar.] *Christ abhorred not to take flesh of some that were ill, as he chose Iudas among his Apostles: Let not us disdaine to receive our spirituall birth and sustenance, of such as be not alwayes good.*

Numb. 36. 16 Ioseph.] Ioseph *marrying our Lady as neere of kin (for so was the * Law) by his pedegree sheweth hers, and consequently Christs pedegree from* David.

16 Husband.] *True and perfect marriage, and continuall living in the same, without carnall copulation*, Aug. lib. 2. Consen. Evang. cap. 1.

RHEM. 2 20 Borne in her.] *The triple good or perfection of marriage accomplished in the parents of Christ; to wit, Issue, Fidelity, Sacrament*, Aug. de Nup. & Conc. lib. 1. cap. 11.

FVLKE 2 *S. Augustine* in the place quoted, by the word *Sacrament*, meaneth the holy mystery that is in marriage, of the inseparable conjunction of Christ with his Church, therefore he saith *Sacramentum, quia nullum divortium*; *Sacrament, because there was no divorce*. Not that Matrimony is a Sacrament of the new Testament (seeing it was instituted in Paradise before the fall of man) as Baptisme and the Lords Supper are called Sacraments, which he saith, are fewest in number, and findeth no more in the Canonicall Scriptures, *Epist. ad Ianuar.* 118. But as he calleth generally every sacrifice of the old Testament, a Sacrament, that is, an holy signe of the invisible sacrifice, *De Civ. Dei lib.* 10. *cap.* 5. And as he calleth that bread, which in that time was given to young novices in Christian religion, before they were baptized, an holy Satrament, though it was not the body of Christ, *De pet. mer. & remiss. lib.* 2. *cap.* 26. Likewise in *Psal.* 44. he so calleth all the mysteries of Christian doctrine uttered in divers tongues, *Sacramenta doctrinæ, Sacraments of doctrine*. Sacraments.

RHEM. 3 23 A Virgine.] *Our Saviour borne in marriage, but yet of a Virgine, would honour both states: and withall teacheth us against* Iovinian *the old heretike, and these of our time, that virginity and the continent life are preferred before marriage that hath carnall copulation. See* Hier. adv. Iov. *&* S. Gr. Naz. Ser. 20. de studio in pauperes, in initio. Virginity preferred.

FVLKE 3 This is a meere slander of the true Catholikes, whom you call heretikes of these times, that we teach with *Iovinian*, that virginity and the continent life are not to be preferred before marriage. For we teach even as S. *Paul* doth 1 *Cor.* 7. although we teach that marriage is better then single life, where virginitie or chastitie are not kept, but counterfeited. And so held *Epiphan.* and the Church in his time, *Const. Apost. lib.* 6. 1. Likewise *Hieron. ad Demetr.* Virginitie. Marriage. Single life.

RHEM. 23 A Virgin.] *As our Lady both a Virgin and a mother, brought forth Christ the head corporally: so the Church a Virgin and a mother bringeth forth the members of this head spiritually*, Aug. lib. de Virg. cap. 2.

RHEM. 4 23 And bring forth.] *The heretike* Iovinian *is here refuted, holding that her virginity was corrupted in bringing forth Christ*, Aug. hær. 28. l. 1. cont. Iulian. c. 2. Our blessed Lady perpetuall virginity.

FVLKE 4 See *Ioan.* 20. *Sect.* 2.

RHEM. 5 25 Till. First-borne.] Helvidius *of old abused these words*, till, *and* first-borne, *against the perpetuall virginity of our blessed Lady*, Hier. cont. Helv. *which truth, though not expressed in Scripture, yet our adversaries also doe grant, and* Helvidius *for all thereof was condemned for an heretike by tradition onely*, Aug. hær. 84.

FVLKE 5 You doe most impudently alledge *Augustine*, to testifie that *Helvidius* was condemned for an Heretike by tradition onely; for *Augustine* hath no word sounding to that purpose. And *Epiphanius* (whom he supposeth to have understood *Helvidius* by Antidicomarianites) laboureth to convince that errour by Scriptures. And S. *Hierom.* in his booke against *Helvidius*, sheweth that he was condemned for affirming that (of the Virgine *Mary*) which is not read in the Scriptures, in these words. *Sed ut hæc quæ scripta sunt non negamus, ita ea quæ non sunt scripta renuimus. Non Deum esse de Virgine credimus, quia legimus Mariam nupsisse post partum, non credimus, quia non legimus. But as we deny not these things that are written, so we reiect those things that are not written. That God was borne of a Virgin we beleeve, because we reade it: that Mary had matrimoniall company with her husband after her delivery, we doe not beleeve, because we reade it not.* Behold what a friend S. *Hierom* was to unwritten tradition? Tradition unwritten.

CHAP. II.

The Gentiles come unto Christ with their offrings, and that so openly, that the Iewes cannot pretend ignorance. 3 The Iewes with Herod conspire against him. 13 He thereupon fleeth from them into Ægypt. 16 They afterward, seeing their subtilty prevailed not, imagined to oppresse him by open persecution. 19 But they at length died, and he returneth to the land of Israel: all according to the Scriptures.

The holy feast of the *Epiphany*, called *Twelfth day*, the first of Ianuar. upon which day this is the Gospel Luke 2. 7.

WHen IESVS therefore was * borne in Bethlehem of Iuda in the daies of Herod the King, ‖ behold, there came Sages from the East to Hierusalem, 2 Say-

WHen * *Iesus was borne in Bethlehem, a city of Iury, in the dayes of Herod the King: behold, there came wise men from the East to Hierusalem,* 2 *Saying,* Luke 2. 6.

2 Saying, where is he that is borne King of the Iewes? For we have seene his || Starre in the East, and || are come to adore him.

3 And Herod the King hearing this, was troubled, and all Hierusalem with him.

4 And assembling together all the high Priests, and the Scribes of the people, hee || enquired of them where Christ should bee borne.

5 But they said to him, In Bethlehem of Iuda. For so it is written by the Prophet:

6 *And thou Bethlehem the land of Iuda, art not the least among the Princes of Iuda: for out of thee shall come forth the Captaine that shall rule my people Israel.*

7 Then Herod secretly calling the Sages, learned diligently of them the time of the Starre which appeared to them:

8 And sending them into Bethlehem, said, Goe and inquire diligently of the Childe: and when you shall finde him, make report to me, that I also may come and adore him.

9 Who having heard the King, went their way: and behold the Star which they had seene in the East, went before them, untill it came and stood over, where the Childe was.

10 And seeing the Starre, they reioyced with exceeding great ioy.

11 And entring into the house, they found the Childe with MARY his mother, and falling downe || adored him: and opening their || treasures, they offered to him* || gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrhe.

12 And having received an answere in sleepe that they should not returne to Herod, they went backe another way into their countrey.

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13 And after they were departed, behold an Angel of our Lord appeared in sleepe to Ioseph, saying, Arise, and take the Childe and his mother, and flee into Ægypt: and be there untill I shall tell thee. For it will come to passe that Herod will seeke the Childe to destroy him.

14 Who arose and tooke the Childe and his mother by night, and retired into Ægypt: and he was there untill the death of Herod:

15 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken of our Lord by the Prophet, saying, * *Out of Ægypt have I called my Sonne.*

Osee 11.2.

The Martyrdome of the holy *Innocents* whose holy day is kept the 28. of Decem.

16 Then Herod perceiving that hee was deluded by the Sages, was exceeding angry: and sending || murdered all the men children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two yeeres old and under, according to the time which he had diligently sought out of the Sages.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Ieremie the Prophet, saying,

2 *Saying, Where is he that is borne King of the Iewes? For we have seene his Starre in the East, and are come to worship him.*

3 *When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled, and all* the Citie *of Hierusalem with him.*

4 *And when he had gathered all the chiefe Priests and Scribes of the people together, hee demanded of them where Christ should be borne.*

5 *And they said unto him, At Bethlehem in Iury: For thus it is written by the Prophet,*

6 * *And thou Bethlehem* in the *land of Iuda, art not the least among the Princes of Iuda: For out of thee shall there come a Captaine, that shall governe my people Israel.*

Mich. 5. 2. Iohn 7. 41.

7 *Then Herod, when he had privily called the Wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the Starre appeared.*

8 *And hee sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Goe, and search diligently for the yong Childe, and when ye have found him, bring me word againe, that I may come and worship him also.*

9 *When they had heard the King, they departed, and loe, the Starre which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over* the place *wherein the young Childe was.*

10 *When they saw the Starre, they reioyced exceedingly with great ioy.*

11 *And went into the house, and they saw the young Childe with Mary his mother, and fell downe and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrhe.*

12 *And after they were warned of God in a dreame that they should not returne to Herod, they departed into their owne countrey another way.*

13 *When they were departed, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Ioseph in a dreame, saying, Arise, and take the yong Childe, and his mother, and flee into Ægypt, and bee thou there till I bring thee word: for it will come to passe, that Herod shall seeke the yong Childe, to destroy him.*

14 *When he arose, he tooke the yong Childe, and his mother by night, and departed into Ægypt.*

15 *And was there unto the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying,* * *Out of Ægypt have I called my Sonne.*

Osee 11. 1.

16 *Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the Wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, as many as were two yeeres old and under according to the time, which he had diligently searched out of the Wise men.*

17 *Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Ieremie the Prophet, saying,*

Ier. 31. 15.

18 *A voyce in Rama was heard, weeping out and much wayling: Rachel bewayling her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.*

The Gospel on Twelfth eve.

19 But when Herod was dead, behold an Angel of our Lord appeared in sleepe to Ioseph in Ægypt.

20 Saying, Arise, and take the childe and his mother, and goe into the land of Israel, for they are dead that sought the life of the childe.

21 Who arose, and tooke the childe and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But hearing that Archelaus raigned in Iewry for Herod his father, he feared to goe thither: and being warned in sleepe, retired into the quarters of Galilee.

23 And comming hee dwelt in a City, called Nazareth: that it might bee fulfilled which was said by the Prophets: That hee shall be called a Nazarite.

Ier. 31 [illegible]

19 *But when Herod was dead, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeareth in a dreame to Ioseph in Ægypt,*

20 *Saying, Arise, and take the young childe and his mother, and goe into the land of Israel: For they are dead, which sought the young childes life.*

21 *And he arose, and tooke the young childe and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.*

22 *But when he heard that Archelaus did reigne in Iury in the roome of his father Herod, he was afraid to goe thither: notwithstanding, after he was warned of God in a dreame, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:*

23 *And when he was come thither, he dwelt in a City, which is called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophets, He shall be called a Nazarite.*

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. II.

RHEM. 1 Behold.] *Our Lords Apparition or Epiphany to the Sages being Gentiles, their pilgrimage to him, and to them the first homage of Gentilitie done unto him* * *the twelfth day after his Nativitie: and therefore is Twelfth day highly celebrated in the Catholike Church, for ioy of the calling of us Gentiles. His Baptisme also and first miracle are celebrated on this same day.*

FVLKE 1 * The first and great solemnitie.

2 Starre.] *Christs Nativity depended not upon this Starre, as the Priscillianistes falsly surmised: but the Starre upon his Nativity, for the service wherein it was created.* Greg. Hom. 10.

RHEM. 1 Pilgrimage. 2 Come to adore.] *This comming so farre of devotion to visite and adore Christ in the place of his birth, was properly a pilgrimage to his person: and warranteth the faithfull in the like kinde of externall worship done to holy persons, places, and things.*

FVLKE 1. This comming was by divine inspiration, and oracle: for the Starre onely could not tell them that Christ was borne in Iury. *Their comming* (saith Saint Hierom) *was to the confusion of the Iewes, that they might learne the birth of Christ by the Gentiles, Chrysostom. Hom. 6. in Matth.* Because Christ was come to make an end of the old Testament, and to call the whole world to adore him, who was to be worshipped by sea and land, from the very beginning of his Nativitie, he openeth the doore to the Gentiles, and so instructeth his domesticall, that he also inviteth strangers; and therefore hath no resembling to Popish Pilgrimage, which is idolatry. Neither doth their example of comming to Christ, warrant the faithfull in the like kinde of externall worship, done to holy persons, places, and things. For what faithfull Christian will grant, that whatsoever may bee done to Christs owne person, their King, the same or the like may be done to any of his subjects? much lesse to any places or other dead things. Such shamelesse collections as this, may warrant all Idolatry and Heresie.

Chrysost. in Hom. 6

Pilgrimage. M. H

RHEM. 2 4. Inquired of them.] *The high priests were rightly consulted in question of their law and religion, and be they never so ill, are often forced to say the truth by privilege of their unction: as here and after, they did concerning the true Messias.*

FVLKE 2 Not the privilege of their unction forceth the Priests sometimes to say the truth, for then they should never lie, because that privilege remaineth still with them, but the will of God sometimes expresseth the confession of truth, even out of his adversaries, *Chrysost. in Matth. Hom. 7.* The very enemies of the truth are forced for the truth to reade the Scriptures, and to interpret the prophecie of Christ to them that were ignorant; although they would not publish the whole truth.

Pilgrimage. Publike worship

RHEM. 3 Adoration of the blessed Sacrament. 11 Adored him.] *This body* (saith S. Chrysostome) *the Sages adored in the cribbe. Let us at the least imitate them: they seeke him not now in the cribbe, but on the alter: not a woman holding him, but the Priest present, and the holy Ghost powred out abundantly upon the sacrifice,* Hom. 24. in 1 Cor. Hom. 7. in Matt. de sanct. Philogonio.

FVLKE 3 Adoration of the blessed Sacrament. *Chrysostome* speaketh not of adoration of the Sacrament, but of the reverent comming to the participation of the Lords Table, that they receive it not unworthily, as the words going before and after do plainly declare: Immediately before he saith, *How much the greater the benefit is which we receive, so much the more we shall be punished, when we appeare unworthy of it.* And after he hath set forth the example of the wise men, with many amplifications, he concludeth in these words: *Let us be stirred up therefore, and be afraid, and shew forth greater piety, that comming neither negligently, nor coldly, we offer our head to a more vehement fire. This I say not, that we should not come at all, but that we should not come rashly.* It is reverence of the holy mysteries that he requireth, not worshipping of the outward elements, as his owne words declare. *Thou seest him, &c.* not with the bodily eyes, but with the eyes of faith, as *thou seest the holy Ghost powred forth,* whose nature to the bodily eye is altogether invisible: yet with the eyes of faith is seene, that is, certainely knowne to worke in the divine mysteries, not transubstantion, whereof he never heard or thought, but the spirituall feeding of the faithfull, with the body and bloud of Christ. Wherefore *ascend* (saith he) *to the gates of heaven, and marke diligently, yea rather not of heaven, but of the heaven of heavens, and then thou shalt behold that we say: for that which is worthy of highest honour, I will shew thee in earth:* meaning the body of Christ, *which* (saith he) *thou dost not onely see, but also handle and eat, &c.* All which speeches must be of necessity understood of a spirituall manner of seeing, handling, and eating by faith of the inward man, whereof he saith, *Wipe thy soule therefore from all filthinesse, and prepare thy minde to the receiving of these mysteries.*

Likewise *Hom. 7. in Matth.* he saith, they are like *Herod*, that abuse unworthily the communion of the [illegible]

Fabian. Hist. de S. Pasch. and [illegible] receiving of the Lords Supper, but to the [illegible] of the Sacrament after the Popish manner: *For if* [illegible] *with such* (saith he) *as of whom we shall see anything to be said hereafter. Then shall the place* [illegible] *evident: for here also the holy is laid not wrapped in swadling clothes only, but covering side clothes with the holy Ghost: they which are admitted to these mysteries know what is said. And the wise men truly did not* [illegible] *by reason: but thee we will suffer, if thou shalt come with a pure conscience to receive it, and to depart after* [illegible] *received it.* [illegible] is no word at all [illegible] of the which we see with our bodily eyes, but to receive [illegible] reverently, whom wee may see by faith: to these some of their places, save the kneeling, and knocking, that is, the grosse idolatrie, maintained by the Papists unto the Sacrament, Bread and Cuppe.

11 Treasures.] *These treasures are as it were the first fruits of those riches and gifts, which (according to the Prophecies of David and Esay) Gentilitie should offer to Christ and his Church, and were have received, speciall from the time of Constantine the great. As also these three Sages, being principall men of their Countrey, represent the whole state of Princes, Kings, and Emperours, that were (according to the said Prophecies) to beleeve in Christ, to humble themselves to his crosse, to foster, enrich, adorne and defend his Church. Wherupon it is also a very convenient and agreeable tradition of antiquity, and a received opinion among the faithfull,* * *not lacking testimonies of ancient writers, and much for the honour of our Saviour, that these three also were Kings, to wit, either according to the state of those Countreys,* * *where the Princes were Magi, and* * *Magi the greatest about the Princes: or as we reade in the Scriptures, of Melchisedec King of Salem, and many other Kings that dwelt within a small compasse: or as* * *Iob's three friends are called Kings. These are commonly called the three Kings of Colen, because their bodies are there, translated thither from the East countrey: their names are said to have beene* Gasper, Melchior, Baltasar.

Chrysost. Theophyl. Cic. de Divinat. Plin. lib. 20. Esther 1. 13, 14. Trob. 2. Amb. 1. Off. c. 12.

It is a meere fable without ground of antiquity, or any probability, that these Philosophers, were Kings, which being much for the honour of Christ (as you say) the Evangelist would not have omitted. *Chrysostome* saith, that the Iewes ought to have perceived, how great dignitie was added unto them, by the Nativity of so great a King, which by his triumphant birth, had drawne *the King of persians* unto him, and under whom they might subdue all people. But it is against reason, that the King of Persia, which was at that time a great Monarch, came to Hierusalem. And *Chrysostome* speaking of the *Magi*, never giveth them any honourable title meet for Kings, but speaketh more contemptibly of them then he should; for he saith they were ungodly and barbarous men, 2 *Cor. Hom.* 24. Therefore he meaneth not, that the King of Persia came in person, but that by preaching of the wise men, when they returned into their countrey, the King of Persia might bee brought to the knowledge of his Nativity.

Theophylact a more late Writer, saith, the Iewes should have rejoyced, that they should have such a King, as should bee worshipped of the Persian Kings. Where, if he meane that these *Magi* were Kings, hee goeth against all stories, which tell that there was but one King of the Persians at once. And for the number of them, the Author of the unperfect worke, that goeth under the name of *Chrysostome*, being as ancient as he, out of an old story saith, they were twelve in number, Philosophers, and Wise men, not Kings. *Gaudentius Epistol. ad Paulum. Legati universarum gentium Magi. Synesius Hym. 7. Magorum sapientia ars, ex Stellæ ortu cognitum duxit. Cosmas Hierosol.* calleth them Astrologians, *Hym. 1. Beda in Matth. Magi non propter Magicam artem sic dicuntur, sed propter aliquam Philosophiam in qua Balaam successores creduntur.* But they that fained the names, might faine the number, and the deportation of their bodies from the East, where they slept many hundred yeeres, to *Colen*. Saying that it is too impudent a fiction, to place them in two Cities at once, for *Odilaus* maketh as good claime, and sheweth as good evidence for their bodies, as *Colen*. But the monsters of Popish reliques passe all *Ovids Metamorphoses*.

Reliques.

12 Gifts.] *These Sages were three, and their gifts three, and each one offered every of the three, to expresse our faith of the Trinity. The Gold, to signifie that he was a King: the Frankincense, that he was God: the Myrrhe, that he was to be buried as man,* August. Ser. 1. de Ephiph.

15 Out of Ægypt.] *This place of the Prophet (and the like in the New Testament) have applied to Christ, whereas in the letter it might seeme otherwise, teacheth us how to interpret the Old Testament, and that the principall scope is of Christ and his Church.*

16 Murdered.] *By this example we learne how great credit we owe to the Church in Canonizing Saints, and celebrating their holy dayes: by whose onely warrant, without any word of Scripture, these holy Innocents have beene honoured for Martyrs, and their holy day kept ever since the Apostles time; although they died not voluntarily, nor all perhaps circumcised, and some the children of Pagans,* Aug. epist. 28. Orig. hom. 3. in diversos.

Canonizing of Saints.

Neither *Origen*, nor *Augustine*, nor any ancient Writer affirmeth, that every one of those children was an holy Martyr, neither are you able to prove it. *Macrobius* writeth, that one of the sonnes of *Herod* himselfe, that was nursed in those parts, was slaine among the rest. I suppose it is not necessary to beleeve, that *Herods* childe was a Saint. Neither doe I thinke, that they which instituted that feast, meant to canonize him for a Saint, or every Pagans sonne, if any such were amongst them. As for them that were not circumcised, because they were not eight dayes old, there is no cause, why we should thinke them to be damned, seeing the Sacrament of Circumcision could not be ministred before the eighth day. Before which age, it is not to be doubted, but that many thousands of the Iewes infants died. Where you say, their holy day hath beene kept ever since the Apostles time, you are bold to affirme that you are not able to prove. *Augustine* speaketh but of his owne time. The Homilies *in diversos*, which goe under *Origens* name, (as *Erasmus* telleth you) be not all his, but written by some Latine Authour, and those that were his, are corrupted by *Rufine*. So that you come not clearely to the time of *Origen*, and though you did, you were short of the Apostles time. And the Authour of that Homilie *in diversos*, alledgeth the holy Fathers, not the Apostles, for commanding the celebration of their memory. And certaine it is, that before the time of *Constantine* the great, that gave peace to the Church, there were not many festivall dayes observed. Insomuch, that the feasts of the Nativity of Christ, Easter, and Pentecost, were not uniformely observed in all places, for many yeeres after, as appeareth by *Concil. Auvel. 4. cap. 1. Toletan. 10. cap. 1. Brac. 2. cap. 9.* And *Beda* in divers places, *De temporis ratione, &c.* Finally, what judgement soever the Church in old time had in canonizing of Saints, as you terme it, or in defining who were holy, nothing pertaining to the Popes manner of canonization, which is a curious, costly, and theatricall pompe, meet for the simplicitie of the Church of Christ, and meet for the bravery of the [illegible] of Rome, yet neverthelesse for the credit of his canonization, you may see a protestation that the Pope maketh, if it happen he bee deceived, in the person

Festivall dayes.

*This I note to the commendation of the ministery, which although it be sometime [illegible] yet God by his providence hath ordained it to continue, and [illegible] to be a meane to bring us to the knowledge of Christ, and to the participation of his benefits, as also to the [illegible] to be a meane to bring us to

CHAPTER III.

1 Matth. 3. 1. In those dayes] Of this word [dayes] I have spoken before, in the Preface of S. Iohns Gospell, sect. 1. pag. 1. Iohn Baptist] Of whom see more in the Preface of S. Iohns Gospell, sect. 10. pag. 3. Preacher.

FVLKE 1

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Matth. 4. 17. Luke 13. 3. 5. Luke 24. 47. Act. 2. 38. 26. 20. Annot. in hunc locum, Serm. in fam. & sect. ibid.

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Baptist, as we call him. Of whom see more in the Preface of S. Iohns Gospell, sect. 1. pag. 1. c. 3.

Wilderness] Not in the desert of Iudea, as the Vulgar Latine hath, but in the wilderness and solitary place of S. Iohns abode, which was not in the desert or solitary place, but in the most part of his life, in great Cities and populous places, as the truth of the Gospell doth witnesse. Of the life of the old Hermites, of whom there is mention in the Ecclesiasticall writings. Of whose profession yet Eusebius the Historiographer was not Author, but he saith, he was taught it by others, which some say, he was taught by S. Marke the Evangelist, as Eusebius doth say of the old Fathers so called, whereof I have spoken at large in my Treatise of the Originall of Monkery, and of their life. Of the wilderness, whereof I may read more

CHAP. IIII.

Christ going into the desert to prepare himselfe before his Manifestation, overcommeth the devils tentations. 12 Beginning in Galilee, as the Prophet said he should: 18 He calleth foure Disciples: and with his preaching and miracles draweth unto him innumerable followers.

The Gospel upon the first Sunday in Lent.

THen* IESVS was led of the Spirit into the || desert, to be tempted of the devill.

2 And when he had || fasted forty dayes and forty nights, afterward he was hungry.

3 And the tempter approached and said to him, If thou be the Sonne of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 Who answered and said, It is written, *Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.*

5 Then the devill tooke him up into the holy City, and set him upon the pinnacle of the Temple,

6 And said to him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thy selfe downe, for || it is written, *That he will give his Angels charge of thee, and in their hands shall they hold thee up, lest perhaps thou knocke thy foot against a stone.*

7 IESVS said to him againe, It is written, *Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

8 Againe, the devill tooke him up into a very high mountaine: and he shewed him all the kingdomes of the world, and the glory of them,

9 And said to him, All these will I give thee, if falling downe thou wilt adore me.

10 Then IESVS saith unto him, Avant Satan: for it is written, *The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and || him onely shalt thou serve.*

11 Then the devill left him: and behold, Angels came, and ministred to him.

12 And * when IESVS had heard that Iohn was delivered up, he retired into Galilee:

13 And leaving the city Nazareth, came and dwelt in Capharnaum, a Sea towne, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthali,

14 That it might be fulfilled which was said by Esay the Prophet.

15 *Land of Zabulon and land of Nephthali, the way of the Sea beyond Iordan of Galilee, of the Gentiles:*

16 *The people that sate in darknes, hath seene great light: and to them that sate in a countrey of the shadow of death, light is risen to them.*

17 From that time IESVS began to preach, and to say, || * Doe penance, for the Kingdome of heaven is at hand.

18 And IESVS * walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the Sea (for they were fishers.)

19 And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to be fishers of men.

20 But they incontinent leaving the nets, followed him.

21 And going forward from thence, hee saw

THen *was* Iesus led up of the spirit into wilderneſſe, to be tempted of the devill.* Marke 1.12. Luke 4.1.

2 *And when he had fasted forty dayes and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungred.*

3 *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Sonne of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

4 *But he answered and said, It is written, *Man shall not live by bread onely, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.* Deut.8.3.

5 *Then the devill taketh him up into the holy City, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the Temple,*

6 *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thy selfe downe: For it is written, *that he shall give his Angels charge over thee, and with their hands they shall lift thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.* Psal.90.12.

7 *Iesus said unto him, It is written againe, *Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.* Deut.6.16.

8 *Againe, the devill taketh him up into an exceeding high mountaine, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world, & the glory of them:*

9 *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall downe and worship me.*

10 *Then saith Iesus unto him, Get thee hence behinde me, Satan: for it is written, *Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him onely shalt thou serve.* Deut.6.13. and 10.20.

11 *Then the devill leaveth him, and behold, the Angels came and ministred unto him.*

12 * *When Iesus had heard that Iohn was delivered up, he departed into Galilee,* Marke 1.14. Luke 4.14. Iohn 4.43.

13 *And when he had left Nazareth, he went and dwelt in Capernaum, which is a City upon the Sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon, and Nephthali:*

14 *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esayas the Prophet, saying,*

15 * *The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthali, by the way of the Sea beyond Iordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.* Esay 9.1.

16 *The people which sate in darknesse, saw great light, and to them which sate in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.*

17 * *From that time Iesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdome of heaven is at hand.* Marke 1.15.

18 * *And Iesus walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, which was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the Sea (for they were fishers.)* Marke 1.16.

19 *And he saith unto them, Follow me: and I will make you fishers of men.*

20 *And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.*

21 *And when he was gone forth from thence, he*

Marke 1.19. Luke 5.10.

saw other two brethren, Iames of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, repairing their nets: and he called them.

22 And they forthwith left their nets and father, and followed him.

23 And IESVS went round about all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdome: and || healing every malady and every infirmity in the people.

24 And the bruit of him went into all Syria: and they presented to him all that were ill at ease, diverse taken with diseases and torments, and such as were possest, and lunatikes, and sicke of the palsey, and he cured them:

25 And much people followed him from Galilee and Decapolis, and Hierusalem, and from beyond Iordan.

he saw other two brethren, Iames the sonne of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother, in the ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets: and he called them.

22 *And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

23 *And Iesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, & preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, & healing all maner of sickenesse, and all maner of disease among the people.*

24 *And his fame spred abroad thorowout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases, and gripings, and them that were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatike, and those that had the palsey, and he healed them.*

25 *And there followed him great multitudes of people, from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Hierusalem, and from Iurie, and from the regions that lie beyond Iordan.*

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 1 — 1 Desert.] *As Iohn the Baptist, so our Saviour by going into the desert, and there living in contemplation even among brute beasts, and subiect to the assaults of the Devill for our sinnes, giveth a warrant and example to such holy men as have lived in wilderneſſe for penance and contemplation, called Eremites.* Eremites.

FVLKE 1 — Christ went into the wilderneſſe, neither for penance, nor contemplation, but as the text saith, that hee might be tempted of the Devill. Which no Christian ought to doe, to offer himselfe to temptation, therefore his going is no warrant, nor example unto Heremites. Secondly, he went by speciall instinct, and leading of the Spirit, which warranteth not men that are led by their owne will and affection. Thirdly, Christ remained in the wilderneſſe, for a short season. Therefore is no example for them that spend their life in the wilderneſſe. Fourthly, he fasted forty dayes, which no man can doe of his owne strength. And yet condemne we not the contemplative life of them, that of old went into the wilderneſſe, so the Church had no need of their service in townes and cities, but to shew the vanity of your collection. As for your Popish Heremites in England, they never came into the wilderneſſe, but oftentimes in the cities and townes: sometime, by your leave in the fleyers. As *Stephen Gardiner*, if he were living could testifie, of one brought before him.

RHEM. 2 — 2 Fasted forty dayes.] Elias and Moses (*saith S.* Hierome) *by the fast of forty dayes were filled with the familiarity of God: and our Lord himselfe in the wilderneſſe fasted as many, to leave unto us the solemne dayes of fast (that is, Lent)* Hier. in c. 58. Esa. *S.* August. *also hath the very like words*, ep. 119. *And generally all the ancient Fathers, that by occasion or of purpose speake of the Lent-fast, make it not onely an imitation of our Saviours fast, but also an Apostolicall tradition, and of necessity to be kept.* Contemne not Lent (*saith* Ignatius) for it containeth the imitation of our Lords conversation. *And S.* Ambrose *saith plainly, that it was not ordained by men, but consecrated by God: not invented by any earthly cogitation, but commanded by the heavenly Majestie. And againe, that it is fitting not to fast all the Lent. S.* Hierome's *words also be most plaine:* we (*saith he*) fast forty dayes, or make one Lent in a yeere, according to the tradition of the Apostles, in time convenient. *This time most convenient is* (as *S.* Augustine *saith*, ep. 119.) *immediatly before Easter, thereby to communicate with our Saviours Passion: and* (as other writers doe adde) *thereby to cause the better prepared and more worthily to the great solemnity of Christs Resurrection: beside many other goodly reasons in the ancient Fathers, which for brevity we omit. See* (good Christian Reader) *twelve notable Sermons of S. Leo the great de Quadragesima, of Lent: namely,* Ser. 6. *and* 9. *where he calleth it the Apostles ordinance by the doctrine of the holy Ghost. See S. Ambrose from the* 23. *Sermon forward: & S. Bernards seven Sermons, and in many other Fathers the like. Last of all, note well the saying of S. Augustine, who affirmeth, that by due observation thereof, the wicked be separated from the good, Infidels from Christians, Heretikes from faithfull Catholikes.*

The Lent-fast.

Iguat. ep. 5. Ambr. de Quadr. ser. 36. 34. Hier. ep. 54. ad Marcel. adv. Montanum.

Aug. ser. 69. de temp.

FVLKE 2 — *Montanus* the Heretike (as *Eusebius* testifieth out of *Apollonius*) was the first that prescribed lawes of fasting, *Eccl. hist. l. 5. c. 18.* And *Irenæus* saith in his Epistle to *Victor*, that as there was in his time variety of observing the Feast of Christs resurrection, so in keeping the Fast that went before it. *For some* (saith he) *thought they ought to fast one day, some two dayes, some more, some forty houres day and night, which diversity of fasting* (he saith) *commended to the unity of faith and religion, Euseb. l. 5. c. 26. Irenæus* therefore dischargeth your forty dayes Lent of the Apostles institution. So doth *Dionys. Alexand. Ep. ad Ba.* who sheweth, that some fasted six dayes before Easter, some two dayes, some three, some foure, some none. Now let us examine, what you bring out of later Writers, among whom I account *Ignatius*: though his Epistle have the name of a more ancient Writer. But *S. Hierome in Cat.* knew no Epistle of his to the *Philippians*. And the authenticall testimony of *Irenæus* cited by *Eusebius*, of the diversity of fasting, manifestly declareth, that there was no such Lent, as that Epistle nameth, in the dayes of *Ignatius*, who was an immediate successour of the Apostles. And albeit there was an ancient Fast of forty dayes before Easter, yet was not that your Popish Lent, where flesh is prohibited, and fish permitted, but a time of abstinence indeed. The testimony of *S. Hierome*, which you expound for Lent, hath never a word of Lent, nor for Lent. For there were other solemne dayes of fasting in the Church, then Lent. *S. Augustine* indeed saith, that the forty dayes Fast, hath authority of the example of *Moses*, *Helias* and *Christ*, and that the consent of the Church hath established the same forty dayes to be kept before Easter, not as a thing necessary, but as other rites, which he nameth, not now observed of the Papists themselves. And further, the abstinence from flesh as uncleane, he condemneth as heresie. And *Hierome* against *Montanus*, although he ascribe the forty dayes Fast to Apostolicall tradition, because it hath no ground in the Scripture, yet he sheweth plainely, that it was of good will, and not of necessity. Whereas the Heretikes had three Lents in the yeere, which they commanded to be kept of necessity, *but it is one thing* (saith *Hierome*) *to*

Leo Fasting.

Rhem. 6 It is written.] *Heretikes alledge scriptures, as Satan the devill doth: the sense* [illegible] *them, as Christ doth, in the true sense, and to confute their false sense.* Aug. contra Faust. l. 22. c. 27.

Rhem. 3 12 Him onely serue.] *It was not said, saith S. Augustine, Thou shalt by God worship also others, as it was said, Him onely shalt thou serue: in Greeke* μονῷ δουλεύσεις. *Adoration (that Greeke word doth signifie) was used to the true and necessary God alone: that there is an honour due to creatures, which in some sort may be called adoration, but not that adoration, were idolatry: and that is an honour due to Angels, Saints, Kings, Parents, Masters, &c.* Aug. de vera Rel. c. 55. Item de Civ. Dei, l. 10. c. 1. & Item Enchir. c. 3. & 14. & Item de Doctr. Christ. l. 1. c. 5. & 23. Item de Verb. Dom. Serm. 13.

Fvlke 3 S. Augustine speaketh of the civil adoration, [illegible] of Heb. But by this text, all religious service is due only to God. [illegible] Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serue. And although S. [illegible] a certaine kinde of service or homage, which [illegible] And [illegible] eth (out of which [illegible] Gods, & creatures. The [illegible] of the Greeke Verbe [illegible] religion, or civill [illegible]

The [illegible] you send me, is of the body of [illegible] deffe- [illegible] ld, ligious wor- [illegible] ship. [illegible] ly, for their exceeding great good will unto [illegible] we accompanied [illegible] manner is, they burne him. And so we at [illegible] we laid them up where it was meet, where (as we [illegible] with ioy and gladnesse, to celebrate the birth day of [illegible] of [illegible] and the exercise and [illegible] of them that are gone before.

Reliquiæ. The worthy testimony of the people of *Smyrna*, sheweth, [illegible] well regard of the bodies and reliques of the Martyrs, differeth from your Popish [illegible] well, why you quoted this place: but that I consider, you read it not [illegible] translation of *Rufinus*, [illegible] the word *dulgitum* is [illegible] [illegible] by *Eusebius*. S. *Hadrian*, [illegible] *Vigilantius*, [illegible] ation of religious [illegible] of [illegible] he should have beene. Yet is [illegible] Ad Riparium. Vigil. in Cantica. [illegible] but with the [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

you, and persecute you, and speake all that nought is against you falsely for my sake:

12 Be glad and rejoice, for your || reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the Prophets, that were before you.

The Gospel on the Feasts of Martyrs.

13 You are the* salt of the earth. But if the salt leese his vertue, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more, but to be cast forth, and to be trodden of men.

14 You are the || light of the world. A city cannot be hid, situated on a mountaine.

15 Neither doe men light a* candle, and put it under a bushell, but upon a candlesticke, that it may shine to all that are in the house.

16 So let || your light shine before men: that they may see your good works, and glorifie your Father which is in heaven.

17 Doe not thinke that I am come to breake the Law, or the Prophets. I am not come to breake: but to fulfill.

18 For assuredly I say unto you,* till heaven and earth passe, one jot or one title shall not passe of the Law, till all be fulfilled.

19 He therefore that shall *breake || one of these least Commandements, and shall so teach men, shall bee called the least in the kingdome of heaven. But he that shall doe and teach, hee shall be called great in the kingdome of heaven.

The Gospel upon the fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

20 For I tell you that unlesse || your justice abound more then that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdome of heaven.

21 You have heard that it was said to them of old,* Thou shalt not kill: and whoso killeth, shall be in danger of judgement.

22 But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall bee in danger of judgement. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of a councell. And whosoever shall say, Thou foole: shall be guilty of the || hell of fire.

23 If therefore thou ||offer thy gift at the Altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath ought against thee,

24 Leave there thy offring before the Altar, & go first to be reconciled to thy brother, & then comming thou shalt offer thy gift.

25 Be at agreement with thy adversary betimes, whiles thou art in the way with him: lest perhaps the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into ‡ prison.

26 Amen I say to thee, thou shalt not goe out fro thence, till thou repay the last farthing.

27 You have heard, that it was said to them of old,* Thou shalt not commit advoutry.

28 But I say to you, that whosoever shall see a woman to lust after her, hath already committed advoutry with her in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye scandalize thee, plucke

and cast you, and say that lye all manner of evill sayings against you for my sake.* 1 Pet.4.14.

12 *Rejoyce ye, and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.*

13 *Ye are the salt of the earth. But if the salt* Marke 9.50. *become unsavory, wherein shall it be salted? It is* Luke 14.34. *thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be troden under foot of men.*

14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill, cannot be hid.*

15 *Neither doe men light a candle, and put* Marke 4. 21. *it under a bushell: but on a candlestick, and it* Luke 8.16. *giveth light unto all that are in the house.* and 11.33.

16 *Let your light so shine before men,* that* 1 Pet.2.12. *they may see your good workes, and glorifie your Father which is in heaven.*

17 *Thinke not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the Prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

18 *For truly I say unto you,* Till heaven* Luke 17.10. *and earth passe, one jot or one title of the Law shall not scape, till all be fulfilled.*

19 *Whosoever therefore shall breake one* Iames 2.10. *of these least Commandements, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdome of heaven: but whosoever shall doe and teach so, the same shall be called great in the kingdome of heaven.*

20 *For I say unto you,* Except your right-* Luke 11.39. *eousnesse shall exceed the righteousnesse of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdome of heaven.*

21 *Ye have heard, that it was said to them of old time,* Thou shalt not kill: whosoever killeth,* Exod.20.13. *shall be in danger of judgement.* Deut.5.17.

22 *But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother unadvisedly, shall be in danger of judgement: And whosoever shall say unto his brother, Racha, shall be in danger of a councell: but whosoever shall say, thou foole, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

23 *Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the Altar, and there remembrest that thy brother hath ought against thee:*

24 *Leave there thy gift before the Altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

25 *Agree with thine adversary quickly* Luke 12.58. *whiles thou art in the way with him, lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the minister, and then thou be cast into prison.*

26 *Verely I say unto thee, thou shalt by no meanes come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.*

27 *Ye have heard, that it was said unto them of old time,* Thou shalt not commit adultery.* Exod.20.14.

28 *But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

29 *If thy right eye* offend thee, plucke it out, and cast it from thee; for it is* Matth.18.1. and Marke 9.47.

plucke it out, and cast it from thee; for it is expedient for thee that one of thy limmes perish, rather then thy whole body be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand scandalize thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is expedient for thee that one of thy limmes perish, rather then that thy whole body go into hell.

31 It was also said,* whosoever shall dimisse his wife, let him give her a bill of divorcement. Deut.24.1. Mat.19.7.

32 But I say to you, whosoever shall dimisse his wife, || excepting the cause of fornication, maketh her to commit advoutrie: And he that shall marry her that is dimissed, ||committeth advoutry.

33 Againe you have heard that it was said to them of old,* Thou shalt not commit perjury: but thou shalt performe thy oathes to our Lord. Exod.20.7. Levit.19.11.

34 But I say to you || not to sweare at all: neither by heaven, because it is the throne of God: neither by the earth, because it is the foot-stoole of his feet: neither by Hierusalem, because it is the city of the great King.

35 Neither shalt thou sweare by thy head, because thou canst not make one haire white or blacke.

36 Let your talke be, Yea, yea; No, no; and that which is over and above these, is of evill.

37 You have heard that it was said,* An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. Exod.21.24.

38 But I say to you || not to resist evill: but if one strike thee on thy right cheeke, turne to him also the other:

39 And to him that will contend with thee in judgement, and take away thy coat, let goe thy cloake also unto him.

40 And to him that will force thee one mile, goe with him other twaine.

41 He that asketh of thee, give to him: and* to him that would borrow of thee, turne not away. Deut.15.7.

42 You have heard that it was said,* Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and ‡hate thine enemie. Levit.19.18.

43 But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and abuse you. The Gospel upon the Friday after Ashwednesday. ‡So taught the Pharisees, not the Law.

44 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven, who maketh his Sunne to rise upon good and bad, and raineth upon just and ‡ unjust.

45 For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have? doe not also the Publicanes this?

46 And if you salute your brethren onely, what doe you more? doe not also the heathen this?

47 Be you perfect therefore, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.

‡We see then that the temporall prosperity of persons and countreys is no signe of better men, or truer religion.

and cast it from thee: For it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 *And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: For it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that all thy body should be cast into hell.*

31 *It hath been said,* Whosoever will put* Deut.24.1. *away his wife, let him give her a writing of di-* Matth.19. *vorcement.* Marke 10.

32 *But I say unto you, That whosoever doth* Luke 16.1 *put away his wife, except it be for fornication,* 1 cor.7.1 *causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is divorced, committeth adultery.*

33 *Againe, ye have heard that it hath been said unto them of old time,* Thou shalt not for-* Exod.2 *sweare thy selfe, but shalt perform unto the Lord* Levit.19. *thine oathes.* Deut.5.1

34 *But I say unto you sweare not at all, neither by heaven, for it is Gods seat:*

35 *Nor by the earth, for it is his foot-stoole: neither by Hierusalem, for it is the city of the great King.*

36 *Neither shalt thou sweare by thy head, because thou canst not make one haire white or blacke.*

37 *But let your communication be yea, yea:* Iames 5.12. *nay, nay: For whatsoever is more then these, cometh of evil.*

38 *Ye have heard that it hath bin said,* An* Exod.21.24. *eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.* levit.24.20: deut.19.21.

39 *But I say unto you,* that ye resist not evill:* Luke 6.29. *but whosoever will give thee a blow on thy right* rom.12.17. *cheeke, turne to him the other also.* 1 cor.6.7.

40 *And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloake also.*

41 *And whosoever will compell thee to go a mile, go with him twaine.*

42 *Give to him that asketh thee: and from* Deut.15.8. *him that would borrow of thee, turne not thou away.*

43 *Ye have heard that it hath beene said,* Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine* Levit.19.18. *enemy:*

44 *But I say unto you,* Love your enemies,* Luke 6.27. *blesse them that curse you, doe good to them that hate you, and pray for them which hurt you, and per-* Luke 23.24. *secute you.* Act 7.60. 1 cor.4.12.

45 *That ye may be the children of your fa-* Luke 6.32. *ther which is in heaven: for he maketh his Sunne to rise on the evill and on the good, and sendeth raine on the just, and on the unjust.*

46 *For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Doe not the Publicanes even the same?*

47 *And if ye* salute your brethren onely,* † Or, greet with imbracing. *what singular thing doe ye? Doe not also the Publicanes likewise?*

48 *Ye shall therefore be perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect.*

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MARGINALL NOTES.

RHEM. 1 26. Prison.] *This prison is taken of very ancient Fathers, for Purgatory: namely, S.* Cyprian Epist. ad Antonum. 6:

FVLKE 1 This prison by *Carpocrates*, a very ancient Heretike, was taken for the bodies, into which the soule was removed by the devill, untill it was thorowly purified, *Irenæus lib. 1. c. 24.* But of *Montanus* an old Heretike also, it was taken for a place in hell, where every small offence is punished in soule, although it shall be saved in the resurrection, as testifieth *Tertullian de anima cap. de infer. & Ag aliquid patiantur, &c.* By which it appeareth, that the opinion of Purgatorie is very ancient. Nevertheless, it is not like that *Cyprian*, who was farre from these Heresies, in the forenamed Epistle, speaketh of Purgatory: for he onely alludeth to the text, and to the order. 3. comparing the excellencie of them that suffered martyrdome, above them that had fallen in time of persecution, and were received againe into the Church, either by pardon of their exercises of repentance, that were prescribed unto them, or after they had thorowly performed them: because *Antonianus*, to whom he did write, being somewhat enclined to the errour of the *Novatians*, feared lest by the receiving of them that had fallen, and by remitting those exercises of repentance, vertue would be diminished, and martyrdome decay. But *Cyprian* answereth, that Chastitie and Virginitie had their due praise, though Adulterers upon their repentance were received: *For it is one thing* (saith he) *to stand at pardon, another thing to come to glory. It is one thing for him that is cast in prison, not to come out untill he hath paid the uttermost farthing, another thing streightway to receive the reward of faith and vertue, &c.* S. *Augustine* expoundeth the place clearely of hell and eternall paines, *Serm. Dom. in monte, lib. 1.* So doth S. *Hierome in Lamcat. lib. 1. cap. 1. Euseb. Emiss. Hom. in domi. 6. post. pent. Carcer iste infernus est. Theoph. Antioch. In carcerem, id est, in Gehennam*, and *Chrysostome in 5. Mat.* and many other of the ancient Fathers. And the text is plaine, that he which is out of charity, hath deserved hell fire: and I suppose the Papists will not send him to Purgatory, that dieth out of charity.

Purgatory.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 10 For justice.] *Heretikes and other malefactors sometime suffer willingly and stoutly: but they are not blessed, because they suffer not for justice. For (saith S.* Augustine) *they cannot suffer for justice, that have devided the Church: and, where sound faith or charity is not, there cannot be justice,* Cont. Epist. Parm. l. 2. c. 9. Epist. 50. Psal. 34. Conc. 2. *And so by this Scripture are excluded all false Martyrs, as S.* Augustine often declareth, *and S.* Cyprian. de Vnit. Eccles. num. 8.

False Martyrs.

RHEM. 2 12 Reward.] *In Latine and Greeke the word signifieth very wages and hire due for workes, and so presupposeth a meritorious deed.*

Merces. Misthos.

FVLKE 2 The reward is promised of the free mercy of God, of whose Grace, commeth strength to endure persecution, and not of the merit of the worke: *For whence should I have so great merit* (saith S. *Ambrose*) *seeing mercie is my crowne? and Virg. Exhort. He crowneth thee* (saith S. *Augustine*) *because he crowneth his gifts, not thy merits, in Psal.* 102.

Merit.

RHEM. 3 15 The light.] *This light of the world, and city on a mountaine, and candle upon a candlesticke, signifieth the Clergie, and the whole Church so built upon Christ the mountaine, that it must needs be visible, and cannot be hid nor vnknowne.* Aug. cont. Fulg. Donat. c. 18. l. 16. cont. Faust. c. 17. *And therefore, the Church being a candle not under a bushell, but shining to all in the house (that is) in the world, what shall I say more, (saith S.* Augustine) *then that they are blinde which shut their eyes against the candle that is set on the candlestick?* Tract. 2. in ep. 10.

The Church visible.

FVLKE 3 When S. *Augustine* saith, the Church cannot be hid, he meaneth from them, that will diligently seeke her in the Scriptures, where onely the certaine knowledge of her is to be found, *de Visitat. Eccles. cap. 2. & 3. dist. 16. de past. Cap.* 14. Nevertheless, he compareth her to the Moone, which is often hid, and so may the Church in divers respects be hidden, *in Psal.* 10. Also he acknowledgeth, that the Church may be so secret, that the members know not one another, *de Bapt. cont. Don. lib. 6. cap. 4.* And the Catholike Church which is the whole mysticall body of Christ, being an Article of faith, is alwayes invisible, *Eusebius Emiss. Hom. in Natal. Confess. Sic sunt Apostoli & Episcopi supra Ecclesiam, sicuti civitas supra montem. Non possunt obscondi, etiam si velint, quorum oculi ad eos respiciunt.*

Visibility of the Church.

RHEM. 17 Your light.] *The good life of the Clergie edifieth much, and is Gods great honour: whereas the contrary dishonoureth him.*

RHEM. 4 20 One of these.] *Behold how necessary it is, not onely to beleeve, but to keepe all the commandements, even the very least.*

FVLKE 4 It is necessary for every Christian man, not onely to beleeve, but to endeavour himselfe to keepe even the least of Gods Commandements: yet is he justified, and hath remission of his sinnes, and transgressions of Gods Commandements, onely by faith in the mercy of God, *Rom. 3. 28. Galat. 2. 16.*

RHEM. 5 21 Your Iustice.] *It is our iustice, when it is given us of God,* Aug. in Ps. 30. conc. 1. De Sp. & lit. c. 9. *So that Christians are truly iust, and have in themselves inherent iustice, by doing Gods Commandements; without which iustice of workes no man of age can be saved.* Aug. de fid. & oper. c. 16. *whereby we see salvation, iustice, and iustification not to come of onely faith, or imputation of Christs iustice.*

True inherent justice.

FVLKE 5 The vertue of justice, whereby we love and keepe Gods Commandements (though no man doth either of both perfectly) is undoubtedly the gift of God, and is inherent in us, that are justified by the grace and mercie of God through faith, and of this unperfect justice, we are truly, yet unperfectly, declared to be just, without the workes whereof, no man of age can be saved. But yet for all this, we are justified, or made just in the sight of God, by faith onely, through the imputation of Christs justice, and not by the workes of justice, which as S. *Augustine* saith, *doe follow him that is justified, doe not goe before him that is to be justified, in Psal.* 102. *de fid. & oper. cap.* 14.

Iustice inherent.

Rom. 4.

RHEM. 6 23. Hell of fire.] *Here is a plaine difference of sinnes, some mortall, that bring to hell, some lesse, and lesse punished, called venniall.*

Venniall sinnes.

FVLKE 6 The difference of sinnes proveth not that some are mortall, and some venniall: for all of their owne nature are mortall. The reward of sinne (saith the Apostle) is death, *Rom. 6. 23.* and all sinnes to him that is truly penitent, are pardonable by Gods mercy. He that sinneth against the holy Ghost, is never truly penitent, nor his sinne ever remitted, *Heb. 6. Matth. 12.*

Venniall sinnes.

RHEM. 24 Gift at the Altar.] *Beware of comming to the holy Altar or any Sacrament out of charity. But be first reconciled to thy brother, and much more to the Catholike Church, which is the whole brotherhood of Christian men,* Heb. 13. 1.

RHEM. 7 33 Excepting the cause of fornication.] *This exception is onely to shew, that for this one cause a man may put away*

Mat. 10. 32. Luke 12. 8.

FVLKE 7 [illegible]

Marriage dissolved.

RHEM. 8 [illegible] *The knot of marriage is a thing of so great [illegible] of the parties is can be loosed, being not [illegible] A[illegible]bon. Conjug. cap. 7.*

Marriage dissolved.

FVLKE 8 [illegible] of marriage is broken, though the wickednesse of them that [illegible] this is to be understood of such divorces, [illegible] not for the cause of [illegible] this place, be proved to be a S[illegible] S. [illegible] call it [illegible] see the note *cap. 1. 20.* [illegible] divorce, S. *Augustine* in the place before [illegible] though he incline to [illegible], as [illegible] booke *de adulterinis Coniugijs ad pollux.* [illegible] he professeth that [illegible] quietnesse [illegible], and more [illegible] he dare determine: but S. *Augustine* manifestly [illegible], but that through adultery the [illegible] ceaseth, and is dissolved in *Mat. Can. 4.*

RHEM. 35 [illegible] to sweare.] *The Anabaptists here not following the Churches judgement, but the bare letter (as other Heretikes in her cases) hold that there is no oath lawfull, no not before a Iudge. Wherein Christ speaketh against rash and vaine swearing in common talke, when there is no cause.*

RHEM. 9 39 Not to resist evill.] *Here also the Anabaptists gather of the letter, that it is not lawfull for any right or Lutheran also upon this place held, that Christians might not resist the Turke, whereupon by their ill-ly that which followeth patience onely is signified, and a will to suffer more, rather then to revenge: For neither did Christ, nor S. Paul follow the letter by turning the other cheeke,* Ioh 18. Acts 23.

FVLKE 9 This is a slander of *Luther*, he did write onely, that Christians should not hope to have victory against the Turks, before the Church was reformed, and the Popes wickednes was knowen, & many errors were amended.

CHAP. VI.

In this second chapter of his sermon, he controuleth the Pharisees iustice (that is, their almes, prayer, and fasting) shewing the scope and intention thereof, which was vaine glory. 19 Their end also was to be rich, but ours must be onely such as is necessarie.

TAke good heed that you doe not your ‖iustice before men, to be seen of them: otherwise reward you shall not have with your Father which is in heaven.

‡ The first worke of justice.

2 Therefore when thou ‡ doest an almesdeed, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites doe in the Synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honoured of men: Amen I say to you, they have received their reward:

3 But when thou doest an almesdeed, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth:

4 That thy almesdeed may be in secret, and thy father which seeth in secret, will ‖ repay thee.

‡ The second worke of justice.

5 And when ye ‡ pray, you shall not be as the ‖ hypocrites, that love to stand and pray in the Synagogues and corners of the streets, that they may be seene of men: Amen I say to you, they have received their reward.

6 But thou when thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the doore, pray to thy Father in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret, will repay thee.

7 And when you are praying, speake not much, as the heathen. For they thinke that in their ‖ much speaking they may be heard.

8 Be not you therefore like to them, for your Father knoweth what is needfull for you, before you aske him.

Luke 11. 2. The *Pater Noster.*

9 Thus therefore shall you pray, * *Our Father which art in heaven, sanctified be thy Name.*

10 *Let*

TAke heed that ye do not your almes before men, to the intent that ye would be seene of them, or else yee have no reward of your Father, which is in heaven.

2 *Therefore, * when thou dost thine almes, doe not blow a trumpet before thee, as hypocrites doe in the Synagogues, and in the streets, that they might bee esteemed of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.*

Rom. 12. 8.

3 *But when thou doest almes, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth:*

4 *That thine almes may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret, himselfe shall reward thee openly.*

5 *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the Synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seene of men. Verely I say unto you, they have their reward.*

6 *But when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy doore, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.*

7 *But when yee pray babble not much, as the heathen doe. For they thinke that they shall be heard for their much babblings sake.*

8 *Be not ye therefore like unto them: For your Father knoweth, what things ye have need of, before ye aske of him.*

9 *After this manner therefore pray ye: * O our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.*

Luke 11. 2.

10 *Let*

11 Giue vs this day our † [super] [illegible]

12 [illegible] But de-

or if we will * forgiue men their [illegible] will forgiue you your offences.

15 And when you † fast, be not as the hy- [illegible] they disfigure their faces, that they may appeare vnto men to fast. Amen I say to you, that they haue receiued their reward.

17 But thou when thou doſt faſt, annoint thy head, and waſh thy face:

18 That thou appeare not to men to faſt, but [illegible] which is in ſecret: and thy father which [illegible] ſecret, will repay thee.

19 *Heape not vp to your ſelues treaſures on the earth: where the ruſt and moth doe corrupt, and where theeues dig thorow and ſteale.

20 But heape up to your ſelues treaſures in heauen: where neither the ruſt nor moth doth corrupt, and where theeues doe not dig thorow nor ſteale.

21 For where thy treaſure is, there is thy heart alſo.

22 *The candle of thy body is thine eye. If thine eye be ſimple, thy whole body ſhall be lightſome.

23 But if thine eye be naught: thy whole body ſhall be darkſome. If then the light that is in thee, be darkeneſſe: the darkneſſe it ſelfe how great ſhall it be?

24 No man can * ſerue || two maſters. For either he will hate the one, and loue the other: or hee will ſuſtaine the one, and contemne the other. You cannot ſerue God and Mammon.

25 Therefore I ſay to you, * be not || carefull for your life what you ſhall eat, neither for your body what raiment you ſhall put on. Is not the life more then the meat: and the body more then the raiment?

26 Behold the foules of the aire, that they ſow not, neither reape, nor gather into barnes and your heauenly father feedeth them. Are not you much more of price then they?

27 And which of you by caring, can adde to his ſtature one cubite?

28 And for raiment why are you carefull? Conſider the lillies of the field how they grow: they labour not, neither doe they ſpinne.

29 But I ſay to you, that neither Salomon in all his glory was arraied as one of theſe.

30 And if the graſſe of the field, which to day

Luke 11. 34.

Luke 12. 33.

Luke 16. 13. The Goſpel on the fourteenth Sunday after *Pentecoſt*.

Luke 12. 22.

Math. 13. 19.

Mat. 11. 25. and 28. 2.

Luke 12. 33. 1 tim. 6. 19.

Luke 12. 34.

13 [illegible] Math. 13. 19.

14 For, * if you forgiue men their offences, your heauenly Father ſhall alſo forgiue you.

15 But, * if you forgiue not men their offences: no more ſhall your Father forgiue you your treſpaſſes.

16 Moreouer, when ye faſt, be not as the hypocrites of a ſad countenance, for they disfigure their faces, that they might appeare vnto men to faſt: Verily I ſay vnto you, they haue their reward.

17 But thou when thou faſteſt, anoint thine head, and waſh thy face.

18 That thou appeare not vnto men to faſt, but vnto thy Father which is in ſecret: and thy Father which ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward thee openly.

19 * Heard not up for your ſelues treaſures vpon earth, where moth and ruſt doth corrupt, and where theeues breake thorow and ſteale.

20 * But lay vp for you treaſures in heauen, where neither moth nor ruſt doth corrupt, and where theeues doe not breake thorow, nor ſteale.

21 For where your treaſure is, there will your heart be alſo.

22 *The candle of the body is the eye: wherefore if thine eye be ſingle, all thy body ſhall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be wicked, all thy body ſhall be full of darkneſſe. Wherefore, if the light that is in thee be darkneſſe, how great is that darkneſſe?

24 *No man can ſerue two maſters: for either he ſhall hate the one and loue the other, or elſe he ſhall leane to the one and deſpiſe the other. You cannot ſerue God and Mammon.

25 *Therefore I ſay vnto you, Be not carefull for your life, what ye ſhall eat or drinke, nor yet for your body, what ye ſhall put on: Is not the life more worth then meat? and the body then raiment?

26 Behold the foules of the aire: for they ſow not, neither do they reap, nor carry into barns, yet your heauenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better then they?

27 Which of you, by taking of careful thought, can adde one cubite vnto his ſtature?

28 And why care ye for raiment? Learne of the Lillies of the field how they grow, they worke not themſelues with labour, neither doe they ſpinne.

29 And yet I ſay vnto you, that euen Salomon in all his royalty, was not arayed like one of theſe.

30 Wherefore if God ſo clothe the graſſe of the

‡ They ſek temporall things onely, and not of the true God, but of their idols, or by their owne induſtry.

33 Seeke therefore firſt the Kingdome of God, and the iuſtice of him: and all theſe things ſhall be giuen you beſides. [illegible]

34 Be not carefull therfore for the morrow. For the morrow day ſhall [illegible] ſufficient for the day is the euill thereof.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 1 — 1 Iuſtice.] Manifeſtly it is plaine, that good workes be iuſtice, and that Iuſtice doing them, doth iuſtifie, and is thereby iuſt and iuſtified, and not by faith only. And which Iuſtice of a chriſtian man, our Sauiour here commaſheth in theſe three inſtances, workes, to almes, faſting, and prayers, being his part pull.c.3. So that to giue almes, is to doe iuſtice, and the workes of mercy are iuſtice, Aug. in Pſ. 49. v. 5.

FVLKE 1 — Good workes are the fruits of Iuſtification, proceeding from a iuſtified man, and doe iuſtifie (as S. Iames ſaith) that is, declare a man to be iuſt, and ſo a man is iuſtified by workes, and not by faith onely. But they doe not iuſtifie a man in the ſight of God, who onely is perfect iuſtice, and nor imperfect, ſuch as good workes of men are, which ſhall be iuſtified man (as S. Auguſtine ſaith) doe not yet iuſtifie when iuſtificatus, in Pſal. 102. de fid. & oper. cap. 14. Wherefore a man is iuſtified in the ſight of God by imputation of the iuſtice of Chriſt, which is made perfect, through the onely grace and mercy of God, apprehended by faith onely, Rom. 3. and 4. Gothic. 2.

Neither is all the iuſtice of a Chriſtian man, that is iuſtified, compriſed in almes, faſting, and prayers, but in obedience of all Gods Commandements, and yet all that is imperfect, as S. Auguſtine proueth in the place quoted. & perfect iuſt. and ſaith not that all iuſtice is compriſed in theſe three workes. This is one iuſtice more (ſaith S. Auguſtine) in which we come behinde and thirſting to the perfection and fulneſſe of iuſtice, that hereafter we may be filled therewith. And in Pſal. 49. he ſaith, Why do we faſt? but they that are of faith, doing the workes of mercy, for theſe manifeſt are the workes of iuſtice. Therefore by his iudgement, the life of a iuſt man is ſtuft with fruit, workes of mercy and iuſtice.

RHEM. 2 — 4 Repay.] This repaying and remembring of good workes in heauen, after acceptance here by our Sauiour, declareth manifeſtly that the ſaid workes are meritorious, and that we may doe them in reſpect of their reward.

FVLKE 2 — This repaying and remembring, proueth, that the reward is due, but not that the workes are meritorious. The reward is due by Gods promiſe, his meere mercy moued him to promiſe. And yet may he encourage vs in reſpect of the reward to the good workes, but not onely not chiefly in that reſpect, but eſpecially to ſhew our ſelues thankfull, and dutifull, that God may be glorified by our good workes, whoſe glory ought to moue vs more, than the reward, of whom we loue God as we ought with all our hearts.

RHEM. — 5 Hypocrites.] Hypocriſie is forbidden in all theſe three workes of iuſtice, and not the doing of them onely, to the glory of God, and the profit of our neighbour, and our owne ſaluation: for Chriſt before (c. 5.) bidden, ſaying: Let your light ſo ſhine before men, &c. And in all ſuch workes S. Gregories rule is to be followed, The workes ſo to be in publike, that the intention remaine in ſecret, Hom. 11. in Euang. cap. 10.

RHEM. 3 — 7 Much ſpeaking.] Long prayer is not forbid, for Chriſt himſelfe paſſed whole nights in prayer, and he ſaith, * we muſt pray always, and * he exhorteth vs to pray with long importunity, and the holy Church * from the beginning hath had her Canonicall houres of prayer: but idle and idolatrous babling, either of the Heathens in their gods, or of hereticks, that by long Phariſaicall prayers thinke to pleaſe God: wherein the Catholike of the Church are moſt briefe and moſt effectuall, Aug. de. Aug. epiſt. 121. c. 8, 9, 10.

FVLKE 3 — Long prayer is not forbidden, but Popiſh prayer in an vnknowne tongue is idle babling, as ill, as that which the Heathen vſed. The Scripture teſtifieth (as S. Cyprian ſheweth) that the third houre of the day, the ſixt, and the ninth, were vſed for prayer, by Daniel, the three Children, S. Paul, and S. Peter, and S. John. Which prooueth into your Popiſh Canonicall houres, that is a kinde of Service which you call ſo, compiled up of your Prieſts ofterentimes in an houre or halfe, to be of ſuch antiquitie, or to be diſcharged from much babbling & lip-labour. Neither is it meante, that all theſe three houres were ſpent onely in prayer, but that at theſe three times of the day, the godly vſed to pray: Namely, in the midſt of the time, from the Sunne riſing to noone, at noone, and in the midſt of the time, betweene noone and the Sunne ſetting; whereas all your Canonicall houres in the Popiſh Church, are diſtributed before noone. Cyprian therefore ſpeaketh not of any ſet formes of prayers, but of times meet for all Chriſtians to pray in, not onely at theſe three houres, but alſo at the Sunne riſing, and at the Sunne ſetting, and in the night ſeaſon, and generally at all houres, as our Sauiour Chriſt teacheth. Nor condemneth the hereſie of the Anabtiſts, which did neglect, but pray with their lips: but requiring the heart to be alwayes lifted vp in affection of prayer, which is by faith to looke for all good things of God onely, and at certaine times alſo, to vſe words of Petition, to admonith vs of our neceſſities, and to ſtirre vp our deſire to be more feruent. What other thing is it (ſaith S. Aug.) to pray without intermiſſion, but without intermiſſion to deſire that bleſſed life, as none is but that which is eternall, of him who onely can giue it? Therefore by no diſpute ſhould we depart from the Lord God, and let vs pray alwayes, ep. 121. c. 9. The prayers of hereticks, whether they be long or ſhort, rude or rhetoricall, gleaſe not God, neither yet of hypocrites. As for the three collects of the Church, are no prejudice to long prayers, where the ſumme of words is not longer than the ſmalleſt collect of prayer conteineth.

RHEM. 4 — 11 Superſubſtantiall bread.] By this bread ſo called here according to the Latine word and the Greeke, we vnderſtand not onely all neceſſary ſuſtenance for the body, but much more all ſpirituall food, namely the bleſſed Sacrament it ſelfe, which is Chriſt the true bread that came from heauen, and the bread of life to as that eat his body, Cyprian.

FVLKE 4

S. *Luke* [illegible] Chemnitz vrgeth, who sheweth, that in [illegible] Fathers [illegible] Cyprian [illegible] necessary, which is asked [illegible] of this forme of prayer. Notwithstanding, upon the ambiguity of this Greeke word, some of the Fathers referre this petition to spirituall food especially, among which, the Lords [illegible] our spirituall nourishment by the body and blood of Christ, unto eternall life) is a part, the preaching of Gods word is another part noted also by the Fathers to be desired in this [illegible] *Aug. de fid. Deum ora.* [illegible].

RHEM. 5

12 Debes.] *These debts doe signifie not onely mortall sinnes, but also venial, as S. Augustine often teacheth: and therefore every man, be he never so iust, yet because he cannot live without venial sinne, may very truly and ought to say this prayer,* Aug. contra duas epi. Pelag. l. 1. c. 14. l. 2. 1. de Civ. 27. Veniall sinne.

FVLKE 5

S. Augustine doth often teach the difference of sinnes, some great, some lesse, but never your Popish distinction of mortall and venial, as you doe, and in the places quoted speaketh of [illegible] sinnes, but not of veniall. In the former place he saith, a man may be *sine crimine*, that is, *without haynous offence*: but not, *sine peccato, without sinne*. In the latter he nameth *peccata parva, small sins*, distinguishing them from great and haynous wickednesse.

RHEM. 6

13 Leade us not.] S. Cyprian *readeth*, Ne patiaris nos induci. *Suffer us not to be led, as* S. Augustine *noteth* l. de bo. perser. c. 6. *and so the holy Church understandeth it, because God (as* S. *Iames saith) tempteth no man: though for our sinnes, or for our probation and crowne, he permit us to be tempted. Beware then of* Beza's *exposition upon this place, who (according to the Calvinistic opinion) saith, that God leadeth them into temptation, into whom himselfe bringeth in Satan for to fill their hearts: so making God the Author of sinne.* God is not author of evill.

EXPOS. ORN. Luc. 2.

FVLKE 6

However any man hath read, the text is plaine, *Leade us not*, whereby is proved, not onely a permission, but an action of God, in them that are led into temptation. Therefore S. *Augustine* after a long disputation against *Iulian* the Pelagian, bringeth also this petition for an argument, to prove, that God as a righteous Iudge, punisheth sinne by sinne, by delivering the reprobate into the power of Satan. *Quid est autem, &c. And what is that which we say daily,* Leade us not into temptation, *but that we be not delivered into our owne concupiscences? Againe, Tradit ergo Deus, &c. Therefore God delivereth into ignominious passions, that those things may be done, which are not convenient, but he delivereth conveniently, and the same sinnes are made both punishments of sinnes past, and deserts of punishments to come. As he delivered* Achab *into the lie of the false prophets; as he delivered* Roboam *into false counsell. These things he doth by marvellous and unspeakable meanes, who knoweth how to worke his judgements, not onely in mens bodies, but also in their very hearts,* Conc. Iul. lib. 5. cap. 3. Neither doth Beza's exposition make God Author of sinne, but using the phrase of S. *Augustine*, he saith; *The Lord leadeth into temptation them, whom as a iust iudge, not as an author of sinne, he permitteth unto the will of Satan, that he may fill their heart, as* S. Peter *speaketh, Act.* 5. And it is a most detestable slander, that *Calvin*, or they that follow his judgement, make God the Author of sinne. I. HENR. Slander.

RHEM.

14 If you forgive.] *This point of forgiving our brother when we aske forgivenesse of God, our Saviour repeateth againe, as a thing much to be considered: and therefore commended in the parable also of the servant that would not forgive his fellow-servant,* Matth. 18.

Iudg. 20, 26. 2 Esd. 9. Ioel 2. 15. Ion. 3.

16 Fast.] *He forbiddeth not open and publike Fasts, which in the* Scriptures *were commanded and practised* Publike fasts. *to the people of God, and the Ninivites by such fasting appeased Gods wrath: but to fast for vaine glory and praise of men, and to be seene by the very face and looke to be taken for a faster, that is forbidden, and that is hypocrisie.*

RHEM. 7

20 Treasures in heaven.] *Treasures laid up in heaven, must needs signifie, not faith onely, but plentifull almes and deeds of mercy and other good workes, which God keeping as in a booke, will reward them accordingly: as of the contrary, the Apostle saith* He that soweth sparingly, shall reape sparingly, 2 Cor. 9. Merits.

FVLKE 7

Treasures laid up in heaven in this place, properly signifie, neither faith nor workes, much lesse meritorious workes, but rather the reward of the heavenly life, which God of his mercy giveth to them that believe, according to their workes, rewarding their plentifull sowing, with plentifull reaping. *Chrysost. Hom. 21. in Mat.* He sheweth both that this earthly treasure lieth open to hurt: and also, that the heavenly treasure is cleare from all spot, and most safe either in respect of the place, or of the excellencie of those rewards. Merits. Mechanicall workes.

RHEM. 8

24 Two Masters.] *Two religions, God and Baal, Christ and* Calvin, *Masse and Communion, the Catholike Church and heretical Conventicles. Let them marke this lesson of our Saviour, that thinke they may serve all masters, all times, all religions. Against these two masters doe signifie God and the world, the flesh and the spirit, iustice and sinne.*

FVLKE 8

No Christian man serveth *Calvin* as his Master, but God onely. Nevertheless, so long as *Calvin* teacheth that which he learned of Christ, *Calvin* may be imbraced as a servant of Christ, neither did he ever desire to be taken otherwise. But when the Pope commandeth things contrary to God, as worshipping of Images, Communion under one kinde, and such like, and will be honoured as a most holy Lord that cannot erre, it may be said most truly, No man can serve God and the Pope. Slander.

RHEM.

25 Carefull.] *Prudent provision is not prohibited, but too much doubtfulnesse and feare of Gods provision for us: to whom we ought with patience to commit the rest, when we have done sufficiently for our parts.*

CHAP. VII.

In this third and last Chapter of his Sermon, because we know not most ends, he biddeth us beware of iudging: 6 and nevertheless to take open dogs (so he calleth them) as they be. 7. If these workes of iustice seeme too hard, we must pray instantly to him that giveth them. 12 In the conclusion, he giveth one short rule of all iustice, 13 and then he exhorteth with all vehemencie to the strait way both of the Catholike faith, 21 and also of good life: because onely faith will not suffice.

Luke 6,37. Marke 4,24.

IVdge ‖ not, that you be not judged.

2 * For in what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and in what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you againe.

3 And why seest thou the mote that is in thy brothers eye: and the beame that is in thine owne eye thou seest not?

4 Or

Luke 6.37. Rom. 2.1. 1 Cor. 4.3. Marke 4.24.

*IVdge ye * not, that ye be not judged.*

2 *For with what judgement ye judge, ye shalbe judged: * and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you againe.*

Luke 6.38.

3 **Why seest thou the mote that is in thy brothers eye, but perceivest not the beame that is in thine owne eye?*

4 * *Or,*

4 Or how shalt thou say to thy brother: Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye, and behold a beame is in thine owne eye?

5 Hypocrite, cast out first the beame out of thine owne eye, and then shalt thou see to cast out the mote out of thy brothers eye.

6 Give not that which is holy to dogs: neither cast ye your pearles before swine, lest perhaps they tread them with their feet, and turning, all to teare you.

Luke 11.9.

7 *Aske, and it shall be given you: seeke, and you shall finde: knocke, and it shall be opened to you.

8 For every one that asketh, receiveth: and that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his childe shall aske bread, will he reach him a stone?

10 Or if he shall aske him fish, will he reach him a serpent?

11 If you then being naught, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more will your Father which is in heaven, give ‡ good things to them that aske him?

‡ These good things are grace and all spirituall gifts, and whatsoever pertaineth to the health of the soule. Luke 6.31. Luke 12.24.

12 *All things therefore whatsoever you will that men do to you, do you also to them. For this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 * Enter ye by the narrow gate: because broad is the gate, and large is the way that leadeth to perdition, and many there be that enter by it.

14 How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that finde it?

The Gospel on the seventh Sunday after *Pentecost.* Luke 6.44.

15 Take ye great heed of false prophets, which come to you in the ‖ clothing of sheep, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

16 ‖ By their * fruits you shall know them. Doe men gather grapes of thornes, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree yeeldeth good fruits, and the evill tree yeeldeth evill fruits.

18 A good tree cannot yeeld evill fruits, neither an evill tree yeeld good fruits.

19 Every tree that yeeldeth not good fruit, shall be cut downe, and shall be cast into fire.

20 Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith to me, ‖ *Lord, Lord,* shall enter into the kingdome of heaven: but he that doth the will of my Father which is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdome of heaven.

22 Many shall say to me in that day, *Lord, Lord,* have not we prophesied in thy Name, and in thy Name cast out devils, and in thy Name wrought many miracles?

23 And then I will confesse unto them, That I never knew you: Depart from me you that worke iniquity.

24 *Every

4 * Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye, and behold a beame is in thine owne eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beame out of thine owne eye: and then shalt thou see clearely to cast out the mote that is in thy brothers eye.

6 Give not that *which is holy unto dogs, neither cast ye your pearles before swine, lest they tread them under their feet, and turning againe, all to rent you.

Matth. 21. marc. 11. 24. luke 11.9. iohn. 16. 1 iam. 1.6.

7 *Aske ye, and it shall be given you: seeke, and ye shall finde: knocke, and it shall be opened unto you.

8 For every one that asketh, receiveth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9 What man is there of you, if his son aske bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he aske fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then being evill, know to give your children good gifts: how much more will your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that aske him:

12 Therefore all things * whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: For this is the Law and the Prophets.

Luke 6.31. tob. 4.16.

13 * Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which goe in thereat.

Luke 13.24.

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that finde it.

15 Beware of the false prophets, which come to you in sheepes clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits: * Doe men gather grapes of thornes? or figs of thistles?

Luke 6.44.

17 Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evill fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit, neither can a bad tree bring forth good fruit.

19 *Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewen downe and cast into the fire.

Matth. 3.10.

20 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, * *Lord, Lord,* shall enter into the kingdome of heaven: but he that doth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Rom. 2.13. Iam. 1. 22.

22 Many will say to me in that day, *Lord, Lord,* have we not prophesied through *thy Name?* and through *thy Name* have cast out devils? and done many great workes through *thy Name?*

23 * And then will I confesse unto them, That I never knew you: * Depart from me all ye that worke iniquity.

Luke 13.26. P.al. 6.9.

24 * Every one therefore that heareth these my sayings, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man that built his house upon a rocke.

25 And the raine fell, and the floudes came, and the windes blew, and they beat against that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rocke.

26 And every one that heareth these my words, and doeth them not, shall be like a foolish man that built his house upon the sand,

27 And the raine fell, and the floudes came, and the winds blew, and they beat against that house, and it fell, and the fall thereof was great.

28 And it came to passe, when IESVS had fully ended these words, the multitude were in *admiration upon his doctrine.

29 For hee was teaching them as having power, and not as their Scribes and Pharisees.

24 *Therefore, whosoever heareth of mine these sayings, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rocke:

25 *And the raine descended, and the floods came, and the windes blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not, because it was grounded upon a rocke.

26 *And every one that heareth of me these sayings, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 *And the raine descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

28 * *And it came to passe, when Iesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonied at his doctrine.*

29 *For he taught them as one having power, and not as the Scribes.*

Luke 4.32.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VII.

RHEM. 1 Judge not.] *It is no Christian part to iudge of ill mens affections which be in themselves good, and may proceed of good meaning, or of mans inward meanings and intentions which we cannot see: of which faults they must beware that are too suspicious, and given to deeme alwayes the worst of other men. But to say, that Iudas, or an heretike evidently knowen to die obstinately in heresie, is damned, and in all other plaine and manifest cases to iudge, is not forbidden.*

RHEM. 1 6 Holy to dogs.] *No holy Sacrament and specially that of our Saviours blessed body, must be given wittingly to the unworthy, that is, to them that have not by confession of all mortall sinnes examined and proved themselves. See the Annot. 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28, 29.* Worthy receiving.

FVLKE 1 So that by confession of all mortall sinnes, you meane not auricular theirs, which the Scripture doth not exact, this note containeth no false doctrine.

RHEM. 2 8 Every one that asketh.] *All things that we aske necessary to salvation with humility, attention, continuance, and other due circumstances; God will undoubtedly grant when it is best for us.* Faith.

FVLKE 2 To aske in faith, is necessary, and more then a due circumstance, *Iames 1. 6.*

RHEM. 3 15 Clothing of sheepe.] *Extraordinary appearance of zeale and holinesse in the sheepes coat in some Heretikes: but these of this time weare not that garment much, being men of unsatiable fame. This is rather their garment, common to them with all other Heretikes, to cracke much of the word of the Lord, and by pretensed allegations and sweet words of benedictions, and specially by promise of knowledge, light and liberty of the Gospel, to seduce the simple and the unwarie.* Heretikes weare sheepe-skins.

FVLKE 3 This note is true of Libertines, Anabaptists, and such Heretikes of our time: but the true professours of the Gospel, whom you especially envy, shall be found in triall, alwayes as honest as Papists. Slander.

RHEM. 4 16 Fruits.] *These are the fruits which Heretikes are known by, division from the whole Church, division among themselves, taking to themselves new names, and new maisters, incompassable in doctrine, disobedience both to others, and namely to spirituall officers, love and liking of themselves, pride and intolerable vaunting of their owne knowledge above all the holy Doctors, corruption, falsification, and quite dapping of the parts of Scriptures that specially make against them; and these be common to all Heretikes lightly. Other some are more peculiar to those of our time, as incestuous marriages of vowed persons, spoile of Churches, sacriledge, and prophanation of all holy things, and many other speciall points of doctrine, directly tending to the corruption of good life in all states.* Heretikes known by their fruits.

FVLKE 4 All false doctrine, contrary to the Scriptures, is the proper fruits of Heretikes. For he is an Heretike, which obstinately maintaineth an opinion, contrary to the Scriptures, as the Papists doe many. And especially, those plaine notes, which the Spirit giveth of Antichristian Heretikes, namely, the forbidding of marriage and meats, where are they to be found at this day, but in Papists, *1 Tim. 4?* The rest of the notes which you give, are not found in us, but rather in you. The marriage of vowed persons, that cannot containe, is allowed by *Epiphanius* and *Hierome*, as I shewed before, to be Catholike. And if it be incestuous, your Pope giveth licence for incestuous marriages, as he doth for those marriages, that are against the law of nature, which are incestuous indeed: We spoile no Churches, but destroy Idolatry, as God commandeth, *Deut. 7. 6.* Slander. Haer. 61. ad Dunes.' Marriage of Votaries. As K. Philip of Spaine to marry his sisters daughter.

RHEM. 5 21 Lord, Lord.] *These men have faith, otherwise they could not invocate, Lord, Lord, Rom. 10. But here we see that to believe is not enough, and that not onely infidelity is sinne, as Luther teacheth. Yea Catholikes also that worke true miracles in the Name of our Lord, and by never so great faith, yet without the workes of iustice shall not be saved. 1 Cor. 13. Againe, consider here who they are that have so often in their mouth,* The Lord, the Lord, *and how little it shall availe them, that set so little by good workes, and contemne Christian iustice.* Not onely faith.

FVLKE 5 These men say, Lord, Lord, without a true and a lively faith. For he that in true faith shall invocate or call upon the Lord, shall be saved, *Rom. 10.* We confesse, it is not enough, to beleeve, neither doth *Luther* teach, that onely infidelity is sinne, but that it is the roote of all sinne. Neither doe we hold, that by the faith of working miracles, which apprehendeth onely the power of God, any man shall be justified, but by faith in Gods promises, which taieth hold of the mercy which God offereth. Finally, he that is justified by faith onely; doth the will of God his heavenly Father, though not perfectly, yet gladly and cheerefully. God be thanked, we doe not set little by good workes, which we acknowledge to be the necessary effects of justifying faith, though we renounce our owne justice, that we may be partakers of the justice of God in Christ, *Philip. 3. 9.* Iustification by faith onely. Good workes. Slander.

CHAP. VIII.

Immediatly after his Sermon (to confirme his doctrine with a miracle) he cureth a Leper. 5 But above him and all other Iewes, he commendeth the faith of the Centurion, who was a Gentile: and foretelleth by that occasion, the vocation

tion of the Gentiles, and condemnation of the unbeleeving Iewes. 18 He commaundeth to flie to the sea he disciples that were murmuring then. 23 and upon the ship commaunded the winds: 28 and beyond the sea he two possessed with devils, ignorant, wicked, and cruell.

The Gospel on the third Sunday after the *Epiphany.* Marke 1. 40. Luke 5. 12.

A Nd when hee was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes followed him:

2 And *behold a leper came and adored him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.

3 And IESVS stretching forth his hand, touched him, saying, I will, be thou made cleane. And forthwith, his leprosie was made cleane.

4 And IESVS saith to him, See thou tell no body: but goe, * shew thy selfe to the ‖Priest, and offer the ‖gift which Moses commanded for a testimony to them. Levit. 14. 2.

The Gospel upon the thursday after *Ashwednesday.* And also in Masse for the sicke. Luke 7. 1.

5 And * when he was entred into Capharnaum, there came to him a Centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord my boy lieth at home sicke of the palsey, and is sore tormented.

7 And IESVS saith to him, I will come, and cure him.

8 And the Centurion making answere, said, Lord ‖ I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roofe: but onely say the word, and my boy shall be healed.

9 For I also am a man subject to authoritie, having under me souldiers: and I say to this, Go, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and hee commeth: and to my servant, Doe this, and he doth it.

10 And IESVS hearing this, marvelled: and said to them that followed him, Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel.

11 And I say to you that many shall come from the East and West, and shall sit downe with Abraham and Isaac and Iacob in the kingdome of heaven:

12 But the children of the kingdome shall bee cast out into the exteriour darknesse: there shall bee weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And IESVS said to the Centurion, Goe: and as thou hast beleeved, be it done to thee. And the boy was healed in the same houre.

Marke 1. 29. luke 4. 38.

14 And * when IESVS was come into Peters house, he saw his wives mother laid, and in a fit of a fever:

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she arose, and ministred to him.

16 And when evening was come, they brought to him many that had devils: and hee cast out the spirits with a word: and all that were ill at ease he cured.

Esay 53. 4. 1 pet. 2. 24.

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esay the Prophet, saying, *He tooke our infirmities, and bare our diseases.*

18 And IESVS seeing great multitudes about

W*Hen hee was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes followed him.*

2 **And behold, there came a leper, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.* Marke 1. 40. luke 5. 12.

3 *And Iesus, when hee had put forth his hand, touched him, saying, I will, be thou cleane. And immediately his leprosie was cleansed.*

4 *And Iesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man, but goe, shew thy selfe to the Priest, and offer the gift that* Moses commanded for a witnesse unto them.* Levit. 14.

5 **And when Iesus was entred into Capernaum, there came unto him a Centurion, beseeching him,* Luke 7.

6 *And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sicke of the palsey, grievously pained.*

7 *And Iesus saith to him, When I come, I will heale him.*

8 *The Centurion answered, and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roofe: but speake the word onely, and my servant shall be healed.*

9 *For I also my selfe am a man set under authority, having souldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he commeth: and to my servant, Do this, and he doth it.*

10 *When Iesus heard these things, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel.*

11 *I say unto you, that many shall come from the East and West, and shall rest with Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob, in the kingdome of heaven:*

12 **But the children of the kingdome shall be cast out into utter darknesse: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* Matth. 22. 13.

13 *And Iesus said unto the Centurion, Goe thy way, and as thou hast beleeved, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfe same houre.*

14 **And when Iesus was come into Peters house, he saw his wives mother laid, and sicke of a fever.* Marke 1 29. luke 4. 38.

15 *And hee touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministred unto them.*

16 **When the Even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sicke.* Marke 1. 32. luke 4. 40.

17 *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esayas the Prophet, saying, * Hee tooke on him our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.* Esay 53. 4. 1 pet. 2. 24.

18 **When Iesus saw great multitudes about* Luke 9. 57.

about him, commanded to goe beyond the water.

19 And a * certaine Scribe came, and said to him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou shalt goe.

20 And IESVS saith to him, the foxes have holes, and the foules of the aire nests: but the Sonne of man hath not where to lay his head.

21 And * another of his Disciples said to him; Lord, permit me first to goe and bury my father.

22 But IESVS said to him, Follow me, and ‖ let the dead bury their dead.

23 And * when he entred into the boat, his Disciples followed him:

24 And loe a great tempest arose in the sea, so that the boat was covered with waves, but he slept.

25 And they came to him, and raised him, saying, Lord, save us, we perish.

26 And he saith to them, Why are you fearfull, O ye of little faith? Then rising vp ‖ he commanded the winds and the sea, and there ensued a great calme.

27 Moreover the men marvelled, saying, What an one is this, for the winds and the sea obey him?

28 And * when he was come beyond the water into the countrey of the Gerasens, there met him two that had devils, comming forth out of the Sepulchres, exceeding fierce, so that none could passe by that way.

29 And behold they cryed, saying, What is betweene us and thee IESV the Sonne of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was not farre from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 And the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.

32 And he said to them, Goe. But they going forth went into the swine, and behold the whole herd went with a violence headlong into the Sea: and they died in the waters.

33 And the swine-herds fled: and comming into the city, told all, and of them that had beene possessed of devils.

34 And behold the whole city went out to meet IESVS, and when they saw him, they besought him that he would passe from their quarters.

Luke 9.57.

Luke 9.59.

Gospel the fourth day after Epiphany, 4.36. 8.22.

Marke 5.1. luke 8.26.

him, he commanded them to depart unto the other side.

19 And a certaine Scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Iesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the aire have nests: but the Sonne of man hath not where to rest his head.

21 And another of his Disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to goe and bury my father.

22 But Iesus said unto him, Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.

*23 *And when he entred into a ship, his Disciples followed him.* Marke 4.35. luke 8.22.

24 And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with waves: but he was asleepe.

25 And his Disciples came to him, and awoke him saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearefull, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the Sea, and there followed a great calme.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that both the winds and the sea obey him?

*28 *And when he was come to the other side, into the countrey of the Gergesens, there met him two possessed with devils, comming out of the graves, very fierce, so that no man might passe by that way.* Marke 5.1. luke 8.26.

29 And behold, they cryed out saying, O Iesu, thou Sonne of God, What have we to do with thee? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them, an heard of many swine, feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to goe away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Goe. Then went they out, and departed into the herd of the swine: and behold, the whole herd of the swine rushed headlong into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 Then they that kept them, fled, and went their wayes into the city, and told every thing, and what was done of the possessed with the devils.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Iesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 — 4 Priest.] *The Priests of the old Law (saith S. Chrysostome) had authority and priviledge onely to discerne who were healed of leprosie, and to denounce the same to the people: but the Priests of the new law have power to purge sinnes in very deed the filth of the soule. Therefore whosoever despiseth them, is more worthy to be punished then the rebell Dathan, and his complices, S. Chrysost. lib. 3. de Sacerd.* Priests forgive sinnes.

FVLKE 1 — The words of *Chrysostome* are these. *The Priests of the Iewes, had authority to put away leprosie of the body, or rather not to put it away at all, but onely to discerne them that were rid of it, and thou knowest, how greatly their priesthood was to be esteemed. But these have received authority, not to discerne the leprosie of the body, being vid away*

way but altogether to put away the sickenesse, & of the soule. Then therefore these Priests are more wicked then Dathan, and [illegible] *punishment. By which words, he* [illegible] *of the Gospel, have* [illegible] *but* [illegible] *to assure* [illegible] *Gods forgiuenesse, in which respect,* [illegible] *in Gods name. For Christ himself, did not forgive sinnes, but as he was God equall* [illegible] *Chrysostome in Mat. Hom. 30.* Remission of sinnes.

RHEM. — 4 Gift.] *Our Saviour willeth him to goe and offer his gift or sacrifice, according as Moses prescribed in that case having* [illegible] *other sacrifice being the heresie of all heries, which is his body, was not yet begun. So saith S. Aug. l. 2. q.* [illegible] *3. & cont. Adversf. leg. & Proph. l. 1. c. 19, 20.*

RHEM. 2 — 8 Not worthy.] Orig. hom. 5. in divers. *When thou eatest (saith he) and drinkest the body and blood of our Lord, he entreth under thy roofe. Thou also therefore humbling thy selfe, say: Lord I am not worthy, &c. So saith* *S. Chrysostome *his Masse, and so doth the Catholike Church use at this day in every Masse. See S. Aug. ep. 118. ad Ianu.* * Liturg. S. Iacob. Greec. Sab. Domine, non sum dignus.

FVLKE 2 Transubstantiation. — The body and blood of Christ, is to be received with all humility and reverence: yet not imagining transubstantiation. For that materiall part of the Sacrament, which entreth into the mouth, Origen saith, it goeth the way of all meats, in *Matth. 15. Chrysostomes* Liturgie was made long after *Chrysostomes* time, as appeareth by a prayer for the Emperour *Alexius*, in whose dayes it was made. *Augustine ep. 118.* useth the example of the Centurion, to shew that neither they that receive the Sacrament dayly, nor they that receive it seldome, dishonour the body of Christ, having either of them their severall reasons, as *Zacheus*, which received our Saviour Christ into his house ioyfully, and the Centurion, who acknowledged, that he was unworthy to receive him under his roofe.

RHEM. 3 — 14 His wives mother.] *Of Peter specially among the rest it is evident that he had a wife, but (as S. Hieroume saith) after they were called to be Apostles, they had no more carnall company with their wives, as he proveth there by the very words of our Saviour, *He that hath left wife, &c. And so in the Latine Church hath been alwayes used, that married men may be and are daily made Priests, either after the death of the wife, or with her consent to live in perpetuall continencie. And if the Greekes have Priests, that doe otherwise, S. Epiphanius a Greeke Doctor telleth them that they doe it against the ancient Canons, and * Paphnutius plainely signifieth the same in the first Councell of Nice. But this is most plaine, that there was never either in the Greek Church or the Latine, authentik example of any that married after holy Orders.* Priests marriage. Lib. 1. ad vxor. cap. 4. Marth. 19. Epiph. haer. * cap. 22. Socrat. l. 5. c. 8.

FVLKE 3 — S. *Hieroume* against *Iouinian*, hath many feeble arguments, among which this is one, that the Apostles had no carnall copulation with their wives, because Christ saith, *He that hath left wife, &c. Mat. 19. 29.* For our Saviour Christ speaketh of none other forsaking of wives, then is necessary for all married men, to leave their wives as well as their parents, children, brethren, houses, lands, namely in carnall affection, or worldly love, not in lawfull use. And *Clement Alexandrinus* much ancienter then *Hieroume*, and nearer the Apostles times, saith, *that* Peter *and* Philip *beget sonnes, and* Philip *gave his daughters in marriage. Stromat lib. 3. Euseb. Eccles. hist. lib. 3. c. 30. Euisse* (Petrus) *uxorem & prolem habuit.* And by whom had *Peter* his daughter *Petronilla?* of whom the Popish Legends write much holinesse, if not by companying with his owne wife, and that since he was an Apostle, and had the surname of *Peter*; which her age also doth argue: for she was so yong in the time of the persecution of *Domitian* the Emperour, that *Flaccus* the Consul, desired to have her in marriage, whereas if she had beene borne before *Peters* calling to the Apostleship, she should have beene almost threescore yeeres old at that time. In the Romish Church where Antichrist was to have his seate, the mysterie of iniquity begin to worke, and shew it selfe in prohibition of marriage somewhat timely: yet are you not able to prove, that none but such as professed continencie, were in the Latine Church ever admitted to the ministery. *Tertullian* was a married man in the ministery, without any such profession of continencie, as appeareth by his bookes written to his wife. Where, in the first hee exhorteth her, after his departure, not to marry againe. In the second, that if the infirmity of her body was such, as shee must needes marry, that shee marry not an Infidell. This exhortation had beene needlesse, if shee had already professed continencie: neither needed *Tertullian* to have set before her the example of many other, that in marriage, by consent, tooke away the debt of marriage, to perswade her, that she might be able, if she would endeavour, to live unmarried. And if he, before he entred into Ecclesiasticall order, with her consent, had promised perpetuall continencie; shee should have had experience in her selfe in her younger time, how able she was to live without the use of an husband. But *Epiphanius* (you say) *telleth the Greeke Priests, that they doe against the ancient Canons, which keepe company with their wives*: yet doth he confesse immediately, that those Canons were not kept in his time. But where you adde, that *Paphnutius* in the first Councell of *Nice*, doth plainely signifie the same, it is false. For *Socrates* thus writeth of the matter, *Iubente nullo cautum est, &c. It pleased the Bishops to bring in a new law into the Church, that those that were dedicated to the holy ministery, namely, Bishops, Priests, or Elders and Deacons, should not keepe with their wives which they had married when they were Lay-men: and after they had consulted of this matter, Paphnutius stood up in the midst of the company of Bishops, and cryed out aloud, that they should not lay so heavy yoke upon the men dedicated to the holy ministery, saying, that the bed was honourable, and the Matrimony undefiled, lest with too much precisenesse, they should rather hurt the Church: for all men could not beare the exercise of continencie, and peradventure chastitie should not be kept of every ones wife: and he called the company with a mans lawfull wife, chastity. That it was sufficient, that they which had obtained Clergie before marriage, should not cease to marriage any more, according to the ancient tradition of the Church, but that no man should be separated from her, whom he had married being a Lay-man.* The very same in substance reporteth *Sozomen*. And *Clemens* affirmeth, that the Apostle alloweth the husband of one wife, whether hee bee Priest, or Deacon, or Lay-man, *using Matrimony without reprehension, Stromat. lib. 3. But there was never any example authenticall* (you say) *of any that married after holy Orders.* Of examples, I suppose you doubt not but that there were many, which tooke wives after they were made Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, because in the later Councels, there be so many Canons to punish them that so married, and to prohibite them to marry. And certaine it is by stories, and other monuments of antiquity, that in England Priests did marry commonly, even after the decree made against it, by *Lanfrancus* Archbishop of *Canterbury* in a Synode holden at *Winchester, Anno Dom. 1076.* For *Gerardus* Archbishop of *Yorke*, writing to *Anselmus* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, certifieth him, that those whom he invited to take Orders, would not consent in their ordination, to professe chastity, that is, not to marry, as the Decree of *Lanfrancus* required. But these examples, you will say, were not authenticall, because they were against the ancient tradition of the Church, alledged even by *Paphnutius*, and against the Canons of so many Councels. Whereunto I reply, that seeing they were to bee warranted by the word of God, no tradition or decree of men, can make that unlawfull, which by Gods word is not onely at liberty, but also commanded, namely, that *to avoid fornication let every man have his wife, and if they cannot containe let them marry*, and of virginity, and continencie, there is no commandement of the Lord, but every man may use the liberty that God hath given, yea though hee hath the gift of continencie. And therefore

Marriage of Priests. Anselm. l. 2. c. 8. Ansel. l. 3. c. 4. Tolet. l. 2. c. 7. Conc. 6. c. 6. Lib. 1. ad vxor. 1 Cor. 7. 2. 2 Cor. 7. 9. 1 Cor. 7. and 25.

therefore S. *Paul* being unmarried, affirmeth that it was lawfull for him to leade about with him a sister to wife, as the rest of the Apostles did, even the Lords brethren and Cephas: *Ergo* it was lawfull for Priests to be married, being an Apostle. The liberty therefore given by God to all, and the commendation of Continency to them which have not the gift of continencie) to marry, doth make the examples of them that married after holy orders taken, in the account of God, and all that be godly, to be authenticall. And although *Pope* counteth the tradition of the Church ancient, by which they were prohibited to marry, that were not married before they were ordained: yet it appeareth by *Tertullian*, that it was not so ancient as his time. For in his booke of *Monogamie* against second marriages, written when he was an Heretike, he derideth the Catholike Bishops, which thought it lawfull for them to marry againe, when their first wife was dead, perverting the meaning of S. *Pauls* words, which saith, *A Bishop must be the husband of one wife*, to the maintenance of his heresie, as the Papists doe: *He saith the holy Ghost foresaw there should come some that would affirme all things to be lawfull for Bishops: For how many are there among you* (saith he) *that governe the Church, which have married the second time; insulting against the Apostle, and not blushing, when these words are read under them.* This place sheweth, that that which was thought unlawfull by the Heretike, was counted lawfull and authenticall by the Catholike Church. Long after *Tertullians* time, was the *Ancyran* Councell, where the tenth Canon decreeth thus: *That whosoever being ordained Deacons at the time of their ordination, doe protest and say, that they must marry, because they cannot remaine unmarried: if they marry afterward, let them continue in the ministery because the Bishop hath granted them so to doe.* This Canon testifieth of many authenticall examples of them that married, and might marry, after holy orders taken. Moreover, in the dayes of *Julian* the Apostata we reade, that *Basilius* a Priest or Elder of the Church of *Ancyra*, and *Eupsychius* of *Cesarea* of *Cappadocia*, which had lately taken to wife a Gentlewoman, and was but even as a Bridegroome, ended their lives by martyrdome, *Sozom. lib.5.c.11.& hist.Tripartit lib.6.cap.14.* And many hundred yeeres after this, *Balsamon* maketh mention of a constitution of *Leo* the Emperour, by which it appeareth that there was a custome in his time, that those which had taken holy orders might marry lawfull wives, within two yeeres after their ordination, *Balsa. in Can. 10. Conc. Ancyr.* So long the authority of Gods word in the Greeke Church, prevailed against the Decrees of men, and in the Church of England much longer, untill within these foure or five hundred yeeres at the most.

1 Cor.9.5.

RHEM. 23 Let the dead.] *By this we see, that not only no worldly or carnall respect, but no* other laudable duty toward our parents; ought to stay us from following Christ, and chusing a life of greater perfection.*

FULKE * If Christ call us, else not.

26 He commanded.] *The Church* (here signified by the boat or ship) *and Catholikes, are often tossed with stormes of persecution, but Christ who seemed to sleep in the meane time, by the Churches prayers awaketh, & maketh a calme.*

CHAP. IX.

The Maisters of the Iewes be confuted both with reasons and miracles, 2 defending his remitting of sinnes, 9 his eating with sinners, 14 and his condescending unto his weake Disciples untill he have made them stronger, 18 shewing also in two miracles, the order of his providence about the Iewes and Gentiles; leaving the one when he confuted the other. 27 He cureth two blinde men, and one possessed. 35 And having with so many miracles together confuted his enemies, and yet they worse and worse, upon pity toward the people, he biddeth of seeking true Pastors unto them.

The Gospel upon the 18. Sunday after *pentecost*. Marke 2.3. luke 5.18. ‡ We see that the faith of one helpeth to obtaine for another.

AND entring into a boat, hee passed over the water, and came into his owne city.

2 And, *behold they brought to him one sicke of the palsey lying in bed. And IESVS ‡ seeing their faith, said to the sicke of the palsey, Have a good heart sonne, thy sinnes are forgiven thee.

3 And behold certaine of the Scribes said within themselves, || He blasphemeth.

4 And IESVS seeing their thoughts, said, Wherefore thinke you evill in your hearts?

5 ||Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Arise and walke?

6 But that you may know that the ||Sonne of man hath power in earth to forgive sinnes, (then said he to the sicke of the palsey) Arise, take up thy bed, and goe into thy house.

7 And he arose, and went into his house.

8 And the multitudes seeing it, were afraid, and || glorified God that gave such power to men.

The Gospel upon S. *Matthewes day*. Marke 2. 14. luke 5.27.

9 And * when IESVS passed forth from thence, he saw a man sitting in the custome house, named Matthew: And he saith to him, Follow me. And he arose up, & followed him.

10 And it came to passe as he was sitting at meat in the house, behold many Publicans and sinners came, and sate down with IESVS and his Disciples.

11 And the Pharisees seeing it, said to his Disciples: why doth your master eat with Publicanes and sinners?

12 But

AND he entred into a ship, and passed over, and came into his owne city.

Marke 2.3. luke 5.24.

2 ** And behold they brought to him a man sicke of the palsey, lying in a bed: and when Iesus saw the faith of them, he said unto the sicke of the palsey, Sonne be of good cheare, thy sinnes be forgiven thee.*

3 *And behold, certaine of the Scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.*

4 *And when Iesus saw their thoughts, he said, Wherefore thinke yee evill in your hearts?*

5 *Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee: or to say, Arise and walke?*

6 *But that ye may know that the Sonne of man hath power to forgive sins in earth. (Then said he to the sicke of the palsey) Arise, take up thy bed, and goe into thine house.*

7 *And he arose, and departed to his house.*

8 *But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.*

Marke 2.14. luke 5.27.

9 ** And as Iesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the receit of custome: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.*

10 *And it came to passe, as Iesus sate at meat in his house, behold, many Publicanes also and sinners came and sate downe with Iesus and his Disciples.*

11 *And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his Disciples, Why eateth your Master with Publicanes and sinners?*

12 *But*

Os.6.6. Mat.2.18. Luke 5.33.

14 Then * came to him the Disciples of Iohn, saying, Why doe we and the Pharisees || fast often, but thy Disciples doe not fast?

15 And IESVS said to them, Can the children of the Bridegroome mourne, as long as the Bridegroome is with them? but the dayes will come when the Bridegroome shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast.

16 And no man putteth a peece of new cloth to an old garment. For he taketh away the pieces therof from the garment, and there is made a greater rent.

17 Neither doe they || put new wine into old bottels. Otherwise the bottels breake, and the wine runneth out, and the bottels perish. But new wine they put into new bottels: and both are preserved together.

The Gospell upon the 23. Sunday after Pentecost. Mat.5.22. Luk.8.41.

18 * As he was speaking this unto them, behold a certaine Governour approched, and adored him, saying, Lord, my daughter is even now dead: but come, lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And IESVS rising up followed him, and his Disciples.

20 And behold a woman which was troubled with an issue of blood || twelve yeeres, came behinde him, and touched the hemme of his garment.

21 For she said within her selfe, If I shall || touch onely his garment: I shall be safe.

22 But IESVS turning and seeing her, said, Have a good heart daughter, ‡ thy faith hath made thee safe. And the woman became whole from that houre.

23 And when IESVS was come into the house of the Governour, and saw minstrels and the multitude keeping a stirre,

24 He said, Depart: for the wench is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorne.

25 And when the multitude was put forth, he entred in, and held her hand. And the maid arose.

26 And this bruit went forth into all that countrey.

27 And as IESVS passed forth from thence, there followed him two blind men crying, & saying, Have mercy on us, O Sonne of David.

28 And when he was come to the house, the blinde came to him, And IESVS saith to them, ||Doe you beleeve, that I can doe this unto you? They say to him, Yea Lord.

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it done to you.

30 And their eyes were opened, and IESVS threatned them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But

Os.6.6. Mat.2.18. Luke 5.33.

14 *Then * came to him the Disciples of Iohn, saying, Why doe we and the Pharisees || fast often, but thy Disciples doe not fast?*

15 *And Iesus said unto them, Can the children of the Bride-chamber mourne, as long as the Bridegroome is with them? but the dayes will come when the Bridegroome shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.*

† Or, sewed

16 *No man putteth a piece of † new cloth into an old garment, for then the piece taketh away something from the garment, and the rent is made worse.*

17 *Neither doe men put new wine into old bottels: els the bottels breake, and the wine runneth out, and the bottels will perish: but they put new wine into new bottels, and both are preserved together.*

Mark.5.22. Luke. 8.41.

18 **While he spake these things unto them, behold there came a certain Ruler of the Synagogue and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come, and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.*

19 *And Iesus arose, and followed him, and so did his Disciples.*

20 *(And behold, a woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve yeeres, came behinde him, and touched the hemme of his vesture.*

21 *For she said within her selfe, If I may touch but even his vesture onely, I shall be safe.*

22 *But Iesus when he had turned him about and saw her, said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee safe. And the woman was made whole from that houre.)*

23 *And when Iesus came into the Rulers house of the Synagogue, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,*

24 *He said unto them, Give place, for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorne.*

25 *But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.*

26 *And the fame of this went abroad into all that land.*

27 *And when Iesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, O thou Sonne of David, have mercy on us.*

28 *And when he was come into the house, the blinde men came unto him: and Iesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to doe this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.*

29 *Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you.*

30 *And their eyes were opened: and Iesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.*

31 *But*

...st. But they went forth, and published [it] in all that country.

Mark 12. 22. 32 And when they were gone out, behold, they brought vnto him a dumbe man, possessed with a devill.

33 And after the devill was cast out, the dumbe man spake, and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seene in Israel.

34 But the * Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the Prince of the devils.

2. 24.

35 And Iesvs went about all the cities, and townes, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdome, and curing every disease, and every infirmity.

36 And seeing the multitudes, he pitied them: because they were vexed, and lay like sheepe that have not a shepherd.

37 Then hee saith to his Disciples, The harvest surely is great, but the workemen are few.

38 || Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth workemen into his harvest.

31 Then they which were entered [in] stood about [him] saying, Behold, my mother and my brethren stand without, desiring to speake with thee.

32 And he answered and said vnto them, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

33 And when he had looked round about on them which sate about him, he said, Behold my mother and my brethren.

34 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

March. 12. 24. Matthe 5.22. Luke 11. 17. Marke 6.6. Luke 13.22.

Marke 6.34.

36 *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they were destitute, and scattered abroad, as sheepe having no shepherd.

Luke 10.2. Iohn 4.36.

37 Then saith he vnto his Disciples, *The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will thrust forth labourers into his harvest.

MARGINALL NOTES.

RHEM. 1 15 Then they shall.] *Christ signifieth that the Church shall vse fasting dayes after his Ascension.* Epiphan. in Comp. fid Cath. Aug. Epist. 80.

Popish fasting dayes.

FVLKE 1 Neither *Epiphanius* nor *Augustine*, speake of Popish fasting dayes, which consist in abstinence from flesh: But *Epiphanius* saith, the Apostles appointed the Wednesday and Friday, to be fasting dayes, (how truly, let the Papists themselves judge) and that on those dayes, the fasting was appointed untill the ninth houre of the day, which is three houres before night. *Augustine Epi.* 86. acknowledgeth fasting, but no certaine fasting dayes, otherwise then the custome of every Church required, according to the answere of S. *Ambrose* made vnto him concerning fasting on Saturday, which was observed at Rome, but not at Millaine.

RHEM. 2 22 Thy faith hath.] *Loe her devotion to the hemme of his garment, was not superstition, but a token of greater faith: so is the devout touching of holy reliques.*

Superstitious touching of reliques.

FVLKE 2 She had no devotion to the hemme of his garment, but because she was kept off by the preasse, so that shee could not come neere to desire his aid, as others did, she said within her selfe: If I shall but onely touch the hemme of his garment, &c. But the Popish touching of reliques, which neither have any vertue in them, nor any promise of God annexed to the touching of them, for health either of body or soule, cannot be excused from superstition. And this is a very blunt comparison of reliques of dead men, with the presence of the Sonne of God: who was willing to shew his divine power by his word onely, or by outward signes of touching with his hand, or touching his garment, or anointing with oyle, or making of clay with his spettle, and such like; as it pleased him in healing mens bodies. By what word of God are we certified that he will doe the like, yea grant spirituall holinesse, by touching of reliques? If we have not Gods word, what faith can we have, but a superstitious credulity?

Mat. 14.36. marc. 6.13. Iohn 4.9.

RHEM. 3 34 In the Prince.] *In like manner say the Heretikes, calling all miracles done in the Catholike Church, the lying signes of Antichrist.*

Popish miracles.

FVLKE 3 The miracles said to be done in the Popish Church, are counterfeit fables for the most part, rather then illusions of devils, as hath beene proved by many experiences, and yet are they false or lying signes of Antichrist. The divine power of Christ, was manifest in casting out of devils.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 4 3 He blasphemeth.] *When the Iewes heard Christ remit sinnes, they charged him with blasphemy, as Heretikes now charge his priests of the new Testament, for that they remit sinnes: to whom he said,* Whose sinnes you shall forgive, they are forgiven, &c. *Iob.* 20.

Remission of sinne.

FVLKE 4 The Ministers of the new Testament, have authority to forgive sinnes, and to retaine them, by declaring herein the will of God, as his ambassadours and messengers. The Iewes charged our Saviour Christ with blasphemy, because they acknowledged not his divinity. For the Priests in the Law, were also Ministers, not authors of forgiveneese of sinnes, whereof they were not ignorant.

RHEM. 5 5 Whether is easier.] *The fairthlesse Iewes thought as Heretikes now adayes, that to forgive sinnes was so proper to God, that it could not be communicated vnto man: but Christ sheweth that as to worke miracles is otherwise proper to God onely, and yet this power is communicated to men, so also to forgive sinnes.*

Men have power to forgive sinnes.

FVLKE 5 *Chrysostome* saith, *He did not refute their opinion which said it was proper onely to God to forgive sinnes, but did approve it. For if he had not beene equall vnto his Father, he would have said: Surely you iudge rightly, I am farre from that so great power, but now he saith no such thing, but contrariwise affirmeth it both by word and fact. So because it is vnpleasant to the hearers, that any man should speake openly of himselfe: by the workes of the man, and by a signe or miracle, he sheweth that he is God equall to his Father,* And so forth in *Mat. Ho.* 30. S. *Hilarie* is of the same judgement, saying, *Marvel Scribes, &c. It moveth the Scribes, that sin should be forgiven by a man: for they beheld in Iesu Christ onely a man, and that to be forgiven by him, which the Law could not release. For faith only iustifieth. Afterward the Lord looketh into their murmuring, and saith: that it is easie for the Sonne of man on earth to forgive sinnes. For it is true, no man can remit sinnes but God onely, therefore he which remitteth sinnes is God, because no man forgiveth sinnes but God,* In Mat. Can. 8. S. *Ambrose* is worthy to be heard in the same case,

Christ forgave sinnes as God. Matth. 14.30.

Fides enim sola iustificat.

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RHEM. 6 [illegible]

FVLKE 6 [illegible]

RHEM. 7 8 Glorified.] *The faithfull people did glorifie God that gave such power vnto men for to remit sinnes and to the minister, knowing that that which God communicateth vnto men, is not to his derogation, but to his glory, himselfe only being still the principall worker of that effect, men being onely his ministers, subalternes, and working vnder him, and by his commission and authority.*

FVLKE 7 Let [illegible] vpon these words of the text. *Conclusa sunt omnia sub ordine, &c. All things are concluded* Remission of sinnes. *in their order, and since the feare of departure ceasing, honour is rendred to God, because he hath given so great power vnto men, but this was but onely to Christ, it was peculiar to him onely, to doe these things, by the communion or participation of his Fathers substance. Therefore this is not to be marvelled, that he can doe these things, (for what shall not God be intreated to be able to doe?) or elsse the praise should have beene of one man, not of many, but hereof is the cause of the honour given to God, because power is given to men, by this way through his word, both of remission of sinnes; and of resurrection of the body, and of returning into heaven.* In these words S. *Hilarie* sheweth what is proper to Christ as God, and what is granted to his ministers, to preach and declare by his word. That which is proper to the Divinity, cannot be communicated to any creature. Such is the absolute power to forgive sinnes, which are committed against the Law of God, and therefore proper onely to God. The authority, which God hath given to men, to assure the faithfull penitent, of remission of sinnes, nothing derogateth from the glory of God, but greatly setteth forth the glory of his mercy.

RHEM. 8 8 To men.] *Not onely Christ as he was man, had power to forgive sins, but by him and from him the Apostles,* Rem. 6. — sinnes. *and consequently Priests,* Mat. 18. All power is given me, Mat. 18. Whatsoever you shall loose in earth, shall be loosed in heaven, Ioan. 20. Whose sinnes you shall forgive, they are forgiven.

FVLKE 8 Christ gave power to his Apostles, and the ministers of the Church to forgive sinnes, not absolutely and properly, as God forgiveth, but to be witnesses and ministers of Gods forgivenesse: whereof S. *Ambrose* saith, *Quamvis enim mysterium sit, &c. Although it be a great matter to forgive sinnes vnto man, (for who can forgive sinnes but onely God, who also forgiveth by them, to whom he hath given the power of forgiving) yet is it a much more desirable thing to give resurrection to the bodies.* Thus you see that Fathers judgement, that man when he forgiveth sinnes, by power granted of God, doth not forgive properly, but God, to whom it is proper to forgive sinnes, forgiveth by man.

RHEM. 13 Not [sacrifice.] *These are the words of the Prophet, who spake these thus vnto them when sacrifices were offered by Gods Commandement: for that is nothing out against sacrifice, but he saith that sacrifice onely without mercy and charity, and generally with wanting all fruit, is not acceptable. The Iewes offered their sacrifices duly, but in the meane time they had no pity nor mercy on their brethren: that is it which God misliketh.* Externall Sacrifice.

14 Fast often.] *By the often fasting of his Disciples, we may easily gather that he appointed them a prescript manner of fasting: as it is contained he taught them a forme of prayer,* Luke 5. and 18. Fasting.

17 New wine.] *By this new wine, he doth plainely here signifie fasting and the stricter kinde of life: by the old bottles, them that cannot away therewith.*

19 Twelve yeeres.] *This woman a Gentile had her disease twelve yeeres, and the Governours daughter a Iew (which is here raised to life) was twelve yeeres old,* Luc. 8. *Marke then the allegory hereof in the Iewes and Gentiles. As that woman fell sicke when the wench was borne, so the Gentiles went their owne wayes into idolatry, when the Iewes in Abraham believed. Against as Christ here went to raise the wench, and by the way the woman was first healed, and then the wench revived: so Christ came to the Iewes, but the Gentiles believed first and were saved, and in the end the Iewes shall believe also,* Hierom. in Mat.

RHEM. 9 21 Touch onely.] *Not only Christs words, but his garment and touch thereof or any thing belonging to him might doe and did miracles, force proceeding from his holy person to them. For this woman returning home set up an Image of Christ, for memory of this benefit, and the occasion of this same Image did also miracles. This Image Iulian the Apostata threw downe, and set up his owne in stead thereof, which was immediatly destroyed by fire from heaven. But the Image of Christ broken in pieces by the Heathen, the Christians afterward gathering the pieces together, placed it in the Church: where it was (as* Sozomenus *writeth) vnto this time.* Reliques and Images. Matth. 17. c. 14. Luc. 8. c. 20. Reliques.

FVLKE 9 Christ by his word, and without his word, by outward signes, and without any at all, did only worke miracles, and the force or vertue did not proceed into his garment, but immediately from him selfe: Therefore Christ said not, there is vertue proceeded from my garments, but there is vertue proceeded from me, Luke 8. 46. There was no vertue in his garments, when the foulditers parted them among them: nor while he were them, for the people that thronged him, received no benefit by them, but the onely, and they that touched him by faith. Now concerning the Image that this woman is said to have set up: *Eusebius* reporteth the story, not of his owne knowledge, but of hearesay. That in *Cæsarea Philippi*, where this woman dwelled, over against her doore, upon an high stone, was a brazen Image of a woman kneeling, and holding up her hands, as though she made an humble suit: over against which there was another brazen Image of a man, which was said to be of Christ, reaching his hand to the woman, at whose feet upon the same pillar, a strange kinde of herbe did spring, which when it came up to the hemme of his brazen garment, it was a medicine for all diseases. This Image *Eusebius* confesseth to have remained vnto his time, as was testified by them that travelled to that city, and saw it. But of the miraculous herbe, how true it is, he saith not. Now what his judgement was of them that did set up this Image, he declareth in these words: *Si Semonis, &c.* And it is not to be marvelled, that those of the Gentiles, which received benefits of our Saviour of old time, did these things, seeing we have seene the images of his Apostles Paul and Peter, yea and of Christ himselfe preserved, being painted in Images. Lib. 7. cap. 18.

to whom, &c.] Here we have that to the apostles alone it was granted only what faith, that he is able, &c. Such doubts not sufficient to hinder them. How then doe the papists by this and like places prove the [illegible] 5. 36.

LUKE 10 No wise or learned man shall find in this place, for justification by faith onely, this is therefore a popish slander. In the place no more you shall see more.

1 HEM. 11 38 Pray therefore.] Here we see that the Church pray and fast in the Imberdayes, when holy Orders are given, LUKE 11 that is, when workmen are prepared to be sent into the harvest. See Act. 13.2.

Christ biddeth not his Disciples pray and fast in the Imber dayes, but to pray continually, not that lordly Imber dayes. priests should be sent forth to say Masse, but that learned Pastors might be raised up of God, to gather in his harvest, by preaching the Gospel. And at the ordination of Ministers of the Church, whensoeuer it be, the Church assembled prayeth to God for them that are called, that they may be faithfull and diligent in their calling.

CHAP. X.

He giveth to the twelve power of Miracles, and so sendeth them to the lost sheepe of the Iewes, 5 with instruction accordingly: 10 and by occasion of the sending, foretelleth of the persecutions after his ascension, arming them and all other against the same, 40 and also exhorting the people to harbour his servants in such times of persecution.

Mat.3,15.6,7. Luc.6,13.9,1. AND having called his twelve Disciples together, *he gave them ||power over uncleane spirits, that they should cast them out, and should cure all manner of disease, and all manner of infirmitie.

2 And the names of the twelve Apostles be these: the || first, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother,

3 Iames of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother, Philip and Barthlemew, Thomas and Matthew the Publican, and Iames of Alphæus, and Thaddæus,

4 Simon Cananæus, and Iudas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve did IESVS send: commanding them, saying, Into the way of the ‡ Gentiles goe ye not, and into the cities of the Samaritanes enter ye not:

‡ They have here commission to preach only in Israel: the time being not yet come to call the Gentiles.

6 But goe rather to the sheepe that are perished of the house of Israel.

7 And going preach, saying, That the kingdome of heaven is at hand.

8 Cure the sicke, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils: gratis you have received, gratis give ye.

9 Doe not || possesse gold, nor silver, nor money in your purses:

10 Not a scrip for the way, neither two coats, neither shoes, neither rod; for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or towne you shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy: and there tarry till you goe forth.

12 And when ye enter into the house, salute it, saying, || Peace be to this house.

13 And if so bee that house be worthy, your peace shall come upon it; but if it be not worthy: your peace shall returne to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor

Marke 3.15. Luke 9.1. *And* when he had called his twelve Disciples, he gave them power against uncleane spirits, to cast them out, and to heale all manner of sicknesse, and all manner of disease.

2 The names of the twelve Apostles are these: The first, Simon, which is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, Iames the sonne of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother:

3 Philip, and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew, which had beene a Publicane, Iames the sonne of Alphæ, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddæus:

4 Simon the Cananite, and Iudas Iscariot which also betrayed him.

5 Iesus sent forth these twelve, when he had commanded them, saying, Goe not into the way of the Gentiles, and into the city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Act. 13.46. 6 * But goe rather to the lost sheepe of the house of Israel.

Luke 10.9. 7 As ye go, preach, saying, *The kingdome of heaven is at hand.

8 Heale the sicke, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Marke 6. 8. Luke 9. 3. and 22.35. 9 * Possesse not gold, nor silver, nor brasse, in your purses:

1 Tim.5.18. Luke 10.7. 10 Nor scrip towards your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet a staffe: (* For the workman is worthy of his meat.)

Luke 10.8. 11 *But to whatsoever city or towne ye shall come, enquire who is worthy in it: and there abide, till ye goe thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute the same.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace returne to you againe.

Marke 6.11. act.13.51. 14 *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor will

heare your words, goe out of the house or of that city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of the Sodomites and Gomorrhites in the day of judgement, than for that city.

The Gospel upon S. Athanasius day, May 2. Luc.6.40. 16 Behold, I send you as sheepe in the middle of wolves. Be ye therefore ‡ wise as serpents, and simple as doves.

17 And take heed of men. For they will deliver you up in Councels, and in their synagogues they will scourge you.

Preachers, Bishops & priests both be scattered in Christian & Papistical countries. 18 And to Presidents and || to Kings shall you be led for my sake, in testimony to them and the Gentiles.

Marke 13.11. Luke 12.11. 19 But when they shall deliver you up, *take no thought how or what to speake: || it shall be given you in that houre what to speake.

20 For it is not you that speake, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.

Luke 21.16. 21 * The brother also shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the son: and the children shall rise up against the parents, and shall worke their death.

22 And you shall be odious to all men for my name, but he that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved.

The Gospell upon S. Athanasius day, May 2. 23 And when they shall persecute you in this city, flee into another. Amen I say to you, you shal not finish all the cities of Israel, till the Sonne of man come.

Luc.6.40. 24 * The Disciple is not above the master, nor the servant above his Lord.

25 It sufficeth the Disciple that he be as his master: & the servant as his lord. If they have called the goodman of the house Beel-zebub, || how much more them of his household?

26 Therefore feare ye not them: For nothing is hid, that shall not be revealed: and secret, that shall not be knowne.

‡ A godly comfort for Christians and Catholike-like all good men, in the persecutions of Turkes, of Heluetikes, of all wicked men. 27 That which I speake to you in the darke, speake ye in the light: and that which you heare in the eare, preach yee upon the house tops.

28 And ‡ feare ye not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soule: but rather feare him that can destroy both soule and body into hell.

Mat. 8, 38. Luc.9.26. 12,8. 29 Are not two sparrowes sold for a farthing: and not one of them shall fall upon the ground without your father?

30 But your very haires of the head are all numbred.

31 Feare not therefore: better are you then many sparrowes.

32 *Every one therefore that shall || confesse me before men, I also will confesse him before my father which is in heaven.

33 But he that shall deny me before men, I also will deny him before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Doe

Luke 10.3. 16 * Behold I send you as sheepe in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore prudent as serpents, and harmelesse as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they shall deliver you up to their Councels, and shall scourge you in their Synagogues.

† That this may be 2 Tim. 4.16. &c. Marke 13. 11. Luke 12.11. 18 And ye shall be brought before Rulers and Kings for my sake, † for a testimony against them and to the Gentiles.

19 But when they shall deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speake: for it shall be given you in that same houre what ye shall speake.

20 For it is not ye that speake, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 The brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the sonne: and the children shall rise up against their fathers and mothers, and shall put them to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my Names sake: * but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Mat.13.13. Luke 21.9.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, ye shall not end all the cities of Israel, till the Sonne of man be come.

Luke 6.40. 24 * The Disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the Disciple that he be as his master is, and the servant as his lord is. * If they have called the Lord of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Mark 13. 34.

26 Feare them not therefore: * for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed: and hid, that shall not be known. Mark 4.20. Luke 8. 17. and 12.2.

27 What I tell you in darkenesse, that speake ye in light: and what ye heare in the eare, that preach ye on the houses.

Luke 12.4. 28 * And feare ye not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soule: But rather feare him which is able to destroy both soule and body in hell.

29 Are not two little sparrowes sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not light on the ground without your Father.

2 Reg. 14. 11. acts 27.34. 30 * Yea, even all the haires of your head are numbred.

31 Feare ye not therefore, ye are of more value then many sparrowes.

Mat.8.38. Luke 9.26. and 12.8. 32 * Every one therefore that shall confesse me before men, him will I confesse also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Do not ye thinke that I came to send peace vpon the earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword.

35 For I came to set a man * at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a mans enemies, they of his owne household.

37 He that loveth father or mother || more then me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth sonne or daughter above me, is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his crosse, and followeth me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that hath found his life, shall lose it: & he that hath lost his life for me, shall find it.

40 * He that receiveth you, receiveth me: and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a Prophet || in the name of a Prophet, shall receive the reward of a Prophet, and he that receiveth a ‡ just man in the name of a just man, shall receive the reward of a just man.

42 And * whosoever shall give drinke to one of these little ones a cup of cold water, only in the name of a Disciple, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

Luke 12.51. Mich. 7.6.

Luke 14.26.

Matth. 16. 24. Luke 9.23.

Matth. 16.25. marke 8.35. luke 9.24. iohn 12.25.

Luke 10. 16. iohn 13.20.

Marke 9.41.

‡ The reward for harbouring and helping any blessed just person suffering for his iustice and conscience.

Marke 9.41.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. X.

1 Powre.] *Miracles were so necessary to the confirmation of newe doctrine beginning then to be preached, that not onely Christ himselfe did miracles but also he gaue to his Apostles power to doe them.*

2 First Simon.] Peter *the first not in calling, but in preeminence, for as (S. Ambrose saith in 2 Cor. 12. Andrew was called before Peter: and yet the Primacie Andrew received not; but Peter: which preeminence of S. Peter Aberus thinketh impossible to be plainly proued in this whole Text, by the Iudgement even of Heretikes, that Beza, notwithstanding he confesseth the fondnes of all copies both Latine and Greeke, yet is not ashamed to say that he suspecteth that this word was thrust into the text by some fauourer of Peters Primacie, whereby we learne also that they care no more for the Greeke then for the Latine, when it maketh against them: but at their pleasure say that all is corrupted.*

Peters Primacie. Beza in Annot. noui Test. 1556.

Fvlke 1

S. *Chrisostome* acknowledgeth this Primacie, but not the preeminence of Peter above the other Apostles. For in the place quoted, he saith. that *Paul was not inferiour to the other Apostles that were before him* (among which *Peter* was one) *in dignity, but in time.* And in his booke *De Sacerd. Dom. c. 4.* he teacheth, although that Primacie of *Peter. Primatus confessionis ista non beatus, &c. The Primacie of confession verely not of honour or preeminence, but Primacie of faith, but of degree.* Likewise *De Spir. Sanct. l. 2. c. 2.* he saith, *Paul* was not inferiour to *Peter.* And *In Ep. ad Galat.* he declareth, that *Paul* had the Primacie over the Gentiles, as *Peter* over the Iewes. The first that you say S. Augustine, answered in the confession of your Preface, fol. 49.

Primacie of Peter

Slander.

Rhem.

3 Doe not professe.] *Preachers may not lawfully seeke after the superfluities of this life, in any thing which may be an impediment to their function. And as for necessaries, they deserue their temporall liuing at their hands for whom they labour spiritually.*

Rhem.

4 Peace to this house.] *As Christ himselfe vsed these words of blessing, Peace be to you, so hath he bidden his Apostles say the like to the house where they come. And so it hath been alwayes the vsuall godly vse of Bishops to giue their blessing where they came: which blessing must needs be of great grace and profit when the worthy persons (as here we reade) might take good therof: and when it is neuer lost, but returneth to the giuer, vnless the other party is not worthy of it. Among other spirituall benefits it taketh away veniall sinnes.* Ambr. in 9. Luc.

Bishops blessing.

Rhem. 4. * Aug. de ciuit. li. 22. c. 8. Leo Imp. in vit. S. Chrys. Socrat. l. 6. c. 14.

Fvlke 2

A Catholike answere, that the blessing or godly prayers, as of the Apostles, so also of godly Bishops, and other Ministers of the Church, is gratefully to be esteemed: but the Popish Bishops blessing with his fingers, is not worth a straw, neither doth any ancient Father commend such a blessing. S. *Augustine* saith, that he did others depising from *Aurelius* a godly Bishop, receiued benediction of him, that is, a godly and Christian farewell. *Hist. Sozom. lib. 6. cap. 14.* is no mention of Bishops blessing, but rather of blaming. For *Socrates* reporteth, yet doubting whether it was true, that *Epiphanius* and *Chrysostome* being fallen out, *Chrysostome* should say, *I hope thou shalt neuer come to thy country*; and *Epiphanius* answered, *I hope thou shalt die Bishop?* But whether they said so or no, *Epiphanius* died in the way homewards, and *Chrysostome* was deposed from his Bishoprickle. Happie this storie, maketh little for the Bishops blessing. But it taketh away veniall sinnes (you say) by authority of *Ambrose, In Luc. 9.* But in truth there is neuer a word of the Bishops or of his blessing, or of veniall sinnes, but of the benefit which men receiue by entertaining of Preachers of the Gospel. *Vt non solum pacem, &c. that not onely peace, verum etiam spiritus sancti gratiam, & omnia bona & dulcia & iucunda, &c. but also the grace of the holy Ghost, and all good things, &c. Hæc enim quasi quædam sunt pacis & spiritus sancti & omnium bonorum vocabula, &c. For these are as it were names of peace and of the holy Ghost, and of all good things, &c.* Wherefore if the house be worthy, that is, if the persons to whom the Apostles preached, receiue the faith, then doth their peace remaine vpon them, after the steps of the Apostles preaching is receiued, they and their house receiue great benefit both by the prayers and by the doctrine of the Preachers, if they entertaine it as well as their persons. A poore place, for the Popish Bishops blessing.

Rhem.

Rhem. 3

Fvlke 3

Rhem. 4

Fvlke 4

Rhem.

Rhem. 5

Fvlke 5

Rhem.

Rhem. 6

Fvlke 6

Antichrist.

Confession of Christ and his truth. Act. 5.

Slander. D. Martin. D. Sander. Parry and the rest cyphers.

Merits.

CHAP. XI.

Iohn the Baptist in prison also doing his diligence, sendeth some of his Disciples to Christ: that as they heard & saw they might also see his miracles with their eyes. 7 Afterward Christ declareth how worthy of credit Iohn was in many things: 16 and inueigheth against the Iewes, who with neither of their manners of life could be moued: 20 so nor with Christs infinite miracles: 25 praising Gods wisedome in this behalfe, 27 and calling to himselfe all such as seeke their owne burdens.

AND it came to passe: when Iesvs had made an end of commanding his twelue Disciples, he passed from thence, to teach and preach in their cities.

The Gospel on the second Sunday in Aduent. Luke 7,18.

2 * And when Iohn had heard in prison the workes of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to him,

3 Art thou he that art to come, or looke we for another?

4 And Iesvs making answere said to them, Goe and report to Iohn what you haue heard and seene.

Esa. 35,5. 61,1

5 * The blinde see, the lame walke, the lepers are made cleane, the deafe heare, the dead rise againe, to the poore the Gospel is preached:

6 And

AND it came to passe, that when Iesus had made an end of commanding his twelue Disciples, hee departed thence to teach, and to preach in their cities.

2 *When Iohn had heard in the prison the workes of Christ, he sent two of his Disciples.* Luke 7.18.

3 *And said vnto him, Art thou he that should come? Or, doe we looke for another?*

4 *Iesus answered, and said vnto them, Go, and shew Iohn againe those things which ye doe heare and see.*

5 *The blinde receiue their sight, the halt doe walke, the lepers are cleansed, and the deafe heare, the dead are raised vp, and the poore haue the Gospel preached to them.*

4 And Iesus answering, said vnto them, Goe and shew Iohn againe those things which ye doe heare and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walke: the lepers are cleansed, and the deafe heare: the dead are raised vp, and to the poore the Gospel is preached.

6 And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me.

7 And as they departed, Iesus began to say vnto the people concerning Iohn, What went you out into the wildernesse to see? a reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went you out for to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments, are in Kings houses.

9 But what went you out to see? a Prophet? yea I tell you and more then a Prophet.

10 For this is he of whom it is written, *Behold I send mine Angel before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee.*

11 Amen I say to you, there hath not risen among the borne of women a greater then Iohn the Baptist: yet he that is the lesser in the kingdom of heaven, is greater then he.

12 And *from the daies of Iohn the Baptist untill now, the kingdome of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent beare it away.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied unto Iohn:

14 And if you will receive it, he is *||Elias that is for to come.

15 He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

16 And * whereunto shall I esteeme this generation to be like? It is like to children sitting in the market place: which crying to their companions,

17 Say, we have piped to you, and you have not danced: we have lamented, and you have not mourned.

18 For * Iohn came neither || eating nor drinking: and they say, He hath a devill.

19 The Sonne of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man that is a glutton and a wine-drinker, a friend of Publicanes and sinners. And wisdome is justified of her children.

20 Then * began he to upbraid the cities, wherein were done the most of his miracles, for that they had not done penance.

21 Wo be to thee Corazain, wo be to thee Beth-saida: for if in Tyre and Sidon had beene wrought the miracles that have bin wrought in you, they had done || penance in haire-cloth and ashes long agoe.

22 But nevertheless, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgement, then for you.

23 And thou Capharnaum, shalt thou be exalted up to heaven? thou shalt come downe even unto hell: for if in Sodome had beene wrought the miracles that have beene wrought in thee, perhaps it had remained unto this day.

24 But notwithstanding, I say to you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodome in the day of judgement, then for thee.

25 At

Mal.3.1.

Luke 16.16.

Mal.4.5.

Luke 7.31.

Matth.3.4.

Luke 10.13.

6 *and happy is he whosoever shall not be offended in me.*

7 *And as they departed, Iesus began to say vnto the people concerning Iohn, What went you out into the wildernesse to see? a reed shaken with the wind?*

8 *Or what went you out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that weare soft clothing are in kings houses.*

9 *But what went you out for to see? A Prophet? yea, I say vnto you, and more then a Prophet.*

10 *For this is he of whom it is written: *Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

11 *Verily I say unto you, Among them that are borne of women there hath not risen a greater then Iohn the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is lesse in the kingdome of heaven, is greater then he.*

12 *From the day of Iohn the Baptist, untill now, the kingdome of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent pluck it unto them.*

13 *For all the Prophets and the Law it selfe, prophesied unto Iohn.*

14 *And if ye will receive it, * this is Elias which was for to come.*

15 *He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.*

16 *But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto little children, sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellowes,*

17 *And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced: we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.*

18 *For Iohn came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devill.*

19 *The Sonne of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, and a friend unto Publicanes and sinners: and wisdome was justified of her children.*

20 *Then began he to upbraid the cities, wherein most of his mighty workes were done, because they repented not.*

21 *Woe unto thee Chorazain, woe unto thee Bethsaida: for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had beene done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.*

22 *But I say unto you, It shall be easier for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement, then for you.*

23 *And thou Capernaum, which hast beene lifted up into heaven, shalt be brought downe to hell: For if the mighty workes which have beene done in thee, had been done among them of Sodome, they would have remained until this day.*

24 *But I say unto you, that it shall be easier for the land of Sodome in the day of judgement, then for thee.*

25 *At*

Mal.3.1.

Luke 16.16.

Mal.4.5.

Luke 7.31.

The Gospel upon S. Agnes day Ian. 21. and upon S. Francis day Octob. 4. & for many Martyrs. Luke 10,21.

25 *At that time Iesus answered and said, I confesse to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto little ones.*

26 *Even so, O Father, for so was it thy good pleasure.*

27 *All things are given unto me of my Father: * and no man knoweth the Sonne, but the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Sonne, and he to whomsoever the Sonne will open him.*

28 *Come unto me all ye that labour and are laden, and I will ease you.*

29 *Take my yoke upon you, and learne of me, for I am meeke and lowly in heart: and ye shall finde rest unto your soules.*

30 *For my yoke is easie, and my burden is light.*

25 At that time Iesus answered and said, I confesse to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto little ones.

26 Even so, O Father: for so hath it been well pleasing before thee.

27 All things are delivered me of my Father: And no man knoweth the Sonne but the Father: neither doth any know the Father, but the Sonne, and to whom it shall please the Sonne to reveale.

28 Come ye to me all that labour, and are burdened, and I will refresh you.

29 Take up my yoke upon you, and learne of me, because I am meeke, and humble of heart: and you shall finde rest to your soules.

30 For my || yoke is sweet, and my burden light.

Luke 10.21.

John 3.36. and 6.46.

Iere.6.16.

1 Iohn 5.3.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 3 Are these he,] Iohn himselfe doubted not, for he baptized him, and gave great testimony of him before, Iohn 1. But because his Disciples knew him not, nor offended of him so much as of Iohn their owne Maister, therefore did he send them unto Christ, that by occasion of Christs answere he might the better instruct them what he was, and so make them Christs Disciples, preferring them to a better Maister.

7 What went you out.] High commendations of Iohns holinesse as well for his fasting, rough attire, solitary life and conversation, as for the dignity of his function.

RHEM. 1 7 Into the desert.] The faithfull people in all ages resorted of devotion into the wildernesse to see men of speciall and rare holinesse, Prophets, Ermites, Anchorites, &c. to have their prayers as ghostly counsell. See S. Hierom. de vita Hilarionis. Hieronimi life.

FVLKE 1. When men of rare holinesse, have beene in the wildernesse, (which hath not beene in all ages) men have resorted to them to be partakers of their prayers, and ghostly counsell. But this pertaineth not to Popish Heremites, which dwelled commonly scarce a quarter of a mile from cities and populous townes, nor to Popish Anchorites, which dwelled even in cities and townes, having daily resort unto them, although they came not abroad themselves. Heremites.

RHEM. 2 14 Elias.] As Elias shall be the messenger of Christs latter comming, so was Iohn his messenger and Precursor at his former comming: and therefore is he called Elias, because of his life office and like spirit, Lu.1. Gre.ho.7.in Evan. Elias.

FVLKE 2 The Greeke Participle being of the Preterimperfect tense, as well as of the present, the comming of Elias in person, cannot be proved out of this text, notwithstanding the opinion of Gregorie, and other ancient Writers, which S. Hierom upon this place soundly, but doth not allow. Origen seemeth to be against it, in Matth. tract. 3. and Pamphilus Apologia pro Origine. The like use of this Participle is in this same chapter verse 3. where the sense must needs be, Art thou he which was to come. So it ought to be here, This is Elias which was to come. So doth Erasmus a Papist translate it, Qui venturus erat, in Euthym.

RHEM. 2 18 Having had the devill.] The wicked quarrellers of the world misconster craftily all the actes and life of good men. If they be great fasters and austere livers, they are Hypocrites and counterfait hypocrites: if they converse with as learned in ordinary manner, then they be counted dissolute.

RHEM. 3 21 Penance in sackcloth.] By this sackcloth and ashes added here and in other places, we see evidently that Penance is not onely hearing of former sinnes, and change or amendment of life past, so are here sorrowfulnesse or remembring of our offences already committed, that requireth punishment, and chastisement of our persons by these and such other means, as the Scriptures doe elsewhere set forth: and therefore concerning the word also, it is rather to be called Penance, as in our translation: then (as the adversaries of purpose avoiding the word) Repentance or Amendment of life: and that according to the only usuall signification of the * Greeke word in the most ancient Ecclesiasticall Greeke Writers, who for Penitentes (which in the Primitive Church did publike penance) say it so usually, that no Catholike writer doth ever use any Greeke word, and the penitents comming to confession, use μετανοεῖν, Sozom. lib.7.cap.17. Socrat. lib.5.cap.19. Penance. * Dionys. Eccles. hier. c.3. in mist.

FVLKE 3 Sackcloth and ashes are signes of humiliation (as S. Basil saith) and so helping unto repentance, and therefore pertaineth all chastisement of the body, which the Scripture commendeth, and not to satisfaction for our sinnes. The Greeke word signifieth, change of the minde, and therefore is well translated by us, Repentance and Amendment of life, and is not taken for paine or punishment, as you would import by your terme of penance, which yet if it be rightly understood, is nothing but repentance. Hæc secunda pœnitentia in multis dignis fructibus est: & si forte, inveniamur debitores aliquod peccatum irrepsisse, huius satisfactione purgetur. Satisfactio autem est causas peccatorum & suggestiones excludere, & ultra peccatum non iterare; Isidor. Origen. lib.6. cap.18. In Psal.29. Satisfaction for sinne.

And although Dionyse and other ancient Fathers, have sometimes, and that seldome, used the word μετανοεῖν, by a Metonymie, for the publike exercises, that were appointed for the triall and testimony of repentance, in which rule had openly fallen, yet it followeth not, that the word doth properly signifie so: but as it is in the Scriptures, and of the Greeke Fathers also most commonly taken for true repentance, and conversion of the heart unto God. Neither is confession called μετανοεῖν in the Ecclesiasticall Writers, although they speake of Priests or Elders, that by hearing mens confessions, judged of their repentance, and therefore were called those that were appointed for repentance, Socrat. li.5.cap.19. neither are they that confessed called μετανοοῦντες of their confession, but of their repentance, wherof the humble acknowledging, and confessing of their sinnes, was a testimony unto men, as their confidence was knowne to God. Confession.

RHEM. 4 25 Little ones.] These little ones doeth signifie here onely the unlearned, as though Coblers, and Weavers, and no-

The rod y, whether they be learned or unlearned, doe not ... of their knowledge, but ... of under-
standing ... all ... and the whole Church. ... they have the plaine ... of Gods
word on their side, they may safely be preferred before the authority of all the men of the world, that
the contrary. By that which hath been observed in part, and ... shall be God willing, before we come to
the end of these Annotations, it shall appeare, that the Papists ... much of ... Fathers
and of the Church, doe much more decline from the judgement of the ... Fathers, and ... then we, which may not yeeld to any mans opinion, that is contrary to the plaine ... and word of God.

Standen

The authority of the Scripture.

Ancient Fathers.

30 Yoke sweet.] *What is this light burden and sweet yoke, but his Commandements, of* 1 Epi.5. His commandements are not heavy? *Cease contrary to the adversaries, that say, the* ... *be kept?*

The Commandements possible.

The Law of God is unpossible to be kept, in such perfection as God requireth, and therefore ... can be justified by the workes of the Law, *Gal.*2.16.c.3,11. And yet the yoke of Christ is sweet, ... light, to them whom he easeth and refresheth from the burden of sinne, and his Commandements ... heavy to them, whose faith overcommeth the world, 1 Iohn 5. *per eam (remissionem peccatorum) Christus ... qui laborant & onerati sunt, veniuntur ad se recipit, quibus leve iugum, levemq; sarcinam sua charitate imponit. Fulg. de remiss. peccat. l. 6. c. 4. prop. sen. 222. Omne præceptum Dei leve est omnibus, necesse ob aliud intelligitur dictum, Onus meum leve est, nisi quia dat Spiritum sanctum per quem diffunditur charitas in cordibus nostris, ut diligendo liberaliter faciamus: quod qui timendo facit, serviliter facit.* Paulinus ep. 20. *Nam & ob hoc Dominus noster iugum suave & onus leve est, qui à terrenis nos & inferis levat, & in excelsa regna cælestis attollit.* But if any man can keepe Gods Commandements, he needeth not to come to Christ to be refreshed, he overcommeth by ... stice of workes, and not by faith, he need not say the Lords Prayer, yea Christ died not for such a one.

The Law unpossible to be kept.

CHAP. XII.

The blindnesse of the Pharisees about the Sabbath he reproveth by Scriptures, by reason, and by a miracle. 14 And his death being therefore sought by them, he meekly goeth out of the way, according as Esay had prophesied of him. 22 His casting out of devils also he defendeth against them. 31 And setteth forth the danger they stand in for their horrible blasphemy. 38 And because they aske yet for a signe, he sheweth how worthily they shall be damned. 43 Foretelling how the devill shall possesse their Nation, 46 and testifying, that although he be of their blood, yet not they for this, but such as keepe his Commandements are deare unto him.

AT that time, * Iesvs went thorow the corne on the Sabbath: and his Disciples being hungry, began to plucke the eares, and to eat.

Marke 2.23. Luke 6.1.

AT that time, * *Iesus went on the Sabbath dayes thorow the corne, and his Disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the eares of corne, and to eat.*

Marke 2.23. Luke 6.1. Deut.23.25.

2 And the Pharisees seeing them, said to him, Loe, thy Disciples doe that which is not lawfull for them to doe on the Sabbath daies.

2 *But when the Pharisees saw them, they said unto him, Behold, thy Disciples doe that which is not lawfull to doe upon the Sabbath day.*

3 But he said to them, Have you not read what * David did when he was an hungred, and they that were with him,

1 Reg.21.4.

3 *But he said unto them, Have ye not read* * *what David did when he was an hungred, and they that were with him,*

1 Sam.21.6.

4 How he entred into the house of God, and did eat the loaves of proposition, which it was not lawfull for him to eat, nor for them that were with him, * but for the Priests onely:

Levit.24.9.

4 *How he entred into the house of God, and did eat the Shew-bread, which was not lawfull for him to eat, neither for them which were with him,* * *but onely for the Priests?*

Exod.29.33. Levit.8.31.

5 Or have you not read in the * Law, that on Sabbath dayes the Priests in the Temple prophane the Sabbath, and are blamelesse?

Num.28.9.

5 *Or have ye not read in the* * *Law, how that on the Sabbath dayes the Priests in the Temple, prophane the Sabbath, and are blamelesse?*

Numb.28.9.

6 But I tell you that there is here a greater then the Temple.

6 *But I say unto you, that in this place is one greater then the Temple.*

7 And if you did know what it is, *I will mercy, and not ‡ sacrifice*: you would never have condemned the innocents.

7 *But if ye had known what this meaneth,* * *I will mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltlesse.*

Ose.6.6. ‡ See the Annotation. Chap.9.13.

Ose.6.7.

8 For the Sonne of man is Lord of the Sabbath also.

8 *For the Sonne of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.*

9 And when he had passed from thence, he came into their Synagogue.

9 * *And when he was departed thence, he went into their Synagogue.*

Marke 3.1. luke 6.6.

10 And * behold there was a man which had a withered hand, and they asked him, saying, whether is it lawfull to cure on the Sabbaths? that they might accuse him.

Marke 3.1. Luke 6.6.

10 *And behold, there was a man which had his hand dried up, and they asked him, saying, Is it lawfull to heale on the Sabbath dayes? that they might accuse him.*

11 But he said to them, what man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheepe: and

11 *And he said unto them, What man of you shall there be that shall have one sheepe, and if it fall*

... it ... the same day, will he not lay hold on the same, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better then a sheepe? Therefore it is lawfull to doe well on the Sabbath dayes.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand: and he stretched it forth, and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

15 But when Iesvs knew it, he departed thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all,

16 And charged them that they should not make him knowne:

17 That it might bee fulfilled which was spoken by Esay the Prophet, saying,

18 * Behold my child whom I have chosen, my beloved, in whom my soule hath well delighted: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgement to the Gentiles.

Esa.42.1.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry, neither shall any man heare his voyce in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not breake, and smoking flax shall hee not quench, till hee send forth judgement unto victory.

21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

22 * Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devill, blinde and dumbe: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

Luke 11.14.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this that Sonne of David?

24 * But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the Prince of devils.

Matth. 9.34. Marke 3.22. Luke 11.15.

25 But when Iesus knew their thoughts, he said unto them, Every kingdome devided against it selfe, is brought to desolation: and every city or house devided against it selfe, shall not stand.

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is devided against himselfe: how shall then his kingdome endure?

27 Also if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom doe your children cast them forth? Therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out the devils by the Spirit of God, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

29 Or else, how can one enter into a strong mans house, and spoile his goods, except he first binde the strong man, and then will spoile his house.

30 He that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad.

31 Wherefore I say unto you, * All manner of sinne and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men.

Marke 3.28. Luke 12.10. Iohn 5.13.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Sonne of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither

33 Either † make the tree good, and his fruit good: or make the tree evill, and his fruit evill. For the tree is knowne by his fruit.

34 Ye vipers broode, how can ye (*) speake good things, whereas your selves are evill? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things: and an evill man out of his evill treasure bringeth forth evill things.

36 But I say unto you, That every || idle word that men shall speake, they shall render an account for it in the day of judgement.

37 For of thy words thou shalt be justified, and of thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 Then answered him certaine of the Scribes and Pharisees, saying, Master, wee would see a signe from thee.

39 Who answered and said to them, The wicked and advouterous generation seeketh a signe: and a signe shall not be given it, but the signe of Ionas the Prophet.

40 For as *Ionas was in the Whales belly three dayes and three nights: so shall the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three daies and three nights.

41 The men of Nineveé shall rise in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemne it: because * they did penance at the preaching of Ionas. And behold more then Ionas here.

42 The * Queene of the South shall rise in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemne it: because she came from the ends of the earth to heare the wisedome of Salomon, and behold more then Salomon here.

43 And * when an uncleane spirit shall goe out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth not.

44 Then he saith, I will returne into my house whence I came out. And comming he findeth it vacant, swepe with besoms, and trimmed.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked then himselfe, and they enter in and dwell there: and * the last of that man bee made worse then the first. So shall it be also to this wicked generation.

46 As he was yet speaking to the multitudes, * behold his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speake to him.

47 And one said unto him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking thee.

48 But he answering him that told him, said, || Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?

49 And stretching forth his hand upon his Disciples, he said, Behold my mother and my brethren.

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father,

Luke 6.45.

Math. 16.2. luke 11.29. 1 cor.1.22.

Ionas 2.1.

Ionas 3. 5.

1 King.10.2. 2 chro.9.1.

2 Pet.2.20. heb.6.4.

Marke 3. 31. luke 8.20.

Mark.3. 32. luke 8. 21.

Iohn 15.7.

Gospell on Wednesday the weeke of Lent.

Iohn 2,18.

Iohn 3,5.

3 Reg.10,1.

Luke 11,24.

2 Pet.2,20.

The Gospel upon the day of the seven brethren, &c. July 10. Mar.3,31. Luke,8,20.

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1 — 1 [Sabbath day corne] It is a verie great free will and action, to be a disciple to our Maister, & to follow him, going forth [illegible] Fauncit.

[illegible] Rom.1.16.

[illegible] of the free choice of such as are to be saved, it could not stand. Well of grace, saluation [illegible] she said of herselfe, else it is nothing: unto him &c. In another place I said, He that is not with me, he can worke no good: which is the question plaine to be reached to be placed by our power, where he saith: Neither make the tree good, whether by the good, or make the tree evill, which is not vpon the power of God, which we preach now. For it is [illegible] power to change who will have bad to, but this power is given as all things: it be given of God [illegible] and gave him power to be made the sonnes of God: for [illegible] which we doe, either we are children, nothing [illegible] as much in our power as our will is, [illegible] the power of the Lord, by the power of his grace by giueth power. So is it to be understood which I said afterward: That it is in our power, that we may obtaine, either to be engraffed into the goodnesse of God, or to be cut off by his severity: because it is not in our power, but that is followeth our will, which when it is prepared of the Lord to be strong and able, that worke of piety is easily done, which otherwise was hard, yea impossible. Thus the people may see, how you goe about to delude them, alledging the words of S. Augustine, against his owne judgement and meaning.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 2 FVLKE 2 — 24 In Beel-zebub.] The like blasphemy against the holy Ghost is, to attribute the miracles done by Saints, either dead or alive, to the devill.

Those miracles that are said to be done by Saints, and are alledged to maintaine any doctrine contrary to the truth taught in the holy Scriptures, S. Augustine is bold to call them either the fictions of lying men, or else the workes of deceiuing spirits: for either these things are not true which are said of those miracles, or else if heretikes haue any miracles, we must rather beware of them. This writeth S. Augustine against the Donatists, which were full of lying miracles, but come short by a thousand degrees of the Papists, the members of whose lying miracles are much more, then all the poeticall fables: which all modest Papists will be ashamed to heare of, but these traitours of Rhemes, barking against the truth, are ashamed of nothing.

Miracles. De unit. eccles. cap.16. Legenda aurea. &c. and other such monsters of lying miracles.

RHEM. 30 Not with me.] They that are indifferent to all religions, customably and fitly called Neuters, ioyning themselues to neither part, let them marke these words well, and they shall see, that Christ accounted all them to be against him and his Church, that are not plainely and fully with him and us.

Neuters in religion.

RHEM. 3 30 Gathereth not with me.] He speaketh not onely of his owne person, but of all to whom he hath committed the gouernment of his Church, and specially of the chiefe Pastours succeeding Peter in the gouernment of the whole. As S. Hierome writing to Damasus Pope of Rome, against these words were him, saying of all heretikes: He that gathereth not with me, scattereth: that is to say, He that is not with Christ, is with Antichrist.

Epist.58.

FVLKE 3 — He speaketh of his owne doctrine, by which we must trie all, who gathereth with him, and who not. We may safely gather with [illegible] our governours, or equals, that gather with Christ, and with none other. Neither doth S. Hierome warrant us, that whosoever gathereth with the Bishop of Rome, gathereth with Christ. For that he said to Damasus, was in that respect, that Damasus gathered with Christ, that is, acknowledged the Godhead of Christ, against the Arrians. In this Article of faith, he that gathereth not with the Bishop Damasus, scattereth with the heretikes, and with Antichrist. Note that Damasus succeeded Peter in the gouernment of the whole Church, and in that he is Bishop of Rome, is a rule to be alwayes followed: For the same Hierome that gathered with Damasus, affirming the divinity of Christ, would not have gathered with Liberius, whom he reiecteth to have subscribed to the Arrians, against the divinity of Christ, in Catalo. Nunc. 107. Petrarchiam. And touching the Bishop of Romes government over the whole, in his Epistle to Evagrius, he saith, that all Bishops be the successours of the Apostles: and that the poore Bishop of Eugubium is not inferiour to the rich Bishop of Rome, &c. And Cyprian saith, that all the Apostles were equall with Peter in honour and authority, De simplicitate Prælatorum.

The Pope or Bishop of Rome.

RHEM. 4 — 31 The blasphemy of the Spirit.] He meaneth not that there is any sinne so great, which God will not forgiue, so whereof a man may not repent in this life, as sinne heretikes at this day commit: but that sinne holdeth fast (as much as in him is) sinne vnremitted, and so shall never be forgiuen, that is, dying without repentance wilfully, called Finall impenitence. Which sinne he committeth that dieth with contempt of the Sacrament of penance, obstinately refusing absolution, by the Churches ministery as S. Augustine plainely deciareth by these words: Whosoeuer he be that beleeueth not many sinnes to be remitted in Gods Church, and therefore despaireth the bountifulnesse of God in so mighty a worke, if he in that obstinate minde continue till his liues end, he is guilty of sinne against the holy Ghost, in which holy Ghost Christ remitteth sin. Enchir. 83. Ep. 50. in fine.

Finall impenitence. Remission of sinnes in the Church.

FVLKE 4. — That God will not forgive the sinne against the holy Ghost, the text is more plaine, then that with any glosses of mans inventions, it can be obscured. That there is a sinne, which he that hath committed, cannot be renewed by repentance, the Apostle speaketh as plainely, Heb.6.4,5,6. They that have sinned against the holy Ghost are never renewed by repentance, nor come to true repentance and change of minde, though as Arius, they be sorry, not for their sinne, but for the punishment, which they have deserved by their sinne. S. Hierome upon the text saith: That the blasphemy against the holy Ghost shall at no time be forgiuen: and acheth how Bishops and Priests that have blasphemed the holy Ghost were in his time received to their degree. He-

Sinne against the holy Ghost.

lych.l.2.c.10. Quis sceneres & voluntarie peccantes, tibi se dicunt panitere, non panitent pure: Mali [illegible] sed [illegible] sacrificium est. What this sin is, and that it shall never be remitted, Pacian. against the Novatians. Pacian.

[illegible] I. MEM. II. FIVE. Popish penance.

[illegible] HE. 5.

[illegible] LKE 5.

RHEM. 6. FVLKE 6.

[illegible] III. MEM.

[illegible] IV. MEM.

[illegible] V. MEM.

[illegible] VI. FIVE.

RHEM. 7. FVLKE 7.

RHEM.

Marke 4.1. Luke 8.4.

[illegible] Popish penance. by our Sauiour Christs owne saying, is to be taken for an Heathen and [illegible] of satisfaction in worke to the iustice of God for sinnes committed, of the forme of words [illegible] blesse over a mans head by a Popish Priest, S. *Augustine* knew nothing in his time.

32 Sonne of man.] *The Iewes in their words sinned against the Sonne of man, when they reproched him for that which he did as a man, to wit, calling him a glutton, a great drinker of wine, a friend of the Publicans and sinners, because he kept company with sinners, brake the Sabbath, and such like: and the same might be truely spoken of him, because they iudged of him as they would have done of any other man: But they sinned not against the holy Ghost (called here the finger of God whereby he wrought miracles) when of malice they ascribed to the euident workes of God, in casting out deuils, to the deuill himselfe: and this sinne shall not be remitted, because it shall hardly be remitted, as we see by the plague of their posterity vnto this day.*

Not the Iewes generally are charged, nor their posterity are punished for the sinne against the holy Ghost, but some of them, which were the Pharisees and Scribes, that came from Ierusalem, of whose posterity it is possible, there is few or none remaining at this day. Luke 11.17. Marke 3.22.

32 Nor in the world to come.] *S. Augustine and other holy Doctors gather hereupon, that some sinnes may be remitted in the next life, and consequently proue purgatory thereby,* De ciu. Dei, l. 21. c. 13. D. Greg. Dial. l. 4. c. 39. Purgatory.

S. Marke is a sure interpreter of these words. For he (saith S. *Marke*) that blasphemeth the holy Ghost, neuer hath forgiuenesse, but is guilty of eternall condemnation. The errour of Purgatory, in S. *Augustines* time, began to peere vp, from which, as S. *Augustine* was not altogether cleere, so doth he not affirme any thing certainely of it. For in his Treatise *De fide, Dulcitij quæst. Quest.* 1. thus he writeth of it, *Tale aliquid, &c. Such a thing (as saying by fire) is not incredible to be euen after this life, and whether it be so, or no, it may be enquired, and either be found, or be hid, that some faithfull men are saued later, or sooner, by a certaine purging fire, by how much more or lesser they haue loued corruptible goods, yet not such of whom it is said that they shall not possesse the kingdome of God, &c. except after they haue duly repented, those crimes be remitted vnto them.* Purgatory. Marke 3.29.

But *Hypognost. cont. Pelag. lib.* 5. he acknowledgeth Heauen and Hell out of the Scriptures, but of the third place he saith, *Tertium penitus, &c. The third place we are vtterly ignorant of, yea we find that it is not in the Scriptures.* This is the variable opinion of S. *Augustine*, sometime doubting and thinking it not incredible, sometime denying that any such thing is found in the Scriptures. And although he spake against the Pelagians (and Papists) which fained a third place, where infants vnbaptized should remaine after this life, yet his words are generall, and his reason is as good against Purgatory, as against *Limbus infantum*.

In *Gregories* time, which was almost 200. yeere after, the errour of Purgatory had gathered more strength, and yet is holden by *Gregorie*, but for *the least and lightest offences, as idle talke, immoderate laughter, or houshold care, which scarce is occupied without offence.* It is sufficient for us, that neither the Scripture teacheth Purgatory, neither the Primitive Church did admit of it, for many hundred yeeres after Christ, although by the *Corpocratians, Ebionites, and Originists*, the foundations of that errour were laid of ancient time.

36 Idle word.] *If of euery idle word we must make account before God in iudgement, and yet shall not for euery such word be damned euerlastingly: then there must needs be some temporall punishment in the next life.*

Euery idle word is worthy of condemnation, if God should deale with us according to his iustice; as it is plaine in the next verse: for our tongue is given vs to speake alwayes that which is to the glory of God, and to the profit of the hearers. Neuertheleſſe, he that pardoneth all the grieuous sinnes of the faithfull that are truly penitent, whereof they must also make account in judgement, forgiueth also the sinne of idle words. Therefore this is a brutish collection, as all the rest of your Popish Notes are, We must give an account and not be damned, *ergo* there must needs be some temporall punishment in the next life. Purgatory.

48 Who is my mother.] *The dutifull affection toward our parents and kinsfolke is not blamed, but the inordinate loue of them, to the hinderance of our seruice and duty toward God. Vpon this place some old heretikes denied Christ to haue any mother.* Aug. lib. de Fid. & Symb. cap. 4. *Neither euer was there any heresie so absurd, but it would seeme to haue Scripture for it.* All heresies alledge Scriptures.

CHAP. XIII.

Speaking in parables (as the Scripture foreseid of him, and as meet was for the reprobate Iewes:) he sheweth by the parable of the Sower, that in the labours of the Church three parts of foure doe perish through the fault of the hearers. 24 And yet by the parable of good seed and cockle (as also of the Net) that his seruants must not for all that, neuer while the world lasteth, make any schisme or separation. 31 And by parables of the little mustard seed and leauen, that notwithstanding the three parts perishing, and ouer-sowing of cockles, yet that fourth part of the good seed shall spread ouer all the world. 44 And withall, what a treasure and pearle it is: 53 After all which, yet his owne country will not honour him.

THE same day IESVS going out of the house, sate by the Sea side.

2 And *great multitudes were gathered together vnto him, insomuch, that he went vp into a boat and sate: and all the multitude stood in the shore,

3 And he spake to them many things in parables,

THE same day when Iesus was gone out of the house, * he sate by the Sea side. Marke 4.1. luke 8.5.

2 *And great multitudes were gathered together vnto him, so that he went into the ship, and sate, and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 *And he spake many things to them in parables,*

parables, saying, Behold the sower went forth to sow.

4 And whiles he soweth, some fell by the way side, and the foules of the aire did deuoure it.

5 Other some fell vpon rockie places, where they had not much earth: and they shot vp incontinent, because they had not deepenesse of earth,

6 And after the Sunne was vp, they parched: and because they had not roote, they withered.

7 And other fell among thornes: and the thornes grew and choked them.

8 And other some fell vpon good ground: and they yeelded fruit, the || one an hundredfold, the other threescore, and another thirty.

9 He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

10 And his Disciples came and said to him. Why speakest thou to them in parables?

11 Who answered and said vnto them, Because || to you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdome of heauen: but to them it is not given.

12 For he that hath, to him shall be given, and he shall abound: but he that hath not, from him shall be taken away that also which he hath.

13 Therefore in parables I speak to them: because seeing they see not, and hearing they heare not, neither doe they vnderstand:

14 And the prophecie of Esay is fulfilled in them, which saith, *With hearing shall you heare, and you shall not vnderstand: and seeing, shall you see, and you shall not see.*

15 *For the heart of this people is waxed grosse, and with their eares they haue heauily heard, and their || eyes they haue shut: lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and vnderstand with their heart, and be conuerted, and I may heale them.*

16 But blessed are your eyes because they doe see, and your eares because they do heare.

17 For verely I say vnto you, that * many Prophets and iust men haue desired to see the things that you see, and haue not seene them: and to heare the things that you heare, and haue not heard them.

18 Heare you therefore the parable of the sower.

19 Euery one that heareth the word of the kingdome and vnderstandeth not, there commeth the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sowne in his heart: this is he that was sowne by the way side.

20 And he that was sowne vpon rockie places: this is he that heareth the word, and incontinent receiueth it with ioy.

21 Yet hath he not roote in himselfe, but is for a time: and when there ariseth tribulation and persecution for the word, he is by and by scandalized.

22 And

‡ When Gods word is preached, they properly haue eares to heare, that haue hearts to obey: and they hearing doe not heare; which heare by sense of their body, and obey not by consent of their hearts, *Aug. de doct. pers. c. 14.*

Luke 10.23.

parables, saying, Behold the sower went forth to sow.

4 *And whiles he soweth, some fell by the wayes side: and the foules came, and deuoured them vp,*

5 *Some fell vpon stony places, where they had not much earth: and anon they sprung vp, because they had no deepenesse of earth.*

6 *And when the Sunne was vp, they caught heat: and because they had not roote, they withered away.*

7 *Againe some fell among thornes: and the thornes sprung vp, and choked them.*

8 *But some fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold.*

9 *Who hath eares to heare, let him heare.*

10 *And the Disciples came, and said vnto him, Why speakest thou vnto them by parables?*

11 *He answered, and said vnto them, Because it is giuen vnto you to know the secrets of the kingdome of heauen, but to them it is not giuen.*

12 *For whosoeuer hath, to him shall be giuen, and he shall haue more abundance: but whosoeuer hath not, from him shall be taken away, euen that he hath.* Matth. 25. 29.

13 *Therefore speake I to them in parables: because they seeing, see not: and hearing, they heare not, neither doe they vnderstand.*

14 *And in them is fulfilled the prophecie of Esaias, which saith: With the eare ye shall heare, and shall not vnderstand: and seeing, ye shall see, and shall not perceiue.* Esa. 6.9. mar. 4.12. luke 8.10. ioh. 12.40. act. 28.26. rom. 11.8.

15 *For this people's heart is waxed grosse, and their eares are dull of hearing, and their eyes haue they closed: lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and heare with their eares, and should vnderstand with their heart, and should conuert: that I might heale them.*

16 *Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your eares, for they heare.*

17 *Verely I say vnto you, that many Prophets and righteous men haue desired to see those things which ye see, and haue not seene: and to heare those things which ye heare, and haue not heard.* Luke 10.24.

18 *Heare ye therefore the similitude of the sower.* Marke 4.13. luke 8.11.

19 *When one heareth the word of the kingdome, and vnderstandeth it not, then commeth that euill one, and catcheth away that which was sowne in his heart: this is he which receiued seed by the way side.*

20 *But he that receiued the seed into stonie places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with ioy receiueth it.*

21 *Yet hath he not roote in himselfe, but dureth for a season: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.*

22 He

…ed his field.

25 But while men were asleepe, his enemie came and ouersowed cockle among the wheat, and went his way.

26 And when the blade was shot up, and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle.

27 So the seruants of the good man of the house came, and said vnto him, Sir, diddest thou not sowe good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it cockle?

28 And he said to them, The enemy man hath done this. And the seruants said to him, Wilt thou we go and gather it vp?

29 And he said, Nay: lest perhaps gathering vp the cockle, yee may root vp the wheat also together with it.

30 Suffer both to grow vntill the harueſt, and in the time of harueſt I will say to the reapers, Gather ye first the cockle, and binde it into bundles to burne, but the wheat gather ye into my barne.

31 Another parable hee proposed vnto them, saying, *The kingdome of heaven is like to a mustard seed, which a man tooke and sowed in his field.

32 Which is the ‖least surely of all seeds: but when it is growne, it is greater then all herbes, and is made a tree, so that the foules of the aire come, and dwell in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable he spake to them, The kingdome of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman tooke and hid in three measures of meale, vntill the whole was leavened.

34 All these things Iesvs spake in parables vnto the multitudes, and without parables he did not speake to them;

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying, *I will open my mouth in parables, I will vtter things hidden from the foundation of the world.*

36 Then having dimissed the multitudes, he came into the house; and his Disciples came vnto him, saying, Expound vs the parable of the cockle of the field.

37 Who made answere and said to them, Hee that soweth the good seed, is the Sonne of man.

38 And the field, is the world. And the good seed, these are the children of the kingdome: but the cockle are the children of the wicked one.

39 And the enemie that sowed them, is the deuill: and the harueſt is the end of the world: and the reapers are the Angels.

40 As therefore the cockle is gathered and burnt in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Sonne of man shall send forth his Angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdome all offences, and them which do iniquitie,

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the iust shine as the Sunne in the kingdome of their Father. He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

44 The kingdome of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field; which when a man hath found, he hideth it, & for ioy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Againe the kingdome of heaven is like to a merchant man, seeking goodly pearles.

46 And having found one precious pearle, he went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Againe the kingdome of heaven is like to a net that was cast into the Sea, and gathered of all kinde of fishes.

48 Which, when it was filled, drawing it forth, and sitting by the shore, they chose out the ‡good into vessels, but the bad they did cast out.

49 So shall it be in the consummation of the world. The Angels shall goe forth, and shall separate the euill from among the iust,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 Haue ye vnderstood all these things? They say to him, Yea.

52 He said vnto them, Therefore euery Scribe instructed in the kingdome of heauen, is like to a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to passe: when Iesvs had ended these parables, he passed from thence.

54 And * comming into his owne country, he taught them in their Synagogues, so that they marvelled and said, How came this fellow by this wisedome and vertues?

55 Is not this the ‖ Carpenters son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren, Iames and Ioseph, and Simon and Iude,

56 And his sisters, are they not all with vs? whence therefore hath he all these things?

57 And they were scandalized in him. But Iesvs said to them, There is not a Prophet without honour but in his owne country, and in his owne house.

58 And

The Gospel for Virgins and other holy women.

‡Here also are signified good and bad in the Church.

…of earth.

43 Then shall the iust shine as the Sunne in the kingdome of their Father. He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

44 The kingdome of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field; which a man having found, hideth it, & for ioy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Againe, the kingdome of heauen is like vnto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearles:

46 Which when hee had found one pearle of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Againe, the kingdome of heauen is like vnto a net that was cast into the Sea, and gathered of all kinds:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to land, and sate downe, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the Angels shall come forth, and seuer the bad from among the iust.

50 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Iesus saith vnto them, Haue ye vnderstood all these things? They say vnto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he vnto them, Therefore euery Scribe which is taught in the kingdome of heauen, is like vnto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to passe, that when Iesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 * And when he came into his owne country, he taught them in their Synagogue, in so much that they were astonied, and said, Whence commeth this wisedome and mighty workes vnto him?

55 * Is not this the Carpenters son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, Iames, and Ioses, and Simon, and Iudas?

56 And are not all his sisters with vs? whence hath he then all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But Iesus said vnto them, * A Prophet is not without honour saue in his owne country, and in his owne house.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIII.

Rhem. 1 … Ambros. … Mercia.

Rhem. 2 … of virginity, as you understand that word of … Neither doth he allow, that … of virginity … threescore fold to widowes, and thirty fold to married folke, because … is more excellent then the chastity of a virgine, *Cap. 44. 45. & 46.* In his … that he counted the chastity of … folke. Where, though S. *Augustine* … the terme merits, yet he meaneth by it, … lencie or worthinesse, not desert, as the places before noted … plainely testifie. S. *Hierom* … be done … errours of *Iouinian*, concerning the excellencie of … we haue also) yet he … no … assert of virginity before God, nor of any worke of … c. For … he … Pe-lagi… *Tunc erubescimus, &c. Then are we lust, when we confesse our selves to be … but …* not … *Non … merit, but of the mercy of God.*

… though he preferre the worthinesse of continencie before … and useth the word *Stipendium*: yet that the reward of eternall life is not given to mens merits, or deservings, he writeth thus, *Exhort. ad Virgines. Vbi … ? &c. Whence should I have so great merit, or deserving, … mercy is my crowne?* And even in the … *Epist. 82. ad Vercell.* he writeth of the reward of eternall life, *Sola vos constabitur fides, &c. Faith onely shall go with you to the next life, and iustice shall also accompany you, if faith goe before.*

Rhem. 11 To you it is given.] *To the Apostles and such as have the guiding and teaching of others, deeper knowledge of Gods word and mysteries is given, then to the common people. As also to Christians generally that which was not given to the obstinate Iewes.*

Rhem. 2 15 They have shut.] *In saying that they shut their owne eyes, which S. Paul also repeateth Act. 28. he teacheth us the true understanding of all other places, where it might seeme by the bare words that God is the very Author and worker of this … and blindnesse, and of other sinnes: which was an old condemned blasphemy, and … how the heresie of* Calvin: *whereas our Saviour here teacheth us, that they shut their owne eyes, and are the cause of their owne … and damnation, God not doing but permitting it, and suffering them to fall further because of their former sinnes, as S. Paul declareth of the reprobate Gentiles, Rom. 1.*

God is not the Author of evill. Iren. apud Euseb. lib. 5. cap. 19. Calv. Li. Instit. cap. 4.

Fvlke 2 It is a shamelesse slander against *Calvin*, that he should teach God to be the Author of sinne, as whoso will reade the place quoted of his Institution, shall plainely see. For he holdeth, as S. *Augustine* saith, that God hardeneth the wicked, *not as an evill authour, but as a righteous Iudge*, not by a bare permission or suffering, but by withdrawing and withholding his grace, and delivering them into their owne lust, or into the deceit of Satan, as a just punishment of their former sinnes, as *Augustine* teacheth at large, against *Iulian* the Pelagian, *lib. 5. cap. 3.* and S. *Paul* of the idolatrous Gentiles affirmeth, that *God delivered them into passions of ignominie*, as you your selves translate, *Rom. 1.*

Slander.

Rhem. 25 Oversowed.] *First by Christ and his Apostles was planted the truth, and falshood came afterward, and was … oversowne by the enimy the devill, and not by Christ, who is not the Authour of evill* Tertul. de præscrip.

29 I est you plucke up also.] *The good must tolerate the evill, when it is so strong that it cannot be redressed without danger and disturbance of the whole Church, and commit the matter to Gods iudgement to the latter day. Otherwise where ill men (be they heretikes or other malefactors) may be punished or suppressed without disturbance and hazard of the good, they may and ought by publike authority either spirituall or temporall to be chastised or executed.*

Rhem. 3 30 Suffer both to grow.] *The good and bad (we see here) are mingled together in the Church, which maketh against certaine Heretikes and Schismatikes, which severed themselves of old from the rest of the whole world, under pretence that themselves onely were pure, and all other, both Priests and people, sinners: and against some Heretikes of this time also, which say that evill men are not of or in the Church.*

Good and evill in the Church.

Fvlke 3 The reprobate are in the visible Church, but they are not of the Catholike Church, which is the mysticall body of Christ. *They went out from us (saith S. Iohn) but they were not of us, 1 Ioan. 2. 19.*

The Catholike Church.

Rhem. 32 The least of all seeds.] *The Church of Christ had a small beginning, but afterward became the most glorious and renowne common wealth in the earth: the greatest powers and the most wise of the world, putting themselves into the same.*

Rhem. 4 55 Carpenters sonne.] *Hereupon Iulian the Apostata and his flatterer Libanius tooke their scoffe against our Saviour, saying (at his going against the Persians) to the Christians, What doth the Carpenters sonne now? and threatening that after his returne the Carpenters sonne should not be able to save them from his fury: whereunto a godly man answered by the spirit of prophecie, He whom Iulian calleth the Carpenters sonne, is making a woodden coffin for him against his death. And indeed not long after there came newes that in that battell he died miserably,* Sozo. l. 6. c. 2. Theod. l. 3. c. 18. *The very like scoffe use heretikes that call the body of Christ in the blessed Sacrament, Bakers bread. It seemeth indeed to the senses to be so, as Christ seemed to be Iosephs naturall sonne; but faith telleth us the contrary as well in the one as in the other.*

Fvlke 4 We call not the body of Christ, Bakers bread, but that which the Baker made, which is digested and cast out with other meats (as *Origen* saith) which if it be not eaten, mouldeth, or is otherwise corrupted, these things it were blasphemy to affirme of the body of Christ. Therefore it is Bakers bread, that is subject to corruption. And whereas you say, saith telleth you the contrary, tell us upon what text of Scripture your faith is builded. The Scripture telleth us, that the Lords Sacrament is bread, and bread that is broken, which cannot be verified of his naturall body, which is not now broken, but is whole and uncorruptible in heaven. S. *Cyrill* saith, our Saviour Christ when he gave the Sacrament of his body, gave *Fragmenta panis. Pieces of bread to his Disciples which believed, in Ioan. lib. 5. cap. 14.* Therefore their faith and yours is not all one.

In Matth. 15. Transubstantiation. 1 Cor. 10.

CHAP.

CHAP. XIIII.

Marke 6, 14. Luke 9, 7. 3 … the Tetrark heard … of the fame of Iesus,

… the dead: he is risen from the dead, and therefore vertues worke in him.

3 For Herod … and put him into … of Herodias, his … wife.

4 For Iohn said unto him, It is not lawfull for thee to have her.

5 And when he would … death, he feared the people, because they counted him as a Prophet.

6 But on Herods birth-day, the daughter of Herodias danced before them: and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath, to give her whatsoever she would aske of him.

8 But she being instructed before of her mother, saith, Give me here in a dish the head of Iohn the Baptist.

9 And the King was stroken sad: yet because of his oath, and for them that sate with him at table, he commanded it to be given.

10 And he sent, and beheaded Iohn in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a dish: and it was given to the damsell, and shee brought it to her mother.

12 And his Disciples came and tooke the body, & ‖ buried it, and came & told Iesvs.

13 Which when Iesvs had heard, * he ‖ retired from thence by boat, into a desert place apart, and the multitudes having heard of it, followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And he comming forth, saw a great multitude, & pitied them, & cured their diseased.

15 *And when it was evening, his Disciples came unto him, saying, It is a desert place, and the houre is now past: dimisse the multitudes that going into the townes, they may buy themselves victuals.

16 But Iesvs said to them, They have no need to goe: give ye them to eat.

17 They answered him, We have not here, but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 Who said to them, Bring them hither to me.

19 And when he had commanded the multitude to sit downe upon the grasse, he tooke the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up into heaven, he blessed and brake, and gave the loaves to his Disciples, and ‖ the Disciples to the multitudes.

20 And they did all eat, and had their fill. And they tooke the leavings, twelve full baskets of the fragments.

21 And

‡ A wicked & rash oath, and more wickedly fulfilled: because an unlawfull oath bindeth no man.

‡ S. *Iohns* disciples at this time had well learned their duty toward Christ. Marke 6, 31. Luke 9, 10. Iohn 6, 2.

Marke 6. 14. Luke 9. 7. …

Brother *Philip.*

Marke 6. 17. Luke 3. 19.

Levit. 18. 21.

Matth. 21. …

Marke 6. 32. Luke 9. 10.

Marke 6. 35. Luke 9. 12. Iohn 6. 5.

27 And straightway Iesus spake unto them, saying, Have confidence: it is I, feare ye not.

28 And Peter answered him, and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee upon the waters.

29 And he said, Come. And Peter descending out of the boat, walked upon the water to come to Iesvs.

30 But seeing the wind rough, he was afraid: and when he began to be drowned, he cryed out, saying, Lord save me.

31 And incontinent Iesvs stretching forth his hand tooke hold of him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, Why diddest thou doubt?

32 And when they were gone up into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 And they that were in the boat, came and adored him, saying, Indeed thou art the Sonne of God.

34 And having passed the water, they came into the countrey of Genesar.

35 And when the men of that place understood of him, they sent into all that countrey, and brought unto him all that were ill at ease:

36 And they besought him that they might touch but the ‡hem of his garment, and whosoever did touch, were made perfectly whole.

‡ See before chap. 9, 20.

23 *And when he had sent the people away, he went up into a mountaine apart to pray. And when the evening was come, he was there alone.* John 6, 46.

24 *But the ship was now in the midst of the Sea, and was tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.*

25 *And in the fourth watch of the night, Iesus went unto them walking on the Sea.*

26 *And when the Disciples saw him walking on the Sea, they were troubled, saying, That it is a spirit: and they cryed out for feare.*

27 *But straightway Iesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheere: it is I, be not afraid.*

28 *Peter answered him, and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.*

29 *And he said, Come. And when Peter was come downe out of the ship, he walked on the water, to goe to Iesus.*

30 *But when he saw a mighty wind, he was afraid: and when he began to sinke, he cryed, saying, Lord, save me.*

31 *And immediately Iesus, when he had stretched forth his hand, caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, Wherefore didst thou doubt?*

32 *And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

33 *Then they that were in the ship, came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Sonne of God.*

34 * *And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Genesaret:* Marke 6, 54.

35 *And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that countrey round about, and brought unto him all that were sicke.*

36 *And besought him that they might touch the hemme of his garment onely: and as many as touched, were made perfectly whole.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1

31 ‡Iesvs stretching.] *Notwithstanding the infirmities of them that governe the Church, yet Christ sustaineth them, and holdeth them up, yea, and by them, whatsoever they are, he upholdeth and preserveth his Church.*

God useth not by Heretikes, and Antichristian Tyrants and Masters of impiety, to uphold and preserue his Church, but by painefull and faithfull Teachers, and wise and carefull Governours, although they have infirmities.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 1

1 Because of Herodias.] *It is too ordinary in Princes to put them to death that freely tell them such faults: women, whom they feare, specially inciting them to such mischiefe.*

RHEM. 2

12 Buried it.] *An example of duty toward the dead bodies of the faithfull. Wherein see the difference of Catholike Christian men and of all Infidels, be they Pagans, Apostates, or Heretikes. For whereas the Christians had laid the body of this blessed Prophet and Martyr in Samaria with the reliques of Elias and Abdias, by vertue whereof wonderfull miracles were wrought in that place: in Iulian the Apostates time, when men might doe all mischiefe freely against Christian religion, the Pagans opened the tombe of S. Iohn Baptist, burnt his bones, scattered the ashes about the fields: but certaine religious Monkes comming thither a pilgrimage at the same time, assembled their disciples, and saved as much of the holy reliques as they could, and brought them to their Abbot Philip a man of God: who esteeming them too great a treasure*

Hiero. in Epitaph. Paul. c. 6.

Sacriledge against holy reliques.

FVLKE 2

Reliques

Oratories

Slanders

Monks in Rom. l. 3. c. 103.

RHEM. 3

FVLKE 3

Eremites.

Eremites.

RHEM.

RHEM. 4

FVLKE 4

The body of Christ.

RHEM. 5

Peters Primacie.

H 3 *Bernard*

The Pharisees of Hierusalem accusing Iesus for not keeping the traditions of the Elders, he reproveth them for breaking the Commandements of God. 10 And calling the people to him, he declareth the reason of that which they reproved: 15 and being after to his Disciples, 17 he departeth into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 21 Where a woman of Chanaan obtaineth of him that her daughter which was grievously vexed with a devil, is healed. 29 Coming from thence to the sea of Galilee, 30 he healeth many diseased people. 32 And feeding four thousand men with seven loaves, 36 he sendeth them away.

The Gospel upon Wednesday the third weeke in Lent. Marke 7, 1,

THEN came to him from Hierusalem Scribes and Pharisees, saying,

2 Why doe thy Disciples transgresse the tradition of the Ancients? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answering, said to them: Why doe you also transgresse the Commandement of God for your tradition? For God said,

4 *Honour father and mother*, and, *he that shall curse father or mother, dying let him die.*

Exod.20,12. Luke 20,9.

5 But you say, Whosoever shall say to father or mother, The gift whatsoever proceedeth from me, shall profit thee:

6 And shall not honour his father or his mother: and you have made frustrate the Commandement of God for your owne tradition.

7 Hypocrites, well hath Esay prophesied of you, saying,

Esa.29,13.

8 *This people honoureth me with their ‖lips: but their heart is farre from me.*

9 *And in vaine doe they worship me, teaching doctrines and ‖ commandements of men.*

10 And having called together the multitudes unto him, he said to them, Heare ye and understand.

11 ‖ Not that which entreth into the mouth, defileth a man: but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, that defileth a man.

12 Then came his Disciples, and said to him, Doest thou know that the Pharisees, when they heard this word, were scandalized?

13 But he answering, said: All planting which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: blinde they are, guides of the blinde. And if the blinde be guide to the blinde, both fall into the ditch.

15 And Peter answering, said to him, Expound us this parable.

16 But he said, Are you also as yet without understanding?

17 Doe you not understand, that all that entreth into the mouth, goeth into the belly, and is cast forth into the privie?

18 But the things that proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart, and those things ‖ defile a man.

19 For

Then * came to Iesus Scribes and Pharisees, which were come from Hierusalem, saying. Marke 7.1.

2 *Why doe thy Disciples transgresse the tradition of the Elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread.*

3 *But he answered and said unto them, Why doe you also transgresse the Commandement of God by your tradition?*

4 *For God commanded, saying, * Honour thy father and thy mother: and he that curseth * father or mother, let him die the death.* Exod.20.12. deut.5.16. Exod.21.17. levit.20.9. pro.20.20.

5 *But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, By the gift that is offered of me, thou shalt be helped:*

6 *And so shall he not honour his father or his mother. And thus have ye made the Commandements of God of none effect by your tradition.*

7 *Ye hypocrites, full well did Esaias prophesie of you, saying.*

8 *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips: howbeit their heart is farre from me.* Esa.29.13.

9 *But in vaine they doe worship me, teaching doctrines, precepts of men.*

10 *And when he had called the people* Marke 7.17.
to him, he said unto them, Heare and understand.

11 *That which goeth into the mouth, defileth not the man: but that which commeth out of the mouth, defileth the man.*

12 *Then came his Disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou not that the Pharisees were offended after they heard this saying?*

13 *But he answered and said, * All manner* Iohn 15.8,
planting which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of* Luke 6.39.
the blinde. If the blinde leade the blinde both shall fall into the ditch.

15 * *Then answered Peter, and said unto* Marke 7.17.
him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 *Iesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?*

17 *Doe not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entreth in at the mouth, goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?*

18 *But those things which proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart: and they defile the man.*

19 * *For*

The Gospel upon Thursday the first weeke in Lent. Marke 7, 24.

19 For out of the heart proceed evill thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies.

20 These are the things that defile a man, but to eat with unwashen hands, doth not defile a man.

21 And Iesus went forth from thence and retired into the quarters of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold * a woman of Chanaan came forth out of those coastes, and crying out said to him, Have mercy upon me, O Lord the Sonne of David: my daughter is sore vexed of a devill.

23 Who answered her not a word. And his Disciples came and besought him, saying, Dimisse her: because she crieth out after us:

24 And he answering said: I was not sent but to the sheepe that are lost of the house of Israel.

25 But she came and adored him, saying, Lord, helpe me.

26 Who answering, said: It is not good to take the bread of the children, and to cast it to the dogs.

27 But she said, yea Lord: for the whelps also eat of the crummes that fall from the table of their masters.

28 Then Iesvs answering, said to her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it done to thee as thou wilt: and her daughter was made whole from that houre.

29 And when Iesvs was passed from thence, he came beside the sea of Galilee: and ascending into the mountaine, sate there.

30 And there came to him great multitudes, having with them dum persons, blinde, lame, feeble, and many others: and they cast them downe at his foot, and he cured them:

31 So that the multitudes marvelled seeing the dumbe speake, the lame walke, the blinde see: and they magnified the God of Israel.

Marke 8, 1.

32 And * Iesvs called together his Disciples, and said: I pity the multitude: because three dayes now they continue with me, and have not what to eat: and dimisse them fasting I will not, lest they faint in the way.

33 And the Disciples say unto him: Whence then may we get so many loaves in the desert as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Iesvs said to them, How many loaves have you? but they said, Seven and a few little fishes.

‡ Here we see againe that the people must not be their owne carvers, nor receive the Sacraments or other spirituall sustenance immediatly of Christ, or at their owne hand, but of their spirituall governours.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit downe upon the ground.

36 And taking the seven loaves and the fishes, and giving thankes, he brake, and gave to his Disciples, and the Disciples gave to the people.

37 And they did all eat, and had their fill. And that which was left of the fragments they tooke up, seven baskets full.

38 And there were that did eat, foure thousand

But he answered not a word. And his Disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away, for she crieth after us.

*24 But he answered and said, I was not sent * but unto the lost sheepe of the house of Israel.* Matth.10.

25 Then came she, and worshipped him, saying, Lord help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meete to take the childrens bread, and to cast it to the dogs.

27 And she said, Yea Lord: for the litle dogs also eat of the crums which fall from their masters table.

28 Then Iesus answered, and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole even from that same houre.

*29 * And Iesus taken he was departed from* Marke 7.31.
thence, came nigh unto the Sea of Galilee, and when he was gone up into a mountaine, he sate downe there.

*30 * Then great multitudes came unto him,* Esa.35.5.
having with them those that were lame, blinde, dumbe, maimed, and many other, and cast them downe to Iesus feet, and he healed them:

31 In so much that the people wondered, when they saw the dumbe speake, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walke, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

*32 * Then Iesus called his Disciples unto* Marke 8. 1.
him, and said, I have compassion on the people, because they continue with me now three dayes, and have nothing to eat: and I will not let them depart fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his Disciples say unto him, Whence should we get so much bread in the wilderness, as to suffice so great a multitude?

34 And Iesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few litle fishes.

35 And he commanded the people to sit downe on the ground.

36 And when he had taken the seven loaves and the fishes, and had given thankes, he brake them, and gave to his Disciples: and the Disciples gave them to the people.

37 And they did all eat, and were suffised, and they tooke up of the broken meat that was left, seven baskets full.

38 And yet they that did eat, were foure

thousand

he went up into a boat, and came from the coasts of Magedan.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XV.

REM. 1 28 Great is thy faith.] *It were a strange case that Christ should commend in this woman a sole faith without good workes, that is to say, a dead faith, such as could not worke by love, and which S. Iames doubted not to call the faith not of Christians, but of devills*, Aug. de Fid. & Op. c. 16.

LUKE 7 Christ never commended a sole faith, which is void of good workes, to be sufficient for justification, but a lively faith, which worketh by love, to justifie alone, without respect had unto the merits of the workes. This womans faith was not solitarie, or void of good workes, but accompanied with prayers, invocation, humility, charity, and other fruits of faith: yet was she justified before God, by faith [illegible] men justified, or declared to be just by the fruits of a living faith, *Iames 2. A godly faith* (saith S. Augustine) *cannot be without hope and charitie, Ep. 80.* Iustification.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XV.

REM. 2 8 With their lips.] *This is to be understood properly of such as have ever God in their mouth, the word of our Lord, the Scriptures, the Gospel, but in their heart and all their life be indeed godlesse. It may be applied also to such as say their prayers without attention or elevation of minde to God, whether he understand the prayers or no that saith them. For many a poore Christian unto that understandeth not the words he speaketh, have more fervor and devotion, more edification to himselfe, more profit in spirit (as the Apostle speaketh) and lesse distraction, then not onely all Heretikes which have no true feeling of such things, but then many learned Catholikes. And therefore it is not to be understood of praying in unknowne tongues, as Heretikes sometime expound it, farre wide from the circumstance of the place and Christs intention, speaking of the hypocriticall Iewes.* a 1 Cor. 14.

FVLKE 2 He that prayeth in a tongue which he understandeth not, cannot come nere to God with his heart, seeing his heart cannot request that which is contained in the sound of words uttered with his lips. He may have a superstitious devotion or zeale of God, which being not according to knowledge, cannot bring him neere to God. For he that will come neere to God, must come by faith, without which it is impossible to please God; and faith cannot be of things unknowne, but of things revealed to us by the word of God. Neither doth the Apostle say, that he which prayeth in a tongue which himselfe understandeth not, doth edifie himselfe, but he that hath the gift to speake in an unknowne tongue which he himselfe understandeth, but not the Church, may edifie himselfe, but not profit the Church. As for profit in spirit, S. *Paul* nameth not, but he that prayeth in spirit, that is according to his spirituall gift of strange tongues: if he pray in the Church, he must pray with understanding of other, that his prayer be not unfruitfull, or else hold his peace, if neither he, nor any other, can interprete his prayers. As for him that understandeth not what he requireth in an unknowne tongue, prayeth not at all, but mocketh God, and the Church if he pray openly. And where you say such a one may have lesse distractions then other in his prayer, there is nothing else, but a distraction of his minde from his tongue, when his heart cannot thinke that which the words hee pronounceth doe signifie, which he knoweth not whether they be blessing or cursing, prayers or thanksgiving, for spirituall benefites or temporall, for himselfe or for other, for forgiveneese of sinnes, or perseverance in vertue. Whereas true prayer, requireth a true sense or feeling of our present need, and of the necessity of our brethren, yea of the whole Church of God, *Nilus de oratione cap. 33. Oratio sine distractione est summa intelligentia mentis.* Prayer in a tong unknowne. Rom. 10. 2. Heb. 11. Rom. 10. Iohn 17.

Prayer in an unknowne tongue, was first brought in by *Elvai*, the horrible Heretike among the Iewes, which said unto his scholers, *Let no man seeke the interpretation, but onely in his prayers say these words, &c. Epiph. Her.* 19. who doubteth not, that this testimony of *Esay*, may be rightly applied against him and his sect: and even by the same reason it may be applied against the Papists, who much more then the hypocriticall Iewes, honour God in vaine with their lips, according to meins traditions, and therefore their heart is farre from him.

RHEM. 3 9 Commandements of men.] *Such onely are here called traditions, doctrines, or commandements of men, which be either repugnant to Gods Lawes: as the devise of defrauding their parents under pretence of religion: or which as the least be frivolous, unprofitable, or impertinent to piety or true worship, as that other sort of so often washing hands and vessels, without regard of inward purity of heart and minde. Let no man therefore be abused with the Protestants perverse application of this place against the holy Lawes, Canons, and precepts of the Church and our Spirituall Governors, concerning fasts, festivities, and other rules of discipline, and due order in life and in the service of God. For such are not repugnant but consonant to Gods word and all piety: and our Lord is truly honoured, worshipped, and served, both by the making and also by the observing of them.* 8. Paul gave commandement both by his Epistles and by word of mouth, even in such matters wherein Christ had prescribed nothing at all, and he charged the faithfull to observe the same. *The Apostles and priests made lawes at Ierusalem, and the Christians were bound to obey them. a The keeping of Sunday, in stead of the Sabbath is the tradition of the Apostles, and dare the Heretikes deny the due observation thereof to be an acceptable worship of God? b They prescribed the feasts of Easter, and Whitsontide and other solemnities of Christ and his Saints, which the Protestants themselves observe. c They appointed the Lent and Imber fasts and other, as well to chastise the concupiscence of man, as to serve and please God thereby, therefore neither these nor other the fasting of* Anna, Tobie, Iudith, Esther, *who served and pleased God thereby. Therefore neither such Apostolike Ordinances, nor any precepts of the holy Church or of our lawfull Pastors are implied in these Pharisaicall traditions here reprehended, nor to be counted or called the doctrines and commandements of men, because they are not made by meere humane power, but by Christs warrant and authority, and by such as he hath placed to rule his Church, of whom he saith,* He that heareth you, heareth me: he that despiseth you, despiseth me. *They are guided by the holy Ghost, keeping with our Pastors in the regiment of the faithfull; they are made by our mother the Church, which whosoever obeyeth not, we are warned to take him as an Heathen. But on the other side, all lawes, constitutions, service, and institutions of Heretikes, howsoever pretended to be consonant to the Scriptures, be commandements of men: because both the things by them prescribed are impious, and the authors have neither sending nor commission from God.* The difference between the Iewish traditions here reprehended, and the Churches Apostolicall traditions. a 2 Thes. 2. 15. 1 Cor. 11. b Acts 15. a Aug. Ser. de temp. 251. See 1 Cor. 16. 2. b Epiph. haer. 75. c Hieron. ep. 54. ad Marcel. contra Marc. c Luc. 2. 37. Tobi. 12. Iudith c. 8. Esth. 4. Luc. 10. 16. & Matth. 18. 17.

FVLKE 3 Of Popish traditions, doctrines, and commandements, some be repugnant to Gods Lawes, as worshipping of Images, sacrifice of the Masse, communion in one kinde, prohibiting of marriage and meats for religions sake, and such like. Some are beside the Lawes of God, as idle and unprofitable [illegible] superstition: while they make them as a part of Gods service and worship. In both sorts, being the doctrines of men, God is worshipped Traditions of men.

[illegible] prescribeth nothing as a part [illegible] and decencie among men; which is varied according [illegible] that it is not the custome of Gods Church [illegible] so Gods [illegible], the Church must strive even to the death of her children. All for [illegible] order, and edification, are allowed by the word of God, and the Church hath liberty in the [illegible] of these conditions or ends be observed. But in the other place of S. *Paul*, how plain you see that he [illegible] anything not expressed in the [illegible]? For though he hath not [illegible] to salvation, but that which [illegible] have said, and which was accomplished and taught by our Saviour Christ in the Gospel. [illegible] ternall Discipline, and [illegible] of the administration of the Sacraments, publike Prayers, and such like, [illegible] variable (so the substance of [illegible] be retained, and the generall rules appointed for such matters be observed) he [illegible] observation. 1 Cor. 14. 26. and 40. Acts 26. 22.

But [illegible] as [illegible] worship, [illegible] as necessary for edifying of the Iewes in love: which cause ceasing, those lawes also [illegible] of themselves [illegible] any abrogation. For now when the infirmity of the Iewes is no let, it is lawfull to eat blood, and strangled.

Thirdly, the observation of the Lords day is not delivered by blinde tradition, but hath testimony of the holy Scriptures, 1 *Cor.* 16. 2. and *Apoc.* 1. 10. *Acts* 20. 7. and the observation thereof, is according to Gods Commandement, and no doctrine of men.

Fourthly, you say, *The Apostles prescribed the feasts of Easter and Whitsontide, and other solemnities of Christ, and of his Saints, which the Protestants observe, Epiph. her.* 75. I answere, *Epiphanius* ascribeth to tradition of the Apostles, the Wednesday fast, and many other ceremonies which the Papists doe not observe. Therefore the Papists must confesse, either that such things were not prescribed by the Apostles, or else that they were prescribed none otherwise, then indifferent ceremonies, which are subject to alteration, and in which the religion or worship of God doth not consist. And so the Protestants observe them, for order and edification of Gods people, that use to assemble at such times: as the Apostles observed the Sabbath day, Pentecost, and other solemnities of the Iewes, not as a portion of Christian religion, but taking occasion of the meeting of the Iewes in those festivall times.

Fifthly, you say, *The Apostles appointed the Lent and Imber fasts, as well to chastise mens concupiscences, as to please God thereby.* For the appointing of Lent and Imber fasts, you quote *Hieron. ad Marcel. cont. Mont.* who indeed alledgeth the tradition of the Apostles, for one forty dayes fast in the yeere, but of Imber fasts, and such other, he speaketh never a word. And I have shewed before out of *Euseb lib. 5. cap. 18.* that *Montanus* the heretike was the first that appointed lawes of fasting. And *Irenæus* cited by *Euseb. l. 5. c. 26.* sheweth the diversity of fasting, as well as of observing the feast of Easter, which proveth, that neither the one, nor the other, had any certaine prescription by the Apostles. That men by fasting serve and please God, you cite the examples of *Anna, Tobie, Iudith, Hester*, who served and pleased God thereby, whereof we doubt nothing at all, while they used fasting to the right end allowed of God, that is, humbling of themselves, and chastising of the bodie, that it might be more obedient to the spirit, and fervent in prayer. For otherwise, fasting of it selfe (as S. *Hieroms* saith) is no perfect vertue, but a foundation of other vertues. *Thinke not* (saith he) *that thou art holy, when thou hast begun to fast and abstaine, for this vertue is an helpe, not a perfection of sanctification.* I conclude therefore, that Popish traditions, placing religion and holinesse, in commandements and ceremonies of their owne invention, are, as ill, as the Pharisaicall traditions, and men seeke in vaine to worship God by them. For Christ hath given no warrant or authority to any man, to adde any thing to the worship of God prescribed in his word. Neither hath he assured us, that whosoever heareth man, heareth him, but so long as man preacheth Gods word, and not the visions of his owne head. *Iudas* was one of them, of whom it was said, *He that heareth you, heareth me*, but this was understood to be no longer then he preached the Gospel, else the high Priests might be excused for hearkening to him, when he said, *What will you give me, and I will betray him unto you?* Againe, the holy Ghost joyneth not with them that set up a newe Religion, or teach new Doctrines, but with them that retaine onely the doctrine of Christ, as sufficient unto salvation. And that is the true Church which heareth the voyce of the Spouse, and is content to be directed thereby in all things. That company of men which teach contrary to the Scriptures, or beside the Scriptures, to worship God, not as the word hath prescribed, but according to the doctrines of men, is the Synagogue of Satan, and not the Church of Christ: Neither have they sending or commission from God. But they who sincerely, according to the Scriptures, doe teach the Gospel, have sending and commission from God, *Rom.* 10. and are to be heard even as Christ himselfe, so long as they teach nothing but that Christ hath taught, as it is to be proved out of the holy Scriptures. Ad Demetr. Ad Celan. Iohn. 16. 14. cap. 14. 26. cap. 20. 31.

RHEM. 4 11 Not that which entreth.] *The Catholikes doe not abstaine from certaine meats, for that they esteeme any meat uncleane, either by creation, or by Iudaicall observation: but they abstaine for chastisement of their concupiscences*, Aug. l. de mor. Ec. Cath. c. 33. Difference of meats.

FVLKE 4 The Papists abstaine not, as the Catholikes did in S. *Augustines* time, for chastisement of their concupiscences, but of hypocrisie, for religion and holinesse. For wine, spices, fruits, sallets, and many fishes which they use, doe much more nourish concupiscence, then usuall flesh, from which they abstaine. As S. *Augustine* sheweth of the fasts of the *Manichees*, *De error. Manich. l.* 2. *c.* 12. Popish fastings.

RHEM. 5 18 Defile a man.] *It is sinne onely which properly defileth a man, and meets of themselfe or of their owne nature doe not defile: but so farre as by accident they make a man to sinne, as the disobedience of Gods commandement or of our Superiours, who forbid some meats for certaine times and causes, is a sinne. As the apple which our first parents did eat of, though of it selfe it did not defile them, yet being eaten against the precept, it did defile. So neither flesh nor fish of it selfe doth defile, but the breach of the Churches precept defileth.* Gen. 3. Catholike abstinence.

FVLKE 5 The Spirit speaketh so evidently of your Popish prohibition of marriage and meats for religion and holinesse, that all your lying words & shifts of hypocrisie, cannot excuse you from holding the doctrine of devils. If Popish fastings

neither

receiving [illegible] corrupt [illegible] Sadducees, [illegible] Antichrist [illegible] Christ [illegible] Baptisme. [illegible] Lord was borne before the making of the world. [illegible] bread of it is, that it is not lawfull to [illegible] Lib. 6. cap. de alijs [illegible]. Let [illegible] now iudge, whether you [illegible] and [illegible], &c. Lib. 6. cap. de alijs [illegible]. Let [illegible] now iudge, whether you abstaine not [illegible] as from [illegible] cursed of God, Whereas the faithfull [illegible], doe all the creatures of God to good, and sanctified unto them by his word and prayer.

CHAP. XVI.

The Pharisees and Sadducees, as though his fore-said miracles were not sufficient to approve him to be Christ, require to see some one from heaven. 5 Whereupon forsaking them, he warneth his Disciples to beware of the leaven of their doctrine.

CHEM. 1 13 *And Peter (the time now approaching for him to goe into Iewry to his passion) for confessing him to be Christ, he*
LVKE 1 *maketh the Rock of his Church, giving full-nesse of Ecclesiasticall power accordingly.*
Peter by the grace of God, and not by the merit of his confession, is made not the Roche, but a rocke or foundation-stone of the Church, and receiveth such Ecclesiasticall power, as was common to him with all the Apostles. Peters primacie.
CHEM. 2 21 *And after, he so rebuketh him for disswading his Crosse and Passion, that he also affirmeth the like suffering in*
LVKE 2 *every one to be necessary to salvation.*
Christ affirmeth not the like suffering to his Passion to be necessary to salvation, in every one, but that every one in affection of denying himselfe, ought to be ready to suffer whatsoever is laid upon him, for the profession of the Gospel.

Marke 8,12. Luke 12,54. AND there came to him the Pharisees and Sadducees tempting: and they demanded him to shew them a signe from heaven.

2 But he answered, and said to them, When it is evening, you say, It will be faire weather, for the element is red.

3 And in the morning, This day there will be a tempest, for the element doth glow and lowre. The face therefore of the element you have skill to discerne: and the signes of times can you not?

Marke 12,39. 4 The * naughty and advouterous generation seeketh for a signe: and there shall not a signe be given it, but the signe of Ionas the Prophet. And he left them and went away.

Marke 8,14. 5 And * when his Disciples were come over the water, they forgot to take bread.

6 Who said to them, Looke well and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

7 But they thought within themselves, saying, Because we tooke not bread.

8 And IESVS knowing it, said, Why doe you thinke within your selves, O ye of little faith, for that you have not bread?

Matth. 14,17. 15,34. 9 Doe you not yet understand, neither doe you remember * the five loaves among five thousand men, and how many baskets you tooke up?

10 Neither the * seven loaves among foure thousand men, and how many maundes you tooke up?

11 Why doe you not understand, that I said not of bread to you, Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

12 Then they understood that hee said not they should beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

THe * Pharisees also, with the Sadducees, Marke 8,11.
came, and tempting, desired him that he luke 12.54.
would shew them a signe from heaven.

2 *He answered, and said unto them, When it is evening ye say,* It will be *faire weather: for the skie is red.*

3 *And in the morning,* It will be *foule weather to day: for the skie is lowring red. O ye hypocrites, ye can discerne the outward appearance of the skie: but can ye not discerne the signes of the times?*

4 * *A froward and adulterous nation re-* Matth. 12.34.
quireth a signe, *and there shall no signe be gi-* Jonas 2.1.
ven unto it, but the signe of the Prophet Ionas. And he left them, and departed.

5 *And when his Disciples were come to the other side of the water, they had forgotten to take bread* with them.

6 *Then Iesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the Sadducees.*

7 *And they thought in themselves saying, For we have taken no bread* with us.

8 Which *when Iesus understood, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why thinke you within your selves, because ye have brought no bread.*

9 * *Doe ye not yet perceive, neither remem-* Matth. 14. 17.
ber those five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets tooke ye up?

10 * *Neither the seven loaves of the foure* Matth. 15. 34.
thousand, and how many baskets tooke ye up?

11 *How is it that ye doe not understand, that I speake it not unto you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the Sadducees?*

12 *Then understood they how that he bad not them beware of the leaven of the bread: but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*

13 And 13 *When*

Feb. 22. & Petri ad Vincula, Aug. 1. And on the day of the creation & coronation of the Pope, and on the Anniversary thereof.

John 1,42. ‡ That is, a Rocke. Iohn. 21,15.

‡ This word in Hebrew signifieth an adversary, as 3 King. 5,4. and so it is taken here. The Gospel for a Martyr, that is a Bishop.

Marke 9,1. Luke 9.27.

13 Whom say men?] *Christ intending here to take order for the founding, regiment, and stablitie of his Church after his decease, and to name the person to whom he meant to give the generall charge thereof, would before by interrogatories draw out (and namely out of that one whom he thought to make the chiefe) the profession of that high and principle article, That he was the Sonne of the living God. Which being the ground of the Churches faith, was a necessary quality and condition in him that was to be made head of the same Church, and the perpetuall keeper of the said faith, and all other points thereon depending.* RHEM. 3 Of Peters primacie.

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FVLKE 5

(Christ) not acknowledge Christ to be very God. … of Nathaniel. But lib. 6. de Trinit. he … his Divinity. S. … that he knew him to be God, by knowing … eth, the … on of Nathaniel, to be the same that … Blessed art thou Simon, &c. Bede also … Thou … Christ, confessed him … be the Sonne of God, in … Ca. 11. Primasius also … ring but one sentence answered, Thou art the Sonne of God, thou art the King of Israel, … soking after confessed, he shewed to them, that he was happy; and that the keyes of … were given to him, in … Rem. … The five Doctors against one, affirme that Nathaniel … of Christs Church. But Peter, … is another vaine shifte, why Peter … his Divinity unto his Apostles, and they all … Judas) did … beleeve in, as well as Peter, … all, answereth and confesseth, Iohn. 6. 69. We … believed and … that thou art Christ the Sonne of the living God. Where Peter … in this place; Matth. 16. And the fifth … confession, not of honour. As S. Ambrose saith, De Incarnat. Dom. cap. 4. That … did … ding of the Church committed unto him, we acknowledge, as all the rest of the Apostles did likewise, … being the foundation of the Church, as well as he, Ephes. 2. 20.

RHEM. 6

18 And I say …] Our Lord recompenseth Peter for his confession, giving him a great reward, … that upon him he builded his Church. Theophylactus upon this place.

FVLKE 6

No doubt, it was a great reward of Peters confession, that the Church is builded upon him: … ward, even as the … faith and confession, was common to him with the rest of the … Neither doth Theophylactus … wise: … he saith within few words after: That … the keyes to be Bishops, … Peter. For although it was … ever … I will give to … : yet the keyes were … to all the Apostles.

RHEM. 7

18 Thou art Peter.] Christ (in the … of Iohn v. 42.) foretold and appointed that this … Simon, … afterward be called Cephas, or … that is to say, a Rocke, not then … the cause, but … expressing the same, videlicet. (as S. Cyril … eth) For that upon him as upon a firme rocke his Church should be builded. Whereunto S. Hilarie agreeing saith, O happy foundation of the Church in the imposing of the new name, &c. And yet Christ here doth not so much call him by the name Peter or Rocke, as he doth affirme him … to be a rocke: signifying by that Olympicke, both that he was designed for the foundation and ground worke of his house, which is the Church; and also that he should be of invincible force, firmitie, durablenesse, and stablenesse, to sustaine all the winds, waves, and storms that might fall or beat against the same. And the adversaries shrinking against this, that Christ onely is the Rocke or foundation, wrangle against the very expresse Scripture and Christs owne words, giving both the name and the thing to this Apostle. And the simple may learne by S. Basils words, how the case standeth: Though (saith he) Peter be a rocke, yet he is not a rocke as Christ is. For Christ is the true unmoveable rocke of himselfe, Peter is unmoveable by Christ the rocke. For Iesus doth communicate and … impart his dignities, not voiding himselfe of them, but holding them to himselfe, bestoweth them also upon others. He is the light, and yet, a You are the light; he is the Priest, and yet he b maketh Priests: he is the rocke, and he made a rocke.

Cyrill. l. 2. c. 2. Cyrill in Ioh. Hilar. in hunc locum.

Basil. de pœnit.

a Matth. 5. 14. b Luke 22. 19.

FVLKE 7

We … sse with Cyrill, Hilarie, and Basil, that Peter was a stone, designed for the foundation … the Church, but so, as all the rest of the Apostles are stones upon which the Church is builded, Apoc. … 14. … ther doe we wrangle, when we say that Christ is the onely rocke or foundation, upon which the Church is … the Apostle hath taught us so to say, 1 Cor. 3. 11. Yet we doe not exclude the Ministery … whom also we acknowledge to be stones and foundations of his Church: not … in respect of the heavenly doctrine, which being committed unto them for the … … and so became with the Prophets the foundation of the … … the Lord, Ephes. 2. 20, 21. Therefore as Christ …

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FVLKE 8

… that Peter was a stone, … is builded, as the rest of the Apostles were, upon which the Church … fesse, that Cephas in the Syriake tongue (which … greeke called Stephen) both in Greeke and … Rome. … Christ … , being the … Rocke. … 1 Pet. 2. where … died upon the … Christ, the same word is … Therefore, … ins … Peter, one of the … : we should say, Thou art a … I will … Church, for Christ … we translated, making … the Articles Chalcedon, which … Petra and Petros in Greeke … for the Article Chalcedon, which … eth a rocke or stone. … Petra, … Hebrew, … Hebrew for the common … referred to Christ whom Peter … or … Christ, or to … respect of his doctrine … all their three … to one end: that Peter had … upon whom the Church was … , no lesse then … Peter did, had the keyes of the … Rome of heaven, and … Matth. 18. 18. Ioan. 20. 23. But let us examine the … Peter. First, Saint … the rocke to be Christ, … he followed the … of Petrus and Petra. … Christ? or … Thirdly, … , he … Peter … Peter … Peter

RHEM. 9

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…by Peter … the rest of the Apostles … Christ … as also the texts are playne. … (and say) … Christ … as also to be Peters … the Doctors, and his … Church … upon all the Apostles, and … In … we … Peter, Peter, Thou … Church … and … upon … foever, … true doctrine is continued and kept … it is a rocke … that … what … Donatus … chayre … Damasus … sate. Gelasius … vero sacerdoti dicitur, Tu es Petrus … chayre … Donatus … of … holdeth Peters … he sitteth not in Peters chayre. And therefore he that joyned … with … holding Peters faith of the divinity of Christ, would not have joyned with Liberius, … subscribing … the Di… vinity of Christ, who also sate at Rome, where Peter perhaps never came. But certaine it is he sate not in Peters chayre, no more then the Pharisees sate in Moses chayre, while they held and taught that which Moses did not. Hierome therefore followeth none as principall but Christ, joyned … with Damasus, who sate in Peters chayre, taught as Peter did, that Christ is the eternall Sonne of God. And Augustine in that Psalme against the Donatists, sayth, that the continuance of the same doctrine and … of the Church, even from Peters seate, is the rocke against which the proud gates of hell shall not prevaile. Not that whosoever sit… ting in Peters seate, must have al authority that he will claime. For S. Augustine himselfe in the Africa… Coun… cels with the rest of the Fathers of Africa, decreed against the Bishops of Rome usurped authority and forgery. And in the Councell of Chalcedon the Bishop of Constantinople was made equall to the Bishop of Rome, the Legates of Leo Bishop of Rome, setting themselues against it, but in vaine. Leo therefore (though otherwise a good man) is too partiall for the prerogative of his owne Sea, and therefore his testimony is no prejudice against so many ancient fathers, as were of the contrary judgement before him.

REM. 10 28 Build my Church.] *The Church or house of Christ was only promised heere to be builded upon him (which was fulfilled, Iohn 21,15.) the foundation stone and other pillars or master being yet in preparing, and Christ himselfe being not only the sufficient foundation, but also the founder of the same: which is another more excellent quality then that in Peter, for which he calleth it my Church: meaning specially the Church of the new Testament, which was not perfectly formed and finished, and distinguished from the Synagogue or Church of the Iewes for many yeeres after, seeing the great multitude of the Iewes that beleeved were still observers of the Ceremonies of the law. Act. 21.20.*

FVLKE 10. Christ had his Church from the beginning of the world builded upon the foundation of the Prophets, him… selfe being the head and corner stone thereof. He speaketh t… now of the continuance and enlarging thereof among the Gentiles, by the ministery of his Apostles. A… fore, this is a meere fantasie that his Church was not builded untill Christ restored *Peter* to his Apostleship … 21.15. or that it was not perfectly finished before Whitsonday. You may aswell say, it was not distinguished from the Synagogue or Church of the Iewes for many yeeres after, seeing the great multitude of the Iewes that beleeved were still observers of the Ceremonies of the law. *Act.* 21.20.

REM. 11. 18 Gates of hell:] *Because the Church is resembled to a house or a city, the adversary powers also be likened to a contrary house or towne, the gates whereof, that is to say, the fortitude or impugnation shall never prevaile against the city of Christ. And so by this promise we are assured that no heresies nor other wicked attempts can prevaile against the Church builded upon Peter, which the Fathers call Peters See and the Romane Church.* Coun. *(sayth S. Augustine)* the Priests from the very See of *Peter*, and in that order of Fathers, consider who to whom hath succeeded, that same is the rocke which the proud gates of hell doe not overcome. *And he an other place*, that is it which hath obtained the top of authority, Heretikes in vaine barking round about it. Pfalcens part. Donati. De vtil. credi c. 17.

FVLKE 11 So long as the Romane Church continued in *Peters* faith and doctrine, it was founded upon *Peter*, and not onely upon *Peter*, but also upon the Prophets and Apostles, yea and upon Christ himselfe: so long the gates of hell preva… not against it. But none of the ancient Fathers affirme, that the Romane Church should alwaies … *Peters* faith. Saint *Augustine* in his Psalme against the Donatists affirmeth, that the continuance of … the same … tion, even from the seat of *Peter*, is the rocke which the proud gates of hell doe not … this … of Priests from the seat of *Peter* might be made as well in the Church of Antioch … of Rome, seeing Peter sate at Antioch as well as he did at Rome, and the Patriarch thereof at … succession of Bishops from *Peters* seat, as well as the Bishop of Rome. The same course might … Churches where the Apostles sate, as *Tertullian* sheweth, *de præscriptione. Age jam qui vo… lis … now thou that wilt exercise … fity better in the matter of thy salvation, goe through the Apostolike Churches in which the governours sit even still in the very chaires of the Apostles, in which their authentical Epistles … reprefented, sounding the voice, and representing the face of every one of them. If Achaia be neere thee, thou hast … Corinth. If thou be not … from Macedonia, thou hast Philippi, thou hast the Thessalonians. If thou canst goe into … Asia, thou hast Ephesus. If thou be neere Italy, thou hast Rome, from whence authority is at hand for us also.* These words of *Tertullian* declared, that not the Church of Rome onely, but every Apostolike Church, had a sure testi… mony of the truth. And that Africa had recourse to Rome, onely for the neerenesse of it. In the second place he … *De vtilit. credendi cap.* 17. Saint *Augustine* nameth neither *Peters* See, nor the Romane Church, but speaketh of the Catholike Church, *which even by the confession of mankinde from Apostolike See, by successions of Bishops, … Heretikes, not onely … barking about it, and partly, by the iudgement of the people themselues, partly by the grauity* of Councels, *partly also by multitude of miracles*, condemning them both *shaked the roppe of authority.* He had … spoken before of the providence of God which had gathered, builded, and be… tified the Church, by the fore… the … of the Prophets, by the humanity & doctrine of Christ, by the travels of the Apostles, by the contume… lies … death of the Martyrs, by the commendable way of the Saints, and by co… ven… mysteries in due time. Where he addeth the testimony of … thinges, in the history of the succession of B… from the Apostles … of … authority of Councels, … cles … condemning all heresies. … nothing for the authority of the Romane Church or See, above all other Sees and Churches. S. Aug.

REM. 12

FVLKE 12 … to … given … *Peter*, … power … *cuius, &c. It is manifest where, and by whom remission of sinnes which is given in Baptisme, may be given: first our Lord gave this power unto P… whom he builded his Church and from whom … and the beginning of unitie, that it … should be loosed … Peter … spake to the A… even so doe I send you. When he … and said unto them, … remit, they shall be … shall retaine, … yet stand. … we … that it is not lawfull to binde … but for the Governours in the Church, and them that are established by the Law … Ordinations: and that whosoever be bound in the Church nothing can be either bound or loosed, when … any man … Vnder or … Councels, which prove that the Church was … then … rest. For … urge, that he … the power was given first to *Peter*, and the … him, … time … words … spoken, you confesse your owne note, Sect. … where you … Church was onely promised to be built upon him in this place, which was fulfilled, *Ioan.* 21.16. If the Church were not built upon *Peter* before that time, all the Apostles received power of remitting and retaining sinnes, before the Church was built upon *Peter*, Ioan 20.22. *Cyprian* therefore meaneth that Christ spake in the singular number, first to *Peter*, that which afterward he spake to all the Apostles, shewing why he spake in the singular number, not that the Church should be built on *Peters* person, more then on the rest: but to shew the unitie of the Church, beginning of one: as his very words are manifest, while he giveth equall authority to all Governors of the Church, as successors of the Apostles, & maketh so little account of *Peters* successor above the rest, that writing expressly against him, he proveth by this text, equall authority of all the Governours of the Church. *Fulg. de remiss. peccat. lib. 1. cap. 24. De Ecclesia Catholica. Solo enim illi Dominus ligandi solvendique potestatem, dicens, Tibi dabo claves regni Cœlorum, &c.*

And that the Church is built upon *Peters* confession, we have the ancient Eutherii testimony, to witnesse. S. *Hilar. de Trinit lib. 6.* saith, *Super hanc confessionis Petram, Ecclesiæ ædificatio est. The building of the Church is upon this rocke of confession.* Againe, *Hæc fides, &c. This faith is the foundation of the Church, by this faith the gates of hell are of no power against it. This faith hath the keyes of the kingdome of heaven. What this faith shall loose or binde in earth, is bound and loosed in heaven.* S. *Augustine* also *Dewerbis Dom. in Euang. Matthæi Sermo: 13. Tu es ergo, &c. Thou art* Peter (saith he) *and upon this rocke which thou hast confessed, upon this rocke which thou hast acknowledged, saying, Thou art Christ the Sonne of the living God, I will build my Church, that is upon my … selfe the Sonne of the living God I will build my Church. I will build thee upon me, not me upon thee.* The like say… ings he hath in *Ioan. Tract. 50. & 51. & 124. in Epist. Ioan. Tract. 10.* Also *Bede* upon this place saith, *Metaphorice petra, It is said unto him by a Metaphore, Thou this rocke, that is, the Confessor whom thou hast confessed, the … builded, which to his faithfull confession, gave participation of his name.* The authority of *Gregorie*, whom you quote in the Margent being a Bishop of Rome himselfe, and so neere the time of the open revelation of Anti… christ in the Romish See, is partiall in this case; and therefore against all the Primitive Churches, not to be heard. Yet in that place *lib. 4. epist. 33.* (for in *epist.* 32. there is never a word of *Peter*) he joyneth with us, saying, the Church was builded upon *Peters* confession. *In vera fide perstitit, & in … Continue in the true faith, and save your … se in the rocke of the Church, which is grounded upon the confession of Peter … ance of the Apostles.*

REM. 13 19 The keyes.] *That is, the authority or chaire of doctrine, knowledge, iudgement, and discretion betweene true and false doctrine: the height of government, the power of making Lawes, of calling Councels, of the principall voyce in them, of confirming them, of making Canons and wholesome Decrees, of abrogating the contrary, of ordaining Bi… shops and Pastors, or deposing and suspending them, finally the power to dispense the goods of the Church both spiri… tuall and temporall. Which significations of prerogatives power and authority by the word Keyes the Scripture useth … in many places: namely speaking of Christ,* I have the keyes of death and hell, that is, the rules *And I … will* give the key of the house of David upon his shoulder. *Moreover, it signifieth that whosoever come into heaven … by him, the keyes signifying also authority to open and shut: as it is said,* Apoc. 3. *of Christ,* Who hath the key of David, he shutteth and no man openeth. *By which words we gather that Peters authority is marvellous, to whom the keyes, that is, the power to open and shut heaven, is given. And therefore by the name of keyes is given that su… preeminent power which is called in comparison of the power granted to other Apostles, Bishops and Pastors* Plenissi… do potestatis, *Fulgentius* power, Bernard. *lib. 2. de consideratione. cap. 8.* The dignities of the keyes. Apoc. 1. Esa. 22.22.

FVLKE 13 We acknowledge the authority, or chaire of doctrine, knowledge, judgement, and discretion betweene true and false doctrine, to be granted to *Peter*, and to every one of the Apostles, to whom also the keyes were gran… ted, *Hilar. de Trin. lib. 6. Hieron. cont. Iovin. lib. 1. Gaudentius Brixiensis tract. 16.* But the rest that followeth, the … of government, power of making Lawes, of calling Councels, of the principall voyce in them, of confirming them, making and abrogating of Canons; ordaining and deposing of Bishops, power to dispense the goods of the Church, both spirituall and temporall, especially to be appropriated to *Peter*, hath no ground in the text: neither was any such power permitted to the Bishop of Rome, as *Peters* successour, for many hundred yeeres af… ter Christ. *Polycarpus* would not yeeld to *Anicetus* Bishop of Rome, in the celebration of Easter; no testimonie *Irenæus. Apud Euseb. lib. 5. cap. 26.* When *Victor* usurped authority over the Churches of Asia, he was controlled by the Bishops there, *Euseb. l. 5. c. 25.* and sharply rebuked and withstood by *Irenæus*, and the Bishops in France, *Polycrates* and the Bishops in Asia, and others. Not one of the foure first generall Councels was called by the Bishop of Rome, neither had he principall voyce of confirming or making Canons in them. But in the first of Nice, he was made equall with the Patriarch of Alexandria, *Can. 6.* In two other, namely, Constantinople, and Chalcedon, the Archbishop of Constantinople was made equall in authority with him, and in all things, except in seniority, *Constan. 1. cap. 3. Chalced. Can. 28.*

In the Councels of Milevi, and Africane, appeales for any Ecclesiasticall cause, were denied unto the See

LUKE 14 ...] ... of ... belongeth ... which ... you would ... your ... Treason, ... Rebellion, ... against your lawfull Prince and Countrey, under pretence of execution of the Popes ... Christian Bull of deprivation.

MATT. 15 12. Loose.] To loose, is as the cause and the offenders case requireth, to losse them all or the former bands, and ... to ... the Churches Sacraments and Communion of the faithfull and ... their sinnes, to pardon them all or part of the penances enioyned, or what debts soever man oweth to God or the Church, for the satisfaction of the sinne forgiven: which kinde of releasing, or loosing, is ... finally, this whatsoever interpreted anything that is punishable or pardonable by Christ in earth, for he hath committed the power to Peter. And of the sentence of Peters sentence, in binding or loosing whatsoever, shall by Christs promise be ratified in heaven: Leo Ser. de Transfig. & Ser. 2. in anniversf. assumpt. ad Pontif. Hilar. can. 16. in Matth. Epiph. in Anchorato prope initium. If now any temporall power can shew their warrant out of Scripture for such soveraigne power, as is here given to Peter, and consequently to his successors, by these words, whatsoever thou shalt binde, and by the very keyes, whereby greatest soveraignitie is signified in Gods Church, as in his familie and household, and therefore principally attributed and given to Christ, who in the Scripture is ... have the key of David, but here communicated also unto Peter, as the name of Eyelie: if, I say, any temporall Potestate can shew anie ... the like soveraignety, let him challenge hardly to be head not onely of one particular, but of the whole universall Church. Mat. 18. Acts 3.

LUKE 15 2. Every one of the Apostles had the same authority in loosing which Peter had, Matth. 18. 18. And the ... hath the same power after them, Fulgent. de remiss. peccat. lib. 2. cap. 20. Hinc est quod etiam B. Petro ... for sinnes ... this ... God, no ... can make, but Christ onely. And the ... debt ... unto God, but assure the party penitent of Gods forgivenesse: And so ... S. Hieronie, writing upon this very text. Illum locum Rabbi, &c. Bishops and Priests not understanding this place, take upon them ... of the pride of the Pharisees, that they thinke, they may either condemne innocents, or loose guilty persons before God, not the sentence of the Priest, but the life of the person charged, is required of. We ... Leviticus of the Lepers: where they are commanded to shew themselves to the priest, and if they have ... the leprosie, then they are made unclean by the priest: not that the priests doe make men Lepers, or unclean, but ... this ... Therefore as the Priest in that case maketh a man cleane or unclean, so here the Bishop and Priest binds ... understanding rightly, thinke they can condemne innocents, and absolve guilty persons, which they cannot doe, but going about to deprive themselves of the power granted. As for exercises of repentance prescribed by the Church for ... thereof, or other censures of discipline, may be released by them by whom they are ... and thus kinds of ... was of ancient time called Indulgence. But it was not allowed to the ... Bishops ... or release except in his owne Church of Rome) those that were cast out or suspended ... other Bishops and Churches: as appeareth by many places in S. Cyprian epistles, and namely, ... Ep. 55. ad Cornel. ... p. 68. Ad Clerum & plebem Hispan. That Hilarie and Epiphanius ascribe no greater ... authority to Peter, ... to the rest of the Apostles, we have shewed before sufficiently. But Leo being a Bishop of Rome, was too partiall in extolling of Peters prerogative, and the preeminence of his See of Rome. Therefore he was ... by the generall Councell of Chalcedon, as ... before. Finally, there is no godly temporall Potestate, that challengeth to be head of the whole Church, or of any particular Church, as Christ to head thereof, neither any of that authority which is here given to Peter, with the rest of the Apostles and their successours, the true Ministers of the Church. But onely they challenge, as the high ... to ... true religion by lawes ... Magistrates, ... soveraigne authority within their dominions, to ... true religion by lawes and sentences, and to punish false religion and idolatry, to punish all ... whether they be of the Clergie or Laitie, and that not ... for offences committed against the second Table, but for ... perjurie, and ... which are against the first Table. Which authority, the godly Kings of Iuda, David, Salomon, Ezechias, Iosias, &c. and the Christian Emperours, Constantine, Valentinian, Theodosius, and others, did ..., to the glory of God and benefit of his Church. That you may ... greatest soveraignetie in Gods Church, ... unto Christ, Aquin. 3. to have communicated to Peter, ... as Peter would have ... his ..., if he had heard any man ... so much unto him. For Christ ... the key of David, ... the Sonne of David, and only unto Eliakim, which openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth where no man openeth. ... key ... have, except he were Christ, for it is ... only to Christ, but ... the kingdome of heaven, given to Peter and the Apostles, are keyes ... in respect of Christ, whose Stewards they are, to open and shut according to his word, and not ... owne will and ... Mat. 16. 19. Matth. 23. Apoc. 3.

MATT. 16 ...] ... he saith not, to give every man according to his merit (or their faith) but according to their God worker, ...

LUKE 16 ... by faith. Good works. Freewill.

... As he promised, he giveth them a sight of the glory, unto which suffering doth bring: 9 and thus ... doth ... calleth his Passion. 14 A devill also he ... out, which his Disciples could not for ... and lacke of praying and ... 22 ... he ..., he revealeth more about his Passion. 24 And the ... of the Collectors ... for ..., he payeth for himselfe and Peter: declaring yet withall his freedome both by word and miracle.

Matth. 9,2. Luke 9,28. 2 Pet. 1,17. The transfiguration of our Lord, celebrated in the Church the 6. of Aug. The Gospel of the said feast, and of the 2. Sunday in Lent: and on the Saterday before.

AND after sixe dayes IESVS taketh vnto him Peter, and Iames and Iohn his Brother, and bringeth them into a high mountaine apart:

2 And he was ‖ transfigured before them And his face did shine as the sunne: and his garments became white as snow.

3 And behold there ‖ appeared to them Moyses and Elyas talking with him.

4 And Peter answering, said to IESVS, Lord, it is good for vs to be here: if thou wilt, let vs make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moyses, and one for Elias.

5 And as hee was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud ouershadowed them. And loe a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my welbeloued sonne, in whom I am well pleased: heare ye him.

6 And the disciples hearing it, fell vpon their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And IESVS came and touched them: and he said to them, Arise, and feare not.

8 And they lifting vp their eyes, saw no body, but only IESVS.

9 And as they descended from the ‖ mount, IESVS commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no body, till the Sonne of man bee risen from the dead.

Mal. 4,5.

10 And his Disciples asked him, saying, what say the Scribes then, that * Elias must come first?

11 But he answering, said to them, ‖ Elias indeed shall come, and restore all things.

12 And I say to you, that Elias is already come, and they did not know him, but wrought on him whatsoever they would. So also the Sonne of man shall suffer of them.

13 Then the Disciples vnderstood, that of Iohn the Baptist he had spoken to them.

Matth. 9,14. Luke 9,37.

14 And * when hee was come vnto the multitude, there came to him a man falling downe vpon his knees before him.

15 Saying, Lord, haue mercy vpon my sonne, for he is lunatike, and sore vexed: for he falleth often into the fire, and often into the water.

16 And

Matth. 9, 1. Luke 9,28.

*And after sixe dayes, Iesus taketh Peter, Iames, and Iohn his brother, and bringeth them vp into an high mountaine out of the way.

2 *And was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the Sunne, and his clothes were as white as the light.*

3 *And behold, there appeared vnto them, Moses, and Elias talking with him.*

4 *Then answered Peter, and said vnto Iesus, Lord, it is good for vs to be here, If thou wilt, let vs make here three tabernacles: one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.*

Matth. 3. 2 Pet. 1.17.

5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud ouer-shadowed them: and behold, there came a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved sonne, in whom I am well pleased, heare ye him.*

6 *And when the Disciples heard these things, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.*

7 *And Iesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.*

8 *And when they had lift vp their eyes, they saw no man saue Iesus only.*

9 *And when they came downe from the mountaine, Iesus charged them, saying, Shew the vision to no man, vntill the sonne of man be risen againe from the dead.*

Mal. 4. 5. matth. 17. 10. marke 9. 13

10 *And his Disciples asked him, saying, * Why then say the Scribes that Elias must first come?*

11 *Iesus answered, and said vnto them, Elias truely shall first come, and restore all things.*

12 *But I say vnto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but haue done vnto him whatsoeuer they listed: Likewise shall also the sonne of man suffer of them.*

13 *Then the Disciples vnderstood that he spake vnto them of Iohn Baptist.*

Marke 9 Luke 9.37.

14 * *And when they were come to the people, there came to him a certaine man kneeling downe to him, and saying,*

15 *Lord, haue mercy on my sonne, for he is lunatike, and sore vexed: for oft times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

16 And

18 And I rebuked him, and the devil went out of him, and the child was cured from that houre.

19 Then came the Disciples to IESVS secretly, and said, || Why could not we cast him out?

20 IESVS said to them, because of your incredulity: for amen I say to you, if you have || faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountaine, Remove from hence thither: and it shall remove, and nothing shall bee impossible to you.

21 But this kinde is not cast out but by || prayer and fasting.

22 And *when they conversed in Galilee, IESVS said to them, The Sonne of man is to be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall rise againe. And they were stroken sad exceedingly.

24 And when they were come to Capharnaum, there came they that received the didrachmes, unto Peter, and said to him, Your Master doth he not pay the ‡ didrachmes?

25 He saith, Yes. And when he was entered into the house, IESVS prevented him, saying, What is thy opinion Simon? The Kings of the earth of whom receive they tribute or cense? of their children or of strangers?

26 And he said, Of strangers. IESVS said to him, Then the || children are free.

27 But that we may not scandalize them, goe thy wayes to the Sea, and cast a hooke: and that fish which shall first come up, take: and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt finde a ‡ stater: take that, and give it them for || me and thee.

18 *And Iesus rebuked the devill, and he departed out of him: and the childe was cured even the same houre.*

19 *Then came the Disciples of Iesus secretly, and said unto him, Why could not we cast him out?*

20 *Iesus said unto them, Because of your unbeleefe: for verely I say unto you, If ye have faith as a graine of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountaine, Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove, neither shall any thing be unpossible unto you.* Luke 17.6.

21 *Howbeit this kinde goeth not out, but by prayer and fasting.*

22 *While they were conversant in Galilee, Iesus said unto them, It will come to passe, that the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:* Matth. 20. 18. marke 9.31. luke 9.44.

23 *And they shall kill him, and the third day shall he rise againe. And they were exceeding sorry.*

24 *And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money, came to Peter, and said, Doth not your Master pay tribute?*

25 *He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Iesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom doe the kings of the earth take tribute or toll? of their owne children, or of the strangers?*

26 *Peter saith unto him, Of the strangers. Iesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.*

27 *Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, goe thou to the Sea, and cast an hooke, and take up the fish that first commeth up: and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt finde a piece of twenty pence: that take, and give unto them for me, and thee.*

‡ This stater was a double didrachme, and therefore was paid for two.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVII.

RHEM. 1

2 Transfigured.] *Marke in this Transfiguration many marvellous things: as, that he would not onely hid from his body, which then was mortall, but also the bodies of* Moses *and* Elias, *the one dead, the other to die, for the time as it were immortall: thereby to represent the state and glory of his body and his Saints in heaven. By which marvellous transfiguring of his body, you may the lesse marvell that he can exhibite his body under the forme of bread and wine, or otherwise as he list.* Christ can exhibit his body under what forme he list.

FVLKE 1

Christ is Almighty, and yet he can doe nothing against his owne will, his word, or his glory. And therefore it is a brave conclusion, Christ could glorifie his passible body, *ergo* he can dishonour his glorious impassible body, to bring it within the compasse of a piece of bread, that it may be devoured of dogs, cats, mice, or (that is worse) to be eaten of wicked men, the members of the devill. Or this: Christ could adde a glorious forme unto his body, *ergo* he can take from it the essentiall properties of a body, and yet keepe it a true body still. Although the question be not so much betweene us, what Christ is able to doe of his absolute power, as what he will doe according to his word. The body of Christ. Omnipotencie of Christ.

RHEM. 2

3 Appeared Moses.] *By this that Moses personally appeared and was present with Christ, it is plaine that the Saints departed may be present to the prayers of the living,* Augustr. de cura pro mort. cap. 13, 16. *For even as angels elsewhere so have the same also served our Saviour: and therefore as Angels both in the old Testament and the new, were present often at the prayers of men, so may Saints.* Saints after their death deale with and for the living

FVLKE 2

If to speak to God by a speciall revelation, they heare: but the dead (as S. Augustine saith) by their divine counsell, cannot be present in the cogitations of the living. De cura pro mort. cap. 16. Againe he saith: There but the spirit of the dead, where they do not see whatsoever things are done, or come to passe in this life of men, cap. 13.

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RHEM. 8

2. [illegible] called the mount Tabor, the holy mountaine, and the place where God appeared in glorie was called holy ground, yet neither [illegible] to have religion or devotion [illegible] influence any [illegible] or holinesse. And though Rome spread wide and swarme in S. Hieromes time, where Christ hath many preachers, and manifolde his miracles, yet did they not put any confidence in their multitude, or if they did, it was a signe of [illegible]. S. Hierome himselfe being greatly commended [illegible] to have been a worthie Bishop, have found fault at Hierusalem. And when he [illegible] of Hilarion, [illegible] a man of that country, and that lived in the wilderness, yet [illegible] one day in all his life, that neither he might seeme to contemne the holy places, nor againe seeme to tie up the Lord in a certaine place: Last of all he saith thus. *Quorsum haec? &c. I may well say, to what end are the matters fetched from so long a beginning. Verely, that thou shouldest not thinke any thing to be wanting to thy faith because thou hast not seen Hierusalem, neither that thou shouldest esteeme us to be better, because we enjoy our dwelling in this place, but whether here or elsewhere, thou hast equall reward with the Lord according to thy workes.*

11 Elias shall come.] *He distinguisheth here plainely betweene* Elias *in person, who is yet to come before the judgement: and betweene* Elias *in name, to wit,* Iohn *the Baptist, who is come already in the spirit and vertue of* Elias. *So that it is not* Iohn Baptist *onely, nor principally, of whom* Malachie *prophesieth (as our Adversaries say) but* Elias *also himselfe in person.* Elias.

Divers of the ancient Fathers are of opinion, that *Elias* shall come in person, immediately before the second comming of Christ, as the forerunner of his second comming, and to convert the remnant of the Iewes. But these words of Christ doe not prove it. For he saith no more, but that the Prophesie was, that *Elias* should come first: and that he is already come, as he saith of Iohn the Baptist, *Mat.* 11. 14. he is *Elias* that was to come. And Origen upon this place understandeth no more commings of *Elias*, but this one of *Iohn*, that was come in the spirit of *Elias*. Elias.

19 Why could not we.] *No marvell if the exorcists of the Catholike Church which have power to cast out devils, yet doe it not alwayes when they will, and many times with much adoe: whereas the Apostles having received this power "indifferently over unclean spirits, yet have cannot cast them out. But as for Heretikes, they can never doe it, nor any other true miracle, to confirme their false faith.* This miracles onely in the Catholike Church.

If you meane of Popish Exorcists, neither have they authority of God, nor power to cast out devils. Neither is there any such ordinary function in the Church of God: that men should have power, to cast out devels, more then to heale all manner of diseases, speake with strange tongues which they never learned, or to worke other miracles. Which spirituall gifts God gave in the beginning of the preaching of the Gospell, to confirme the tender brethren among the Iewes and the Gentiles, but of long time have ceased among Christians, who are to be directed by Gods word, whereunto their profession binderh them to give credit, seeking any further confirmation of miracles, then that which is testified in the holy Scriptures. And whereas you say, that heretikes can never cast out devils, or worke any true miracles, it is false: for our Saviour Christ saith, that many shall alledge at the last day, that they have prophesied in his Name, cast out devils, and wrought many miracles. And God in the Law, chargeth his people not to be carried away by false Prophets, though they worke miracles, Deuter 13. 1. Popish Exorcists. Miracles.

20 Faith as a mustard seed.] *This is the Catholike faith, by which only all miracles are wrought: yet not of every one that hath the Catholike faith, but of such as have a great and forcible faith, and withall the gift of miracles. These are able as we here see by Christs warrant not onely to do other wonderfull matters here figured by this one, but also this very same, that is to move mountaines indeed, as S. Paul also presupposeth, and S. Hierome [illegible], and Beda [illegible] all histories recently recited of Gregorie Neocesariensis, that he moved a mountaine to make room for the foundation of a Church, called Bethsefore and for other like wonderfull miracles, Thaumaturgus. And yet for [illegible] Heretikes long but all such things and beleeve them not.* Gregorius Thaumaturgus.

We are not bound to beleeve all that, which is reported of *Gregory Thaumaturgus*. Yet being assured by Authors of good credit, and the miracles tending to the confirmation of true faith, we doe not deride them, as we doe and justly may, the monstrous fables of your Popish Legends, fictions, and forged workes of like credit. Where also the miracles are [illegible] commonly for the confirmation of false doctrine, and the maintenance of covetousnesse of Priests, as in the cases of Purgatory, pilgrimages, and such like. Miracles.

21 Prayer and fasting.] *The force of fasting and praying: whereby also we may see that the holy Church in Catholique doth according to the Scriptures, when he useth besides the name of IESVS, many prayers and much fasting to drive out devils, because these also are best required before faith.* Prayer and fasting.

The Popish Church abuseth the ignorant, to make them believe they can cast out devils, whereas they have no such power, neither by all their prayers or fasting, can they conjure one one such unclean spirit, unlesse they have first (as Sorcerers and Witches) conjured them in. Popish Exorcists.

26 The children free.] *Though Christ to avoid scandall, payed tribute, yet indeed he sheweth that both himselfe ought to be free from such payments (as being the Kings sonne, as well by his eternall birth of God the Father, as temporall of David) and also his Apostles, as being of his family, and in them their successors the whole Clergie, who are called in Scripture the inheritance and portion of the Lord, which exemption and privilege being grounded upon the very Law of nature it selfe, and therefore professed even among the Heathen (Genesis 47, 27.)* The privileges and exemptions of the Clergie.

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Christ and to whom as to their Lord tell every thing. Luke 9.75 com. 4.

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37 And he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not against us is on our part.

41 And whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea.

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVIII.

1 Who is the greatest.] *The occasion of this question and of their contention for superiority among the rest of their brethren, was that they had before the coming of the holy Ghost, (as certain old Fathers write) upon Mount Tabor, seen onely three saw transfigured before the rest in the presence of the Lord. Wherefore they ask, who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven and before God, for the conceit of their error, will needs have the kingdom of heaven to be earthly, and consist in the worldly glory of honour, as by S. Matthew is apparent, that this contention began in the way, before they came into the house, where Christ questioned with them of the matter.* C. 17. v. 25. Peters preheminence in praying others.

7 Scandals.] *The simple be most annoyed by taking scandall of their Preachers, Priests, and Elders doings: and great discretion is to the guiding of the people whether they be reproved or punished, but privately to the admonishing of the offender, lest thereupon the people be scandalized.*

8 Hands, feete, eyes.] *By these parts of the body is necessary and profitable for a man, is signified that whatsoever is most dearest and dearest to us, wife, children, friends, riches, all are to be contemned and forsaken for the love of our Saviour Christ.*

10 Their Angels.] *A great dignity and a marvellous benefit that every one hath from his nativity an Angel for his keeper and governour against the devill before the face of God.* Heb. 1. *And this thing is so great that Christ doth not despise and put in it with doubt of it.* Luke 15. Matth. 18. Psal. 90. Preexistion of Angels.

Either therefore every one of the faithfull hath a place of Scripture doth permit. But sometime one Angel taketh the charge of a great many, sometime many Angels are ready for the defence of one man, and all the Angels are ordained for our preservation, as in the place noted you may see at large the Scripture directs. Angels.

Whereby Saint Hierome saith, that every one hath his severall Angel, for he also hath his proofe, the Angel of Iudaea, Persons, Kingdomes, and the rest: where if the word Angel were to be understood of heavenly Spirits, it is not hereby for the Church of a whole city, and not for every person. Acts 12. &c.

15 Publicane.] *Heretikes therefore though they will not heare the Church, be no better nor otherwise to be esteemed, then Gentiles and publicanes were esteemed among the Iewes.* Dissobedience to the Church.

16 Excommunication.

17 Publicane.] *Heretikes therefore though they will not heare the Church, be no better nor otherwise to be esteemed, then Gentiles and publicanes were esteemed among the Iewes.*

18 Whatsoever you shall binde.] *He before he gave this power of binding and loosing over the whole flock of all and principally to Peter, upon whom he builded his Church: so here not only to Peter, and to him to his successours, but also to all the Apostles, and in them to every one in their charge.* Hieron. l. 1. c. 1. Power to binde and loose. Matt. 16. 19.

19 Two shall binde.] *He before he gave this power of binding and loosing over the whole flock of all and principally to Peter, upon whom he builded his Church: so here not only to Peter, and to him to his successours, but also to all the Apostles, and in them to every one in their charge.* Hieron. l. 1. c. 1. Power to binde and loose.

Upon earth, shall bee bound.] *Of the binding was onely permitted, and subsequently the ground from whence it was onely permitted: for here he promiseth, your bills, your sins, he gave before the ground.* Peter the Apostle. Power to binde.

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He reformeth the wrongful Mariages used among the rich Iewes (as in the first Institution thereof they were not lawfull) and commendeth Mariage, and single life, to be honourable. He blesseth little children. He teacheth the way to heaven.

The Gospel for Mariage. And for S. Agathe, Febr. 5.

1 AND it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Iudea beyond Jordan.

2 And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawfull for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which created them at the beginning made them male and female? Gen. 1. 27.

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. Gen. 2. 24. 1 Cor. 6. 16.

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? Deut. 24. 1.

8 He said unto them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is divorced, doth commit adultery. Matth. 5. 32. Luke 16. 18. 1 Cor. 7. 11.

10 His Disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, then it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

12 For there are some chaste, which were so borne out of their mothers wombe: and there are some chaste, which were made chaste of men: and there be chaste, which have made themselves chaste for the kingdome of heavens sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

13 Then were there brought unto him young children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the Disciples rebuked them. Luke 18. 15. Luke 18. 15.

14 But Jesus said unto them, Suffer the young children, and forbid them not to come unto me:

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17 Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23 Then said Jesus unto his Disciples, Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his Disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 Then answered Peter, and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my Names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

Mark 10.28. Luke 18.28.

Mark 10.21. Luke 18.22.

Mark 10.23. Luke 18.24.

Mark 10.26. Luke 18.26.

Mark 10.27. Luke 18.27.

Mark 10.28. Luke 18.28.

Mark 10.29. Luke 18.29.

Mark 10.31. Luke 13.30.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIX.

17 If thou will enter.] Many (I know) doe abuse this place, to the great hurt of their own soules, as if a vow of single life were a necessary meanes to attain to heaven. Whereas S. Augustine reasoneth against the Manichees, that the Law of God is not evill, because it commandeth good things, lib. de fid. & oper. cap. 17.

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and the [illegible] shall be baptized with the baptism
23 * Mark 10. 35. that I am baptized with? shall ye indeed drink of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left hand, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 * And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. Mark 10. 41. Luke 22. 24.

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, * Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles † exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. Mark 10. 42. Luke 22. 25.

26 Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Phil. 2. 7.

29 And * as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. Mark 10. 46. Luke 18. 35.

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XX.

Rhem. 1 In the morning.] God called time in the morning, that is, the beginning of the world, as Abel, Enoch, Noe, and after the first and the third hour of the first age: as the third hour, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the end of that age: as the sixth hour of the day, Moses, Aaron, and the rest: as the ninth hour, the Prophets: as the eleventh hour, is, as the latter end of the world, for Christian Nations, Aug. de vrah. Dom. Ser. 50. Which his calling at diverse hours signifieth the calling of the Jewes from time to time in the first ages of the world, and of the Gentiles in the latter age thereof. It signifieth also that God calleth sometyme in the youth, some former, some later; unprofitable unto his servants, some younger, some elder, of divers ages.

9 Penny.] The peny promised to all, was life everlasting, which is common to all that shall be saved: but in the same life shall be degrees of glory, as * diversities of starres and of sons in the heavens. Aug. de civit. cap. 20.

Rhem. 1 16 Few chosen.] These are called unfaithful disciples of their Master, but followed and honored him: for men believe not but of their owne free will, Aug. l. 2. ad Simplic. q. 2.

Fulke 1 No man can write more [illegible] S. [illegible] doth, as shall [illegible] of children and free-will in that place: whose words [illegible] not as you have rashly [illegible]; but are [illegible] concerning [illegible] but [illegible] therefore [illegible] of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

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Rhem. 2

Fulke 2

Rhem.

The fifth sun of the Holy Weeke of his Passion in Matthew.

Matth. 11, 12. Luke 19, 29. Jo. 12. 15. The Gospel on Palme Sunday before the benediction of the Palmes. Palme Sunday.

Isa. 62, 11. Zach. 9. 9.

Matth.

Luke

John 12.

[illegible] Christ blessing as he went the streets of cities, gave them authority, and [illegible] and Master, notwithstanding his humility: and therefore it is pride and hypocrisie, under pretence of [illegible] as these Arrianites would have it.

CHAP. XXI.

Being now come to the finishing of his passion, he manifesteth his humility and meekenesse together: 11 his merits for the benefit of God, ioyned with great miracles. 19 And to the Iewes in parables he plainly describeth the reiection of their children. 28 An example also of two sonnes of one father: 43 wherunto is annexed the parable of the husbandmen: 45 and how the Pharisees for his two parables took occasion to lay violent hands upon him. 46 and how diligently they sought to apprehend him.

AND when they drew nigh unto Hierusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto Mount Olivet, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go ye into the towne that is against you, and straightway ye shall finde an Asse tied, and a Colt with her: loose them and bring them to me:

3 And if any man shall say ought unto you, say ye, that our Lord hath need of them: and forthwith he will let them goe.

4 And this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying,

5 Say ye to the daughter of Sion, Behold thy King commeth to thee, meeke, and sitting upon an Asse, and a Colt the foale of her that is used to the yoke.

6 And the Disciples going, did as Jesus commanded them.

7 And

And when they drew nigh unto Hierusalem, and were come unto Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and anon ye shall finde an Asse tied, and a Colt with her, unloose them and bring them unto me.

3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them, and straightway he will let them goe.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying,

5 * Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meeke, and sitting upon an Asse, and a Colt the foale of the [illegible] to the yoke.

6 The Disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And

10 And when he was come into Hierusalem, all the citie was moued, saying, Who is this?

11 And the people said, This is IESVS the Prophet of Nazareth in Galilee.

12 And * IESVS went into the Temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the Temple, and ouerthrew the tables of the mony changers, and the seates of them that sold doues.

Matth 21.12. Luke 9.45. Iohn 2.14.

13 And he said to them, It is written, *My house shall be called the house of prayer: but you haue made it a denne of theeues.*

Deut.14.25.

14 And there came to him the blinde, and the lame in the Temple: and he healed them.

15 And the chiefe Priests and Scribes seeing the wonderfull things that he did, & the children crying in the Temple, & saying, *Hosanna to the Sonne of Dauid*: they had indignation,

Esa.56.7. ier.7.11.

16 And said to him, Heerest thou what these say? But IESVS said vnto them, Yea: neuer read, * Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast ordained praise?

Matth 21.14. Luke 19.46.

Psal.8.3.

17 And leauing them, he went forth out of the citie into Bethania, and he lodged there.

18 And in the morning returning into the citie, he was an hungred.

19 * And seeing a certaine figtree by the way side, he came to it: and found nothing on it, but leaues only, and said to it, Neuer grow there fruit of thee for euer. And incontinent the figtree withered.

Matth 21.18.

20 And the Disciples seeing it, marueiled, saying, How is it withered incontinent?

21 And IESVS answering said to them, Amen I say to you, if you shall haue faith, and stagger not, not onely that of the figtree shall you doe, but and if you shall say to this mountaine, Take vp and throw thy selfe into the Sea: it shall be done.

22 And all things whatsoeuer you shall aske in prayer || beleeuing, you shall receiue.

23 And when he was come into the Temple, there came to him as he was teaching, the chiefe Priests and ancients of the people, saying, || In what power doest thou these things? and who hath giuen thee this power?

Matth 21.23. Luke 20.1.

Or as he was teaching.

24 And IESVS answering said to them, I also will aske you one word: which if you tell me, I also will tell you in what power I doe these things.

25 The baptisme of Iohn whence was it? from

Easter Week.

The Gospel vpon Friday the second weeke in Lent. Esay 5. 1. Matth 21,1. Luke 20.

26 And they were afraid, saying: If we say, From men, we shall haue the people stoned: for all hold Iohn as a Prophet.

27 And they answering IESVS said, We know not. And he also said to them, Neither tell I you in what power I doe these things.

28 But what seeme you? A man had two sonnes: and he came to the first, and said, Sonne, go worke to day in my vineyard.

29 And he answering said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise: and he answering said, I go, Lord, and went not.

31 Which of the two did the father's will? They said to him, The first. IESVS saith to them, Amen I say to you, that the Publicans and the harlots goe into the kingdome of God before you.

32 For * Iohn came vnto you by the way of iustice: and you did not beleeue him: but the Publicans and the harlots beleeued him. And you, when you had seene it, were not moued afterward with repentance, that you might haue beleeued him.

Matth 21.32.

33 Heare another similitude. *There was a certaine man, an housholder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a wine presse in it, and built a towre, & let it out to husbandmen, & went into a strange country.

Esay 5.1. ierc.2.21. Matth 21. Luke 20.9.

34 And when the time of the fruits drew neere, he sent his seruants to the husbandmen, that they might receiue the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen apprehending his seruants, one they beat, another they killed, and another they stoned.

36 Againe he sent other seruants more then the former: and they did to them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent to them his sonne, saying, They will reuerence my Sonne.

38 But the husbandmen seeing the Sonne, said within themselues, This is the heire, come, let us kill him, and we shall haue his inheritance.

39 And apprehending him they cast him forth out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, What will he doe to those husbandmen?

41 They say to him, The naughty men he will bring to naught and his vineyard he will let out to other husbandmen, that shall render him the fruit in their seasons.

42 IESVS saith to them, Haue you neuer read in the Scriptures, *The stone which the builders rejected, the same is made into the head of the corner? By our Lord this was done, and it is marueilous in our eyes.*

Pfal.118,22.

Pfal.118.22. Matth 21.42.

43 There-

be spoke of them.

46 And seeking to lay hands upon him, they feared the multitude, because they held him as a Prophet.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXI.

2 You shall finde.] Christ doth not here but know what their hearts, and what they would do, but foretelleth them for his

7 The ass with the Colt.] Christ would not ride upon both, as it were his old and ancient people and new Church, but upon the Colt only, which was broken,

8 Garments in the way.] This was done to the Prophets memory, and for a memory hereof, the way where Christ should ride every yeare upon this day, was strewed with rushes and flowers, bearing of palmes,

9 Hosanna.] These very words of joyfull cry and triumphant voyce of gratefulnes to our Saviour, holy Church useth always in the Preface of the Masse, as it were the voyce of the Priest and all the people (wherein Priestly and decent) immediately before the Consecration and Elevation, as it were inviting and exhorting to his comming.

Holy words prophanely abused, of them that expect a third comming of Christ in person, which the Scripture doth not teach, that maketh mention but of two comminges of Christ, the one in humility to our redemption, the other in glory to judgement. And as for the attention and devotion of the people, that you speake of, they can have none of those matters which they understand not. And though some have a blinde and superstitious affection, yet the common sort be walking about the Church, and prating, even in Masse time, untill the tingling of your sacring bell call them to worship your idoll.

13 House of prayer.] Note how, that he calleth external sacrifice (out of the Prophet Esay) prayer. For he speaketh of the Temple, which was builded properly and principally for sacrifice.

The Temple was not builded properly and principally for sacrifice, but for prayer, as both this text doth testifie, and Salomon in his prayer at the dedication of the Temple, 1 Reg. 8. The externall ceremony of sacrifice without faithfull prayer, was nothing worth, but prayer without sacrifice was alwayes acceptable unto God, Psal. 50.

16 Mouth of infants.] Young childrens prayers proceeding from the inspiration of Gods Spirit, be acceptable: and so the voyce of the like, or of other simple folke now in the Church, though themselves understand not particularly what they say, be marvellous gratefull to Christ.

The children that by instinct of Gods Spirit, cryed in the Temple, Hosanna in the highest, spake in the Syrian tongue which they understood, and also knew that they saluted our Saviour Christ as their Messias, whose comming they were taught according to the Scriptures; to looke for: although they understood not distinctly all mysteries of Christs office, which none of his Apostles did throughly know, at this time. Therefore this is a beastly conclusion of yours, ergo prayers not understood of the party, are acceptable to Christ. If you urge the words of the Psalme, which nameth infants and sucklings that can neither speake nor understand, the meaning is not, that they praise God with their voyce: but that the providence of God, to his great praise, is manifest out of their mouthes, to whom he hath provided meate before they were borne, and in that great weaknesse and ignorance, taught them to take it for their sustenance, and call for it in their crying voyce, when they lacke it. So that our Saviour Christ out of that text reasoneth from the lesse to the more, if God ordained his praise out of infants and sucklings, that cannot speake or understand, how much more out of these, that can speake, and have some understanding?

22 Believing.] In respect of our owne unworthinesse, and of the thing we alwayes requisite for us, we may well doubt whether we shall obtaine or no: but as Gods part we must believe, that it is, we must have no difference or wavering concerning his power or of his will, if we be worthy, and the thing expedient. And therefore S. Marke saith, Have ye faith of God.

In the subject of our petition concerning worthinesse, we are ready out of all hope to obtaine any thing that we pray for, but we pray in respect of our unworthinesse, but we pray in faith of Gods promises, which of his free

Hosanna.

Hearing of the Masse.

Prayers not understood of the party, are acceptable.

Prayers not understood.

Marke 11.22.

Prayer in faith.

The Gospel upon the 13. Sunday after Pentecost.

AND Jesus answering, spake again in parables unto them, saying:

2 The Kingdome of heaven is likened unto a certaine King, which made marriage for his Sonne.

3 And he sent his seruants to call them that were bidden to the marriage: and they would not come.

4 Againe he sent other seruants, saying, Tell them which were bidden, Behold I have prepared my dinner: my beeves and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come ye to the marriage.

5 But they neglected: and went their wayes, some to his farme, and another to his merchandise:

6 And the rest laid hands upon his seruants and spitefully intreating them, murdered them.

7 But when the King had heard of it, he was wroth, and sending his hostes, destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city.

8 Then he saith to his seruants, The marriage indeed is ready: but they that were bidden, were not worthy.

9 Goe ye therefore into the high wayes: and whomsoever you finde there, call to the marriage.

10 And his seruants going forth into the wayes, gathered together all that they found, ‡ bad and good: and the marriage was filled with ghests.

11 And the King went in to see the ghests: and he saw there ‖ a man not attired in a wedding garment.

12 And he saith to him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? But he was dumbe.

13 Then the King said to the waiters, Binde his hands and feet, and cast him into the utter darknesse: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‡ Not onely good men be within the Church, but also evill men, against the heresies of these dayes.

14 For

Lev. 19,18.

Matt. 22,44. Luke 20,42.

42 Saying: What think you of Christ, whose Sonne is he? They say to him, David.

Psal. 109,1.

43 He saith vnto them: How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying:

44 *The Lord said vnto my Lord: sit on my right hand, vntil I make thine enemies thy footstoole.

45 If Dauid therefore call him Lord, how is he his sonne?

46 And no man could answere him a word: neither durst any man from that day aske him any more.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXII.

RHEM. 1 Marriage.] Then did God the Father make His marriage, when by the mysterie of the Incarnation he ioyned to his diuine nature our Lord vnto the Church for his spouse. Ephes. 5,32.

3 Enemies.] Except some few that fell to the faith, were the Prophets: the learned were but few: and all other of vnmeasured vnmeasurable ambitions and desires were to the Church.

FVLKE 1

RHEM. 2

5 One to his farme.] Such as were addicted to Christ Christ, alledge their seuerall excuses and worldly occasions, which at the day of iudgement shall not serue them.

This is rightly verified, if you vnderstand the new Church of Christ, but your intent is of vnnecessary preaching to Antichrist, and the Sea of Rome.

11 A man was refused.] He that vouchsafeth to be within the Church and to be a Catholike, cannot be of euill life, for such a one shall be damned, because with faith he hath not good workes: as it is euident by the examples of this man, who was without, and as the rest, but lacked the garment of charitie and good workes. And by this men are reprehended all the bad that are within, and therefore they also are in the Church, as this man was at the feast: but because he was called, and yet vnmeet for the same, it is euident that the Church hath not consist of the elect only contrary to some aduersaries.

FVLKE 2

He that hath not good workes, hath not a true, liuely, and onely iustifying faith. The visible Church, hath both elect and reprobate in it. But the Catholike Church is the number of the elect, which is inuisible, which is the body of Christ, consisteth onely of Gods elect, the true members of his body. This you knowe right well, but that you are disposed to slander vs, wheresoeuer you can take occasion to blinde the ignorant, by ambiguity, generality, or double vnderstanding of any word.

The Church of Christ is inuisible

The Catholike Church of Christ is inuisible

RHEM. 3 21 To Cæsar.] Temporall duties and paiments exacted by worldly Princes must be payed, so that God be not defrauded of his more principall duty. And therefore princes haue to take heed, how they exact: and subiects how they giue to Cæsar, that is, to their Prince, the things that are due to God, that is, to his Ecclesiasticall Ministers. Neither must temporall Princes exact, nor their Subiects giue more then is due.

Constantius to Constantius the Arian Emperour: Cæsar [illegible] the day of iudgement, [illegible] with Ecclesiasticall matters, neither doe thou commaund in this matter: [illegible] of vs, in that God hath committed the Empire, to vs he hath committed the things that belong to the Empire, but in deuising matters of Ecclesiasticall moment, thou be made guilty of a great crime. It is written, Giue to Cæsar the things that are Cæsars, & Cæsar: and the things that are Gods, to God. Therefore neither is it lawfull for vs in earth to hold the Empire, [illegible] (so Emperour) power ouer [illegible] agencies. And [illegible] to Valentinian the Emperour (who by the ill counsell of his mother Iustina [illegible] required of S. Ambrose to haue one Church in Millan deputed to the Arian heretiges) saith: we pay that [illegible] to Cæsar, to Cæsar: and that which is to Gods, to God. Tribute is Cæsars, it is not denied: the Church is Gods, it is claimed. [illegible] yeelded to Cæsar [illegible] Temple of God cannot be Cæsars right: which [illegible] be the Church? Emperours [illegible] within the Church, and not aboue the Church, Ambros. Ep. 5. Basil. Orat. [illegible]

FVLKE 3 Ciuill Princes and Magistrates, ought not to vsurpe Ecclesiasticall offices of preaching, [illegible] the Sacraments, excommunication, or such like: but they ought to command and prouide by lawes, that these things be done according to the word of God, and to punish the offendours. The saying of Ofius, [illegible] by Athanasius, is against Constantius, that would determine by his Imperiall authority, contrary to the Scriptures and the consent of the generall Councell of Nice, that Christ is not [illegible] such cases, nothing is to be yeelded to temporall Princes. Likewise, where the Emperour [illegible]

Neither must temporall Princes exact, nor their Subiects giue more then is due.

Ambassadors of Princes.

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Deut. 5,16.

Exod. 3,6.

Matt. 22,32.

Mark 12,26.

Luke 20,37.

Gen. 38,8.

Deut. 25,5.

Mark 12,19.

Luke 20,28.

Gen. 38,26.

Ruth 4,5.

Matt. 22,24.

Mark 12,19.

Luke 20,28.

Matt. 22,30.

Mark 12,25.

Luke 20,35.

Exod. 3,6.

Matt. 22,32.

Mark 12,26.

Luke 20,37.

Matt. 22,34.

Mark 12,28.

Luke 10,25.

Deut. 6,5.

Matt. 22,37.

Mark 12,30.

Luke 10,27.

Deut. 6,4.

Matt. 22,39.

Mark 12,31.

Luke 10,27.

Lev. 19,18.

Matt. 22,41.

Mark 12,35.

Luke 20,41.

Psal. 109,1.

Matt. 22,44.

Mark 12,36.

Luke 20,42.

Matt. 22,45.

Mark 12,37.

Luke 20,44.

Matt. 22,46.

Mark 12,34.

Luke 20,40.

Matt. 23,2.

Luke 11,52.

Deut. 25,5.

Matt. 22,24.

Mark 12,19.

Luke 20,28.

Gen. 38,8.

Ruth 4,5.

Matt. 22,25.

Mark 12,20.

Luke 20,29.

Gen. 38,26.

Matt. 22,27.

Mark 12,22.

Luke 20,31.

Matt. 22,28.

Mark 12,23.

Luke 20,33.

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Mark 12,34.

Luke 20,40.

Matt. 23,2.

Luke 11,52.

Holy Weeke. Nan. 15,53.

The Saints have our prayers.

Angels. Saints.

Religious single life Angelicall.

Honour of Saints.

Not only faith.

Merit. Inheritance.

The Gospel upon Tuesday the second weeke in Lent. Luke 11,46. Acts 15,10. "These Phylacteries were pieces of parchment, wherein they wrote the ten commandements, & folded it, & carried it on their forehead before their eyes, imagining grossly & superstitiously, that so they fulfilled that which is said, Deut. They shall be immoveable before thine eyes. Hier in 23. Matt. Deut. 22, 12.

True virginity, such as *Paul* ... point of not marrying, resembleth ... and thereof spake the ancient Fathers, not of the ... life of your Popish cloisterers, and unchast Priests, who in not marrying when they ... refuse the devile, who are also unmarried. ... 32 Of the dead] S. Mat. ... by this place disproveth the Heretike Vigilantius, and to him those of our time, which to ... the honour of Saints, call them of purpose, dead men.

The ... departed out of this life, ... live unto God, ... they in the Scripture ... men, and even in this place of the resurrection of the dead. ... honour, to ... Saviour, ... is only worthy of all ... 7.10.

40 On these two.] *Hereby it is evident that* ... *depended not upon faith onely, but ought more upon charitie, (though faith be the first) which is the love of God and of our neighbour, which is the summe of the Law and the Prophets: because he that hath this double charity expressed here by these two principall Commandements, fulfilleth and ... all that is ... the Law and the prophets.*

We say not that all the Law, ... the ... depend ... faith onely: but ... we say with Saint ... past. The Law ... is not of faith, but the man that hath done those things, shall live by them, Gal. 3.12. Yet this we say with S. ... ine, *The Law ... h, and faith obtaineth, de nat. & grat. cap.* 6. And S. *Augustine* blundreth ... faith upon this text. *It may be rightly said that the Commandements of God pertaine to merit, if that faith be not understood to be a dead faith, but a living faith, which worketh by love, de fid. & oper.* cap. 22. For if any man fulfill the Law, he shall be justified by workes without faith, which seeing no man is able to fulfill, the just shall live by faith, Gal. 3.11.

CHAP. XXIII.

The Scribes and Pharisees with all this, continuing still incorrigible, although he will have the doctrine of their chaire obeyed; yet dissuadeth from their workes (and namely their ambition) he openly inveigheth, crying to them eight woes for their eightfold hypocrisie and blindnesse: 34 and so concluding with the most worthy reprobation of that persecuting generation and their mother citie Hierusalem with her Temple.

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THen Iesvs spake to the multitudes and to his Disciples,

2 Saying, Vpon || the chaire of Moyses have sitten the Scribes and the Pharisees.

3 All things therefore || whatsoever they shall say to you, observe ye and doe ye: but according to their works do ye not, for they say and doe not.

4 For * they binde heavie burdens and importable: and put them upon mens shoulders: but with a finger of their owne they will not move them.

5 But they doe all their works for to be seene of men; for they make broad their

|| And

THen Iesus spake to the multitudes, and to *his Disciples,*

2 *Saying,* **The Scribes and the Pharisees* † *sate in Moyses seat:*

3 *All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do, but doe not yee after their workes: for they say, and doe not.*

4 **Yea, they binde together heavy burdens,* *and grievous to be borne, and lay them on mens shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.*

5 *All their workes they doe, for to be seene of men: * they make broad their ... and enlarge the borders of their ... garments.*

6 * *And*

2 Esdr. 8.4. † Or, sit.

Luke 11.46.

Num. 15.38. Deut. 6.8.

|| They are.

Holy Weeke. Nan. 15,53.

Mark 12, 38.

Iames 3,1.

one is your Master: Christ.

11 He that is the greatest of you, shall be your seruant.

12 And he that ... humbled: and he that ... shall ...

13 But woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you ... kingdome of heaven before men. For you ... doe ... enter in: and those that are going in, you ... not to enter.

Luke 20,47.

14 Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you * devoure widowes houses, || praying long prayers; for this you shall receive the greater judgement.

15 Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you goe round about the sea and the land, to make one Proselyte: and when he is made, you make him the childe of hell || double more then your selves.

16 Woe to you blinde guides, that say, whosoever shall sweare by the Temple, it is nothing: but he that shall sweare by that gold of the Temple, is bound.

17 Ye foolish and blinde, for whether is greater, the gold, or the Temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And whosoever shall sweare by the Altar, it is nothing: but whosoever shall sweare by the gift that is upon it, is bound.

19 Ye blinde, for whether is greater, the gift, or the Altar that || sanctifieth the gift?

20 He therefore that sweareth by the Altar, sweareth by it and by all things that are upon it:

21 And whosoever shall sweare by the Temple, sweareth by it and || by him that dwelleth in it:

22 And he that sweareth by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you tithe mint, and anise, and cummin, and have left the waighter things of the Law, judgement, and mercy, and faith; these things you ought to have done, and not to have omitted those.

24 Blinde guides, that straine a gnat, and swallow a camell.

25 Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you make cleane that on the outside of the cup and dish: but within || you are full of rapine and uncleannesse.

26 Thou

10 Neither be ye called Masters: for one is your Master, Christ.

11 He that is greatest among you, shall be your servant.

*12 *But whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be humbled: and he that shall humble himself, shall be exalted.*

Luke 14 and 18,

*13 *But woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye shut up the kingdome of heaven before men: for ye neither goe in your selves, neither suffer ye them that come, to enter in.*

Luke 1

*14 *Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites: for ye devoure widowes houses, and that under a pretence of long prayer, therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.*

Marke 1 Luke 2

15 Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, for ye compasse the sea and the land to make one proselyte, and when he is become one, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than ye your selves are.

16 Woe be unto you blinde guides, for ye say, Whosoever shall sweare by the Temple, it is nothing, but whosoever shall sweare by the gold of the Temple, he is a debtor.

17 Ye fooles and blinde, for whether is greater, the gold, or the Temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And whosoever shall sweare by the Altar, it is nothing, but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor.

19 Ye fooles and blinde, for whether is greater, the gift, or the Altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall sweare by the Altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

*21 *And whoso shall sweare by the Temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.*

1 King. 8.13. 2 chron. 6. 2.

22 And he that shall sweare by heaven, sweareth by the seat of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

*23 *Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, for ye tithe mint, and anise, and cummin, and have left the weightier matters of the Law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

Luke 11.42.

24 Ye blinde guides, which straine out a gnat, and swallow a camell.

*25 *Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, for ye make cleane the outer side of the cup, and of the platter, but within they are full of bribery and excesse.*

Luke 11.39.

26 Thou

of Thee Blinde Pharisee, first make cleane the inside of the cup and the dish, that the outside may become cleane.

27 Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because you are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appeare beautifull, but within are full of dead mens bones, and of all filthinesse.

28 So you also outwardly indeed ‖ appeare to men just: but inwardly you are full of hypocrisie and iniquity.

29 Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, ye hypocrites: because you build the Prophets Sepulchres, and ‖ garnish the monuments of just men,

30 And say: If we had beene in our fathers dayes we had not beene their fellowes in the blood of the Prophets.

31 Therefore you are a testimony to your owne selves, that you are the sonnes of them that killed the Prophets.

32 And fill you up the measure of your fathers.

33 You serpents, vipers broods, how will you flee from the judgement of hell?

34 Therefore behold, I send unto you Prophets and wise men and Scribes, and of them you shall kill and crucifie, and of them you shall scourge in your Synagogues, and persecute from city into city:

35 That upon you may come all the just blood that was shed upon the earth, from the blood of * Abel the just, even unto the blood of * Zacharias the sonne of Barachias, whom you murdered betweene the Temple and the Altar.

36 Amen I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.

37 * Hierusalem, Hierusalem, which killest the Prophets, and stonest them that were sent to thee, How often would I gather together thy children as the hen doth gather together her chickens under her wings, and thou ‡ wouldest not?

38 Behold, your house shall be left desert to you.

39 For I say to you, you shall not see me from henceforth till you say, Blessed is he that commeth in the Name of our Lord.

Gospel S. Stephen day, Decem. 26.

Gen. 4, 8. 2 Par. 24, 22.

Luke 13, 34.

Rhem. ‡ Free & will. Fulke: Free from constraint, but thrall to sinne.

28 *Even so ye also outwardly appeare righteous unto men: but within ye are full of hypocrisie and iniquity.*

29 *Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, because ye build the sepulchres of the Prophets, and garnish the Sepulchres of the righteous,*

30 *And say, If we had beene in the dayes of our fathers, we would not have beene partners with them in the blood of the Prophets.*

31 *Wherefore ye be witnesses unto your selves, that ye are the children of them which killed the Prophets,*

32 *Fulfill ye also the measure of your fathers.*

33 *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how will ye escape the damnation of hell?*

34 *Wherefore behold, I send unto you Prophets, and wise men, and Scribes, and some of them ye shall kill and crucifie, and some of them shall ye scourge in your Synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:*

35 *That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of that righteous Abel, unto the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom ye slew betweene the Temple and the Altar.* Gen. 4. 8. Heb. 11. 4. 2 chro. 24. 22.

36 *Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.*

37 *O Hierusalem, Hierusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which have been sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hoane gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not?* Luke 13. 34. 4 Esdr. 1. 30.

38 *Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

39 *For I say unto you, ye shall by no meanes see me henceforth, till that ye shall say, Blessed is he that commeth in the Name of the Lord.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXIII.

Rhem. 1 2 Chaire of Moses.] *God preserveth the truth of Christian religion in the Apostolike See of Rome, which is in the new Law answerable to the chaire of Moses, notwithstanding the Bishops of the same were never so wicked of life: yea though some traitor as ill as Iudas were Bishop thereof, it should not be preiudicial to the Church and innocent Christians, for whom our Lord providing, said, Doe that which they say, but doe not as they doe,* Aug. ep. 165. The See of Rome preserved in truth

Fulke 1 S. *Augustine* saith not, that God preserveth the truth of Christian Religion in the Apostolike See of Rome, but sheweth that so long as the truth of Christian Religion is maintained, we must not depart from the unitie of the Church for the evill life of the Teachers or Bishops. He answereth an Epistle of a Donatist unto *Generosus*, wherein was declared the order of Bishops, in a certaine citie, from *Donatus* the Authour of that Schisme. Whereupon S. *Augustine* saith, *Si ordo, &c. If the order of Bishops succeeding one another be so be considered, how much more certainely and indeed wholesomely doe we number from* Peter, *to whom bearing the figure of the whole Church, our Lord saith, upon this Rocke I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not overcome it: for to* Peter *succeeded* Linus, *&c.* And so forth he nameth the Bishops to *Anastasius*, among which he saith, there was never a Bishop that was a Donatist: *but overthwart out of Africa, they sent one ordained, which governing over a few Africane in the city of Rome, enlarged the name of* Montenses, *or* Cutzupitæ. *But until that order of Bishops, which is brought from* Peter *himselfe, unto* Anastasius, *which now occupieth the same Chaire, although* Succession of Bishops.

Rhem. 2 3 Whatsoever they shall say.] *Why (saith S. Augustine) dost thou call the Apostolike Chaire, with which the Catholike is in communion, the chaire of pestilence: being able to charge the Bishops that sate in it, not with false doctrine, nor with evill life, which if he could have done, the faith had perished in the men, not in the Chaire. Neither doth he speake onely of the See of Rome, but also manifestly expresseth the See of Ierusalem, and consequently understandeth all the Churches planted by the Apostles. Therefore he writeth thus: Peruenisti, &c. But if all should conspire the whole world, were such as these dogs must falsly accuse them, what hath the Chaire of the Church of Rome done unto thee, to which Peter sate, and at this day sitteth Anastasius, or the Chaire of the Church of Ierusalem, to which Iames sate, and at this day Iohn sitteth, to whom we in the Catholike unitie are knit, and from whom with wicked rage, you have separated your selves: Why called thou the Apostolike Chaire, the Chaire of pestilence? &c.* In the second place which you cite, where S. *Augustine* saith, that our Saviour Christ, by the Chaire of *Moyses*, figured his owne Chaire, it is evident, that by the Chaire, he understandeth not the place where he sate when he taught, but the doctrine which he taught. Therefore note the dignitie of the See of Rome, but the dignitie of the doctrine of Christ, wheresoever it be taught, and the countenance, opinion, and authority in the same, so commended by S. *Augustine*: not appropriated to the See of Bishop of Rome: any longer then the Bishop of Rome teacheth the doctrine of Christ, which is the Chaire of Christ and of Peter. It is not the wicked life of the Popes (onely not principally, that declareth him to bee Antichrist, but the doctrine of devils, which sets he aduanceth more to himselfe, then he alloweth to Christ, as in his wicked doctrine of Purgatory, Dispensation (as you hold) and dispenseth against the Law of God, commandeth idolatrie, and communion under one kinde, directly against the Commandements of God and Christ, &c. Fulke 2 Rhem. Antichrist 2 V. M. I. Rhem. 3 Fulke 3 Many millions and many Archheresies. Visible. Rhem. 4 Doctors, Schoolmasters and governors, Pastors. Fulke 4 Rhem. 5 Fulke 5 Priesthood. Honour of Priesthood.

6 Love the first places.] *He condemneth not due places of superiority given or taken of men according to their degrees, but ambitious seeking for the same, and their proud heart and wicked intention, which he saw within them, and therefore might boldly reprehend them.*

8 One is your Master.] *In the Catholike Church there is one Master, Christ our Lord, and under him one Pastor, with whom all Catholike Doctors and Teachers are one, because they teach all one thing. But in Arch-heresies it is not so, 'tis not every one of them is a diuers master, and teacheth contrary to the other, and will be called Rabbi and Master; every one of their owne Disciples: Arius a Rabbi among the Arians, Luther among the Lutherans, and among the Caluinists, Calvin.*

In the Popish Church, the Pope is your master, of whom you learne that you learne, not of Christ: and though you did all agree in your heresie, you were never the nearer, but the farther from the truth. Nevertheless, there hath beene and still are great differences among you: as of the authority of the Pope, and of the generall Councell; questions not defined among you. But neither *Luther*, nor *Calvin*, desired to be credited any further then the word and the doctrine of Christ did warrant them: neither is their authority otherwise effectuall of us, but so farre forth as it is agreeable to the holy Scriptures. And whereas you have one Vicar, he is the Vicar of Satan, whose doctrine he maintaineth, in prohibition of marriage and meats, in commanding of idolatry, and contemning of Christ. But Christ never appointed any Vicar generally, but such as he himselfe is, even his holy Spirit the Comforter, by whom he is still present with his Church, unto the end of the world.

10 Masters.] Wicklife *and the like heretikes of this time, do hereupon condemne degrees of Schooles and titles of Doctors and Masters: where they might as well reprove S. Paul for calling himselfe Doctor and Master of the Gentiles: and for saying, that there should be alwayes Doctors in the Church; and wherein they bring the other words following, against Christians men who are called Fathers; as well may they by this place take away the name of carnall fathers, and blame S. Paul for calling himselfe the onely spirituall Father of the Corinthians. But indeed nothing is here forbidden, but the couetous desires and partiality of such as make themselues Ringleaders of Schismes and Sects, as Donatus, Arius, Luther, Calvin.*

It is a slander of *Wicklife*, and of the godly of this time, though some Anabaptisticall spirits, or ignorant persons, imagine such degrees and titles, to be here forbidden. But such doctors, teachers and fathers are forbidden, as be authors, teachers, & begetters of new doctrines, & religious persons, as Friars, Dominicke Lords, & such like.

13 Scribes and Pharisees.] *In all these reprehensions it is much to be noted, that our Saviour for the honour of Priesthood, never reprehendeth priests by that name,* Cypr. ep. 65. *Wherein our Heretikes vse this name of purpose in reproach and despight.*

The Priesthood of the Law was of Gods institution, and therefore our Saviour Christ (as S. *Cyprian* saith) kept the honour that was due unto the Priests, but not as you say, in that he never reprehended Priests, by that name. For so S. *Cyprian* saith not: And you forget at least the Priest that pitied by the wounded man, Luke 10.

14 And was it no reprehension of the Priests thinke you? when he said, that he should *suffer many things of the high Priests, and be slaine of them,* Mat. 16. 21. Yet he findeth no fault with their name which the Scripture gave them,

The immunion.

Not onely faith.

Slander.

The Altar is sanctified by our Lords body thereupon. Theophyl. Mat. 23.

Holinesse of gifts and altars.

De spir. & lit. cap 11. Conc. Adrian. legis & prophet. cap. 18.

Theophyl. in math bread, not[hollies.

Transubstantiatio

Swearing by creatures.

The sepulchres of holy men.

CHAP. XXIIII.

To his Disciples (by occasion of Hierusalem and the Temples destruction) he foretelleth, 4 what things shall be before the consummation of the world, especially, 14 the Churches full preaching unto all nations: 15 then, what shall be in the very consummation, to wit, Antichrist with his passing great persecution and seduction, but for a short time: 29 then incontinent the Day of Iudgement to our great comfort in those miseries under Antichrist. 35 As time: 29 then incontinent the Day of Iudgement to our great comfort in those miseries under Antichrist. 35 As for the moment, to wit it pertaineth not to know it, 37 but rather every man to watch, that we be not unprovided when he commeth to each one particularly by death.

HOLY WEEKE. Mark. 13, 1. Luk. 21, 5.

AND IESVS being gone out of the Temple, went. And his disciples came to shew him the buildings of the Temple.

2 And hee answering said to them, Doe you see all these things? Amen I say to you, there shall not ‖ bee left here a stone upon a stone, that shall not be destroyed.

THE GOSPEL for a votive Masse in time of warre, and for many Martyrs.

3 And when hee was sitting upon Mount Oliuet, the disciples came to him secretly, saying: Tell vs, when shall these things be? and what shall be ‖ the signe of thy comming, and of the consummation of the world?

4 And IESVS answering, said to them, Beware that no man ‖ seduce you.

5 For

AND Iesus went out, and departed from the Temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the Temple.* Mark. 13. 1. luke. 21. 5.

2 *Iesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? Verely, I say unto you, * there shall not bee left here one stone upon another, that shall not be destroyed.* Luke. 19. 44.

3 *And as he sate upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him secretly saying, Tell vs, when shall these things be? and what shall be the token of thy comming, and of the end of the world?*

4 *And Iesus answered, and said unto them, Take * heed that no man deceive you.* Col. 2. 28. ephes. 5. 6.

5 *For*

HOLY WEEKE. TVESDAY night.

‡ There were in the people false prophets, as among you also shal be lying Masters which shall bring in Sects of perdition. 2 Pet. 2.

The Gospel upon the last Sunday after Pentecost. Dan. 9, 27.

Mat. 10, 17.

6 For you shall heare of warres, and ‖ hearings of warres: take heed that ye be not troubled; for those things must be done: but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome: and there shall be pestilences, and famines, and earth-quakes in places,

8 And all these things are the beginnings of sorrowes.

9 Then * shall they deliver you into tribulation, and shall kill you: and you shall be odious to all nations for my Names sake.

10 And then many shall be scandalized: and they shall deliver up one another: and they shall hate one another.

11 And many ‡ false prophets shall rise: and shall seduce many.

12 And because ‖ iniquity shall abound: the charity of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall persevere to the end, he shall be saved.

14 And this Gospel of the kingdom ‖ shall be preached in the whole world, for a testimony to all nations, and then shall come the consummation.

15 Therefore when you shall see ‖ *the abomination of desolation*, which was spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, standing in the holy place (he that readeth, let him understand.)

16 Then they that are in Iurie, let them flee to the mountaines:

17 And he that is on the house top, let him not come downe to take any thing out of his house:

18 And he that is in the field, let him not goe backe to take his coat.

19 And woe to them that are with childe, and that give sucke in those dayes.

20 But pray that your flight be not in the Winter, or on the Sabbath.

21 For there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not beene from the beginning of the world untill now, neither shall be.

22 And unlesse those dayes had beene shortened, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect the dayes ‖ shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Loe, ‡ here is Christ, or there: doe not beleeve him.

24 For there shall arise false christs and false prophets, and shall shew ‖ great signes and wonders, so that the elect also (if it be possible) may be indvced into errour.

25 Loe, I have foretold you.

26 If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert: goe ye not out: behold ‖ in the closets, beleeve it not.

27 For as lightening commeth out of the East, and appeareth even into the West, so shall also the advent of the Sonne of man bee.

28 Where-

6 And you shall heare of warres, and hearings of warres, see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to passe, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and realme against realme, and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diuers places. ‖ Some every [illegible]

8 All these are the beginnings of sorrows.

*9 * Then shall they put you to trouble, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my Names sake.* Matth. 10. luke 21. 12. john 16.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this Gospel of the Kingdome shall bee preached in all the World, for a witnesse unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

*15 *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand)* Marke 13. 14. luke 21. 20. dan. 9. 27.

16 Then let them which be in Iurie, flee into the mountaines.

17 And let him which is on the house top, not come downe to fetch any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field, returne backe to fetch his clothes.

19 Woe shall be in those dayes to them that are with childe, and to them that give sucke.

*20 But pray ye, that your flight bee not in the Winter, * neither on the Sabbath day.* Acts 1. 12.

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever in any wise shall be.

22 Yea, and except those dayes should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the chosens sake those dayes shall be shortened.

*23 Then if any man shall say unto you, * Loe, here is Christ, or there: beleeve it not.* Marke 13. 21. luke 17. 23.

24 For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signes, and wonders: insomuch that (if it were possible) they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret places, beleeve it not.

27 For as the lightning commeth out of the East, and shineth into the West: so shall also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

28 * For

whersoever the body is, thither shall the Eagles also be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those dayes * the Sunne shall be darkened, and the Moone shall not give her light, and the Starres shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved:

30 And then shall appeare ‡ the signe of the Sonne of man in heaven: and then shall all tribes of the earth bewaile: and they shall see the Sonne of man comming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majestie.

31 And he shall send his Angels with a trumpet, and a great voyce: and they shall gather together his elect from the foure winds, from the farthest parts of heaven even to the ends thereof.

32 And of the figtree learne a parable: when now the bough thereof is tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that Summer is nigh.

33 So you also, when you shall see these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doores.

34 Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not passe, till all these things be done.

35 Heaven and earth shall passe, but my words shall not passe.

36 But of that day and houre no body knoweth, neither the Angels of heaven, but the Father alone.

37 And as * in the dayes of Noe, so shall also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

38 For as they were in the dayes before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving to marriage, even unto that day in which Noe entred into the Arke,

39 And knew not till the flood came, and tooke them all: so also shall the comming of the Sonne of man be.

40 Then two shall be in the field: one shall be taken, and one shall be left.

41 Two women grinding in the mill: one shall be taken, and one shall be left.

42 Watch therefore because you know not what houre your Lord will come.

43 But this know ye, that * if the good man of the house did know what houre the theefe would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be you also ready, because at what houre you know not, the Sonne of man will come.

45 Who, thinkest thou, is a faithfull and wise servant, whom his lord hath appointed over his family, to give them meat in season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord commeth, he shall finde so doing.

47 Amen I say to you, that over all his goods shall he appoint him.

48 But if that euill servant shall say in his heart, My lord is long a comming:

49 And

Gen.7.5.

1 Thess.5.2. The Gospel for a confessor that is a Bishop. And for S. Clement Martyr, Novemb.23.

28 * For wheresoever the dead carkasse is, even there will the Eagles also be gathered together. Luke 27.37.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those dayes, * shall the Sunne be darkened, and the Moone shall not give her light, and the Starres shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken. Marke 13.24. luke 21.25. ioel 2.31.

30 And then shall appeare the signe of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the kindreds of the earth mourne, * and they shall see the Sonne of man comming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. Revel. 1.7.

31 * And he shall send his Angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his chosen from the foure winds, even from one end of heaven to the other. 1 Cor.15.52. 1 Thess.4.16.

32 Learne a parable of the figtree: When his branch is yet tender, and the leaves spring, you know that Summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, be sure that it is neere, even at the doores.

34 Verily I say unto you, this generation shall in no wise passe, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 * Heaven and earth shall passe away, but my words shall in no wise passe away. Marke 13.32

36 But of that day and houre knoweth no man, no, not the Angels of heaven, but my Father onely.

37 But as the dayes of Noe were, so shall also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

38 * For as in the daies that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, even until the day that Noe entred into the Arke, Gen.7.5. luke 17.28.

39 And knew not till the flood came, and tooke them all away: so shall also the comming of the Sonne of man be.

40 * Then shall two be in the field: the one is received, and the other is left alone. Luke 17.35. 1 thess.4.17.

41 * Two women shall be grinding at the mill: the one is received, and the other left alone. 1 Thess.4.17.

42 * Watch therefore, for ye know not what houre your Lord doth come. Marke 13.35.

43 * Of this yet be sure, that if the good man of the house had known what watch the theefe would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Luke 12.39. 1 thess.5.2. apoc.16.15.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an houre as ye thinke not, the Sonne of man commeth.

45 Who then is that faithfull and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he commeth shall finde so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evill servant shall say in his heart, My lord will be long a comming:

49 And

HOLY WEEKE.

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day that he looketh not, and in an houre that he knoweth not,

51 And shall divide him, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day that he looketh not for, and in an houre that he knoweth not for,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and give him his portion with the hypocrites: * there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matth. 25. and 25.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXIIII.

RHEM. 1 — 23 Here is Christ.] Whosoever denyed Christ or his Church from the consistory and fellowship of all nations? Christ must not be confined to any one nation, or country, seeing his kingdome is Catholike. Vers. 5.14.

FVLKE 1 — Thus believe not the Turkes, for they draw the Church from the universality of all nations to one city of Rome, or to a piece of Europe, as the Donatists did to a part of Affrica.

RHEM. 2 — 30 The signe of.] The signe of the Sonne of man, is the holy Crosse, which shall appeare to the Jewes to their confusion, Chrysostom Mat. hom. 77. It shall be in the ayre as it was seene at Christs ascension. S. Hierome, S. Basile, make the signe of the Crosse, to be the banner of the Christian warfare. The Author of the unperfect worke in Matth. he compareth the Crosse to the Rainbow, that the signe of Christ, is the mercy of God, which is to be pitied, by the signe of his body, of them that crucified him. But if it be the signe of the Crosse, it shall be a comfort to them that have embraced the Crosse, and idolatry, contrary with the signe of the Crosse: but terrible to them which overthrow the true Crosse of Christ, that is, the vertue of Christs sacrifice offered upon the Crosse, which is, the onely glory of all true Christians: which thing the Papists doe, by setting up many altars and a new sacrifice. As for the signe of the Crosse, so it be without superstition, we can abide well enough.

The Signe of the Crosse.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XXIIII.

RHEM. — 2 Not left.] This was fulfilled forty yeeres after Christs Ascension by Vespasian the Emperour and his sonne Titus. Euseb. l.3.c.6. & seq. ex Ioseph. Upon which words, There shall not be left, &c. Which threaten the destruction of the Iewes Temple: and those words, Upon this Rocke I will build my Church, Which promise the building of the Catholike Church of all nations: S. Chrysostome making a long comparison of these two prophesies of Christ, saith thus: Thou seest in both his great and unspeakable power, in that, that he mocked and built up them that worshipped him, and those that stumbled at him, he abased, destroyed, and plucked them up by the root. Doest thou see how whatsoever he hath built, no man shall destroy: and whatsoever he hath destroyed, no man shall build? He builded the Church, and no man shall be able to destroy it: he destroyed the Temple, and no man is able to build it, and that in so long time. For they have endevoured both to destroy that; and could not: and they have attempted to build up this, and they could not do that neither, &c.

The Church never faile, 16. Lib. adv. Gentes. quod Christus Deus. prope finem.

3 The signe.] Our Master knowing that it was not profitable nor seemely for them to know these secrets, gave them, by way of Prophesie, warning of divers mysteries, signes, and tokens, that should fall, some further off, and some nearer the latter day: by which the faithfull might always prepare themselves, but never be certaine of the houre, day, moneth, nor yeere, when it should fall, Aug. ep. 80.

4 Seduce.] The first and principall warning, needfull for the faithfull from Christs Ascension, to the very end of the world, is that they be not deceived by heretikes, which under the titles of true Teachers and the Name of Christ and his Gospel, will seduce many.

Heretikes follow under faire titles.

RHEM. 3 — 5 I am Christ.] Not onely such as have named themselves Christ, as Simon, Menander, and such like: but all Arch-heretikes be Christs to their followers, Luther to the Lutherans, Calvin to the Calvinists: because they believe them, rather then Christ speaking in his Church.

FVLKE 3 — Luther and Calvin neither named themselves Christ, nor challenged any part of Christs office, or honour to them, but the Pope doth both: advancing himselfe above Christ, in his blasphemous pardons and dispensations, and in controuling of Christs institution.

The Pope in his canon law is called God, Lord God, and God above all gods, &c.

RHEM. — 12 Iniquity abound.] When heresie and false teachers reigne in the world, namely towards the latter day, wicked life aboundeth, and charity decayeth.

RHEM. 4 — 14 Shall be preached.] The Gospel hath beene preached of late yeeres, and now is, by holy Religious men of divers Orders, in sundry great countreys which never heard the Gospel before, as it is thought.

The Gospel now preached to infidels.

FVLKE 4 — The Spaniards have procured these good Preachers of the Gospel, to picke a quarrell to spoile, and by murdering of infinite thousands, to dispeople those countreys. Witnesse their owne countreyman and fellow in religion, Bartholomæus Cassus, in his Spanish Colonie. Beate the Italian in hist. novi Orbis. The like zeale of religion caused them to attempt the invasion of this Land. But God hath rewarded them according to their wickednesse.

RHEM. 5 — 15 Abomination of desolation.] This abomination of desolation foretold, was first partly fulfilled in divers prophanations of the Temple of Hierusalem, when the sacrifice and service of God was taken away; but specially it shalbe fulfilled by Antichrist and his precursors, when they shall abolish the holy Masse, which is the sacrifice of Christs body and blood, and the onely soveraigne worship due to God in his Church: as S. Hipollytus, writeth in these words: The Churches shall lament with great lamentation, because there shall neither oblation be made, nor incense, nor worship gratefull to God. But the sacred houses of Churches shall be like to cottages, and the precious body and blood of Christ, shall not be extant, (openly in Churches) in those dayes, the Liturgie (or Masse) shall be extinguished, the Psalmodie shall cease, the reciting of the Scriptures shall not be heard, Hippol. de Antichristo. By which it is plaine that the heretikes of those dayes be the speciall fore-runners of Antichrist.

The abomination of desolation. The abolishing of the holy sacrifice of the Masse by Antichrist and his ministers.

FVLKE 5 — This Hippolytus was not that ancient Martyr, of whom S. Hier. writeth in Chron. but a later fantasticall fellow, full of fables concerning Antichrist. That he should be no man, but a devill in the shape of man, that John the Evangelist shall come with Henoch and Helias, before the comming of Antichrist, that Antichrist, shall bring devils with him in the shape of Angels, and command them to carry him up to heaven, with such like stuffe. Yet he doth not expound this abomination, of the abolishing of the Masse, or the sacrifice thereof, nor speaketh of either of them: but flourishing in words, as his manner is, foreshewth the abolishing of all Christian religion, which shall never be, for Christ will continue with his Church to the end of the world.

RHEM. 6 — 22 Shalbe shortned.] The reigne of Antichrist shall be short, that is three yeeres and a halfe. Dan.7. Apo.12. Therefore the heretike are blasphemous & ridiculous, that say, Christs Vicar is Antichrist, who hath sitten these 1500 yeres. Chrysostome

Antichrist.

The reigne of Antichrist. Cap. 12.

2 Thess. 2.

2 Great signes. These signes and miracles shall be to the outward appearance very great. Paul calleth them * lying signes, to seduce them only that shall perish. Whereby we see that if the world should want true and forged miracles, yet were we not to beleeve them, much lesse when they want so many true miracles.

The secret conventicles of heretiks. Catholike Christians secretly assembling in time of persecution. * Act. 12.12.

28 In cloſets.] Christ having warned the Churches of the danger, bringeth remedy: that is, to take heed of heretiks and their conventicles, which have their conventicles made in corners to serve God in secret places, that is a necessary thing in time of persecution, and was used of Christians together after Christ, * and the Apostles also and Christians came so together in Hierusalem for feare of the Iewes. And Catholikes do the same at this day in our country, shunning religious to corners for the feare of persecution.

The Church hidden. The glittering of the Popish Church. Antichrist.

Church, but professing secretly the same faith, that all Christians ever did and shall do till the end of the world.

The Church of God had no glorious shew in the sight of the world, for three hundred yeeres after Christ, when they came together in secret places, to serve God. Thereof came the glorious pompe of Popetie in Italie, Spaine or France, is not the beginning and cleere authority of the Church, which S. Augustine speaketh. For that, the Church wanted not for three hundred yeeres together after Christ, but in the middest of the hottest persecution, retained the same light and cleere authority, amongst all true Christians.

29 Immediately.] If the latter day shall immediately follow the persecution of Antichrist, which is to endure but three yeeres and a halfe, as is aforesaid: then it is meere blasphemy to say, Gods Vicar is Antichrist, and that (by their owne limitation) these thousand yeeres almost.

Antichrist.

You have said, that the persecution of Antichrist, should endure but three yeeres and a halfe, but you are never able to prove it of usuall yeeres, therefore it is no blasphemy to say, the Pope is Antichrist, though his tyranny hath continued almost a thousand yeeres. But rather it is blasphemy to say the Pope is Gods Vicar: for that importeth God and Christ to be absent from his Church. Otherwise the holy Ghost supplieth the want of his bodily presence, untill he come againe to judgement.

CHAP. XXV.

Continuing his Sermon, he bringeth two parables, of ten virgins, and of talents, to shew how to shalbe in Deed as they with the faithfull that prepare, and that prepare not themselves. 31 Then also without parables he sheweth that such faithfull as doe workes of mercy, shall have for them life everlasting: and such as doe not, everlasting damnation.

The Gospel for holy virgines.

THen shall the kingdome of heaven be like to ten ‖ virgins: which taking their ‖lampe went forth to meet the Bridegroome and the Bride.

2 And five of them were foolish, and five wise.

3 But the five foolish, having taken their lampes, did not take ‖ oile with them.

4 But the wise did take oile in their vessels with the lampe.

5 And the Bridegroome tarrying long, they slumbered all and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a clamour made, Behold the Bridegroome commeth, go ye forth to meet him.

7 Then arose all those virgins: and they trimmed their lampes.

8 And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of ‡ your oile: because our lampes are going out.

9 The wise answered, saying, Lest peradventure there suffice not for us and you, goe rather to them that sell: & buy for your selves.

10 And whiles they went to buy, the Bridegroome was come: and they that were ready entred with him to the marriage, and the gate was shut.

11 But last of all come also the other virgines, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answering said, Amen I say to you, I know you not.

13 Watch

THen shall the kingdome of heaven be liked unto ten virgines, which when they had taken their lampes, went forth to meet the Bridegroome.

2 But five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish, when they had taken their lampes, tooke none oile with them:

4 But the wise tooke oile in their vessels, with their lampes also.

5 While the Bridegroome tarried, they all slumbred and slept.

6 And even at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroome commeth, goe ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and prepared their lampes.

8 So the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oile, for our lampes are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you: but goe ye rather to them that sell, and buy for your selves.

10 And while they went to buy, the Bridegroome came, and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the doore was shut up.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered, and said, Verely I say unto you, I know you not.

13 *Watch*

Matth. 13, 12. Luke 8, 18.

‡ A terrible example for all such as do not employ the very least gift of God, to his glory.

1 And so shall he that hath received five talents, and traffiqued with them, and so gained other five.

16 And he that had received the five talents, went his way, and occupied with the same, and gained other five.

17 Likewise he that had received the two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one talent, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lords money.

19 Go after a long time came the lord of those servants commeth, and made account with them.

20 And there came he that had received the five talents, and offered other five talents, saying, Lord, five talents didst thou deliver me, behold ‡ I have gained other five besides.

21 His lord said unto him: Well fare thee good and faithfull servant, because thou hast beene faithfull over a few things, I will place thee over many things: enter into the joy of thy lord.

22 And there came also he that had received the two talents, and said, Lord two talents thou didst deliver me: behold, I have gained other two.

23 His lord said to him, Well fare thee good and faithfull servant: because thou hast beene faithfull over a few things, I will place thee over many things, enter into the joy of thy lord.

24 And he also that had received the one talent, came forth, and said, Lord, I know that thou are a hard man, thou reapest where thou diddest not sow: and gathered where thou strewedst not:

25 And being afraid, I went and hid thy talent in the earth: behold loe here thou hast that which thine is.

26 And his lord answering, said to him: ‡ Naughty and slothfull servant, thou didst know that I reape where I sowe not, and gather where I strewed not:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have committed my money to the Bankers, and coming I might have received mine owne ‖ with usurie.

28 Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it him that hath ten talents.

29 For to * every one that hath shall bee given, and he shall abound: but from him that hath not, that also which ‖ he seemeth to have shall be taken away from him.

30 And the unprofitable servant cast ye out

16 Then he that had received the five talents, came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

17 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithfull servant, thou hast been faithfull over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

18 But he that had received one talent, came and said, Lord, I knew that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sowne, and gathering where thou hast not strewed:

19 And therefore was I afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: loe, there thou hast that thine is.

20 His lord answered, and said unto him, Thou evill and slothfull servant, thou knewest that I reape where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed:

21 Thou oughtest therefore to have delivered my money to the exchangers: and then at my comming should I have received my owne with vantage.

22 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 *For to every one that hath, shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, shall be taken away, even that which he hath.*

Matth. 13. 12. Marke 4. 25.

30 *And cast the unprofitable servant into*

Matth. 8. 12. after and 22. 13.

11 Lest when the Sonne of man shall come,

[illegible] actions shall be gathered to-
[illegible] and shall ‖ separate
[illegible] the pastour [illegible]
[illegible] the goats:

33 And shall set the sheepe at his right
[illegible] goats at his left.

34 Then shall the King say to them that
shall be at his right hand, ‖ Come ye blessed
of my Father, possesse you the kingdome
‡ prepared for you from the foundation of
the world.

35 For I was an hungred, and ‖ you gave
me to eat: I was a thirst, and you gave me to
drinke.

36 I was a stranger, and ye tooke mee
in: naked, and you covered me: sicke, and
you visited me: I was in prison, and you came
to me.

37 Then shall the just answere him, say-
ing: Lord when did we see thee an hungred,
and fed thee? or a thirst, and gave thee drinke?

38 And when did we see thee a stranger,
and tooke thee in? or naked, and covered
thee?

39 Or when did we see thee sicke or in
prison, and came vnto thee?

40 And the King answering, shall say to
them, Amen, I say to you, as long as you did
it to one of these my least brethren, you did
it to me.

41 Then shall he say to them also that
shall be at his left hand, ‖ Get ye away from
me you cursed into fire everlasting, which
was prepared for the devill and his angels.

42 For I was an hungred, and you ‖ gave
me not to eat: I was a thirst, and you gave
me not to drinke.

43 I was a stranger, and you tooke mee
not in: naked, and you covered me not:
sicke, and in prison, and you did not visit
me.

44 Then they also shall answer him, say-
ing, Lord, when did we see thee an hungred,
or a thirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sicke, or
in prison, and did not minister to thee?

45 Then he shall answere them, saying, A-
men I say to you, as long as you did it not to
one of these lesser, neither did you it to me.

46 And these shall goe into punishment
everlasting: but the just, into life everla-
sting.

your kingdome, which shall be prepared for your
kingdome.

34 And when the Sonne of man shall come
in his glorie, and all the holy Angels with
him, then shall he sit upon the seate of his
glorie.

32 And before him shall be gathered all na-
tions, and he shall separate them one from ano-
ther, as a shepheard diuideth his sheepe from the
goats.

33 And he shall set the sheepe on his right
hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say to them which
shall be on his right hand, Come ye blessed of
my Father, inherit the kingdome which is
prepared for you from the foundation of the
world.

35 † For I was an hungred, and you gave Esay 58.7.
me meat: I was thirstie, and you gave ezech.18.7.
me drinke: I was a stranger, and you tooke
me in.

36 Naked, and you clothed me: I was sicke, Eccl.7.39.
and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came
unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answere him,
saying: Lord, when saw we thee hungred,
and fed thee? or thirstie, and gave thee
drinke?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and tooke
thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sicke, or in prison,
and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer, and say unto
them, Verily I say unto you, in as much as you
have done it unto one of the least of these my
brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 * Then shall he say also unto them on the Psal.6.9.
left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the matth.7.23.
everlasting fire, which is prepared for the devill luke 13.27.
and his angels.

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave mee
no meat: I was thirstie, and ye gave me no
drinke.

43 I was a stranger, and ye tooke me not in:
naked, and ye clothed me not: sicke, and in prison,
and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answere him, saying,
Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or a thirst,
or a stranger, or naked, or sicke, or in prison,
and did not minister unto thee.

45 Then shall he answere them, saying,
Verely I say unto you, in as much as ye did it
not to one of the least of these, ye did it not
to me.

46 And * these shall goe away into ever- Dan.12.2.
lasting paine: but the righteous into life eter- iohn 5.29.
nall.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXV.

RHEM. 1 Your oile.] If we have not the favour of God, and have [illegible] merits, we shall not be [illegible] Merit.

FVLKE 1 Christians are in the favour of God, through the merits of Christ. And their justice consisteth not of their owne merit, but of the mercy of God, *Magnum erat. Pelag. lib.1.* When the reward shall come, he will crowne *his gifts, not thy merits*, Faith 6. *Augustine Psal.79.Conc.5.*

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ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXV.

1 Virgins.] *These Virgins, five wise, and five foolish, signifie that in the Church without there be good & euill, which shall be shut out at the latter day, although they have lampes (that is faith) as the other, because their lampes are out, that is, their faith is dead without charity and good workes to lighten them*, Greg. hom. 12. Good vnwilling.

They that have a dead faith, void of good workes, whether the lampe signifie faith or charity, shall not be admitted into the kingdome of heaven. A dead

1 Lampes.] *These lampes lighted, be good workes, namely of mercy, and the laudable conversation which shineth before men*, Aug. ep. 120. c.33.

3 Oile.] *This oile is the right inward intention directing our workes to Gods glory, and not to the praise of our selves in the sight of men*, [illegible] 120. c.33.

27 With usurie.] *Usury is here taken for the lawfull gaine that a man getteth by well employing his goods: when God giveth vs any talents or talents, he looketh for usurie, that is, for spirituall increase of the same by our diligence and ministrie.*

29 That which he seemeth to have.] *He is said to have Gods gifts, that vseth them: and to such as vse God will increase his gifts. He that vseth them not, seemeth to have, rather then hath them: and from him God will withdraw that which before he gave.* We must vse Gods gifts.

30 Separate.] *Loe here is the separation, for in the Church militant they lived both together. As for heretikes, they went out of the Church before, and separated themselves: and therefore are not to be separated here, as being iudged already.* Good and bad in the Church.

34 Come ye. 41 Get ye away.] *It is no incongruity that God should say: Goe into everlasting fire, to those that by their free will have repelled his mercy: and to the other, Come ye blessed of my Father, take the kingdome prepared for them, that by their free will have received faith, and confessed their sinnes, and done penance*, Aug. lib. 3. de lib. arb. cum Pel. Manich. c.8. Heaven is [illegible] of the [illegible]

S. *Augustine*, as he confesseth in his Retractations, having to doe against the Manichees, which held that free will, even vnto euill will, by creation of the euill God, defendeth the freedome of will from coaction by nature, and not from the first sinne of sinne through the first mans fall. For even in the same Chapter, he vseth vpon the saying of S. *Paul*, I see another law in my members, resisting the law of my minde, and bringing me captive vnder the law of sinne, which is in my members; *It is manifest that this came of the propagation of the first sinne of Adam, and of euill custome.* Against, that they have all goodnesse onely of God, in the same place he sheweth; where he saith, of those that by free will have received the faith of Christ. *They have confessed their sinnes, repented, displeased themselves, such as they have beene, and have pleased him, being such as they were made by him.*

35 You gave me.] *Hereby we see how much almes deeds and all workes of mercy prevaile towards life everlasting, and to blot out former sinnes*, Aug. in Ps.49. Merits

You saliffie S. *Augustine*, he hath no such saying upon that Psalme, but contrariwise he saith, *Hoc sacrifici- &c. This is the sacrifice of praise, to give thankes to him of whom thou hast what good soever thou hast: and by whose mercy, what soever euill thou hast of thine owne, is forgiven thee.* Also against merit of workes he is plentifull vpon that Psalme: yea even where he saith, *The widow bought as much for two mites, as Peter leaving his nets, as Zacheus giving halfe his patrimonie. The kingdome of heaven is so much worth, as thou hast: vse nothing that is not thine.* God regardeth not the value of the worke, as an equall price, for the kingdome which he giveth, of his mere and free grace, to his elect.

41 Gave me not.] *He chargeth them not here that they believed not, but that they did not good workes. For such did believe, but they cared not for good workes; as though by dead faith they might have come to heaven*, Aug. de fid. & op. c.15. & ad Dulcit. q.2. tom.4. A lively faith.

A lively faith that doth justifie, is alwayes fruitfull of good workes; and as S. *Augustine* saith, *A good life is inseparable from that faith which worketh by love*, De fid. & oper. cap.24.

CHAP. XXVI.

To the Counsell of the Iewes, Iudas by occasion of Mary Magdalens ointment, doth sell him for little. 17 After the Paschal Lambe, 26 he giveth them that bread of life (promised Io.6.) in a mysticall Sacrifice or Separation of his body and blood. 31 And that night he is after his prayer 47 taken of the Iewes men, Iudas being their captaine; 56 and forsaken of the other eleven for feare: 57 is falsly accused, and unjustly condemned of the Iewes Counsell, 67 and shamefully abused of them: 69 and thrice denied of Peter: All, even as the Scriptures and himselfe had often foretold. * Not the sacrifice of the Masse.

HOLY WEEKE. The Passion according to S. *Matthew* in these two chapters, is the Gospel at Masse upon Palme Sunday. TENEBRE Wednesday. * Marke 14,1. Luke 22,1.

AND it came to passe, when IESVS had ended all these words, he said to his Disciples,

2 *You know that after two dayes shall be Pasche, and the Sonne of man shall be delivered to be crucified.

3 Then were gathered together the chiefe Priests and Ancients of the people into the court of the high Priest, who was called Caiphas;

4 And they consulted how they might by

AND it came to passe, when Iesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his Disciples,

2 * *You know that after two dayes is the feast of Passeover, and the Sonne of man is betrayed to be crucified.* Marke 14.1. luke 22.1.

3 * *Then assembled together the chiefe Priests and the Scribes, and the Elders of the people unto the Palace of the high Priest, which was called Caiaphas,* Iohn 11.47.

4 *And held a Counsell, that they might take*

by some wile apprehend Iesvs, and kill him.

5 But they said, Not on the festivall day, lest perhaps there might be a tumult among the people.

6 And *when Iesvs was in Bethania in the house of Simon the Leper,

7 There came to him a woman having an alabaster box of precious ointment, and powred it out upon his head as he sate at the table.

8 And the Disciples seeing it, had indignation, saying, Whereto is || this waste?

9 For this might have beene sold for much, and given to the poore.

10 And Iesvs knowing it, said to them: Why do you molest this woman? for she hath wrought a || good worke upon me.

11 For the poore you have alwayes with you: but me || you have not alwayes.

12 For she in powring this ointment upon my body: hath done it to bury me.

13 Amen I say to you, wheresoever this Gospel shal be preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done, ‡ shall be reported for a memory of her.

14 * Then went one of the Twelve, which was called Iudas Iscarioth, to the chiefe Priests,

15 And said to them, What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? But they appointed unto him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from thenceforth he sought opportunity to betray him.

MAVNDY Thursday. Marke 14,12. Luke 22,7.

17 And * the first day of the Azymes the Disciples came to Iesvs, saying, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Pasche?

18 But Iesvs said, Goe ye into the city to a certaine man: and say to him, The Master saith, My time is at hand, with thee doe I make the Pasche with my Disciples.

19 And the Disciples did as Iesvs appointed them, and they prepared the Pasche.

20 But when it was even, he sate downe with his || twelve Disciples.

21 And while they were eating, he said: Amen I say to you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they being very sad, began every one to say, Is it I Lord?

Psal.40,10. 23 But he answering said, * He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me;

24 The Sonne of man indeed goeth as it is written of him: but woe be to that man, by whom the Sonne of man shall be betrayed. It were good for him, if that man had not beene borne.

25 And Iudas that betrayed him, answering, said, Is it I Rabbi? He saith to him, Thou hast said.

1 Cor.11,24. 26 And * whiles they were at Supper, Iesvs || tooke bread, and || blessed, and brake: and

Iesus subtilly, and kill him.

5 But they said not on the feast day, lest there be an uprore among the people.

*6 * When Iesus was in Bethanie, in the house of Simon the Leper,* Marke 14.3. iohn 12.2.

7 There came unto him a woman, having an alabaster box of precious ointment, and powred it on his head as hee sate at the board.

8 But when his Disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 This ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poore.

10 When Iesus understood that, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good worke upon me.

*11 * For ye have the poore alwayes with you,* Deut.15.11. *but me ye have not alwayes.*

12 For in that this woman hath cast this ointment on my body, she did it to bury me.

13 Verely I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this that this woman hath done, be told for a memoriall of her.

*14 * Then one of the Twelve, called Iudas Iscariot, went unto the chiefe Priests,* Marke 14.10. luke 22.3.

15 And said unto them; What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they appointed unto him thirty silver pieces,

16 And from that time forth, he sought opportunity to betray him.

*17 * The first day of Sweet bread, the Disciples came to Iesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we shall prepare for thee to eat the Passeover?* Marke 14.12, luke 22.7.

18 And he said, Goe into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand, I make the Passeover at thy house with my Disciples.

19 And the Disciples did as Iesus had appointed them, and they made ready the Passeover.

*20 * When the Even was come, he sate downe with the twelve.* Marke 14.8. luke 22.14. iohn 13.21.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verely I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they being exceeding sorrowfull, began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 He answered, and said, He that hath dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man truly goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Sonne of man is betrayed: It had beene good for that man if he had not beene borne.

25 Then Iudas, which betrayed him, answered, and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

*26 When they were eating, * Iesus, when he* 1 Cor.11.24. *had tooke the bread, and given thanks, he brake it.*

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and he gave to the Disciples, and said, Take ye, eat, || THIS IS MY BODY.

‡ See the margent note, Marke 14,23.

27 And taking the Chalice, hee gave thankes: and gave to them, saying: Drinke ‡ ye all of this.

28 FOR THIS IS || MY BLOOD OF THE NEVV TESTAMENT, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR MANY VNTO REMISSION OF SINNES.

29 And I say to you, I will not drinke from henceforth of this || fruit of the vine, untill that day when I shall drinke it with you new in the kingdome of my Father.

THVRSDAY night. The Nocturne of Mattens in the Churches service, answereth to this night part of our Saviours Passion, and so consequently the other Canonical houres to the rest. Zach.13,7.

30 And an hymne being said, they went forth unto mount Oliver.

31 Then Iesvs saith to them, All you shall be scandalized in me, in this night. For it is written, *I will strike the Pastour, and the sheepe of the flocke shall be dispersed.*

32 But after I shall be risen againe, I will goe before you into Galilee.

33 And Peter answering, said to him, Although all shall be scandalized in thee, I will never be scandalized.

34 Iesvs said to him, Amen I say to thee, that in this night before the cocke crow thou shalt deny me thrice.

Io.13,38.

35 * Peter saith to him, Yea, though I should die with thee, I will not deny thee. Likewise also said all the Disciples.

36 Then Iesvs commeth with them into a village called Gethsemani: and he said to his Disciples, Sit you here till I go yonder, and pray.

37 And taking to him Peter and the two sonnes of Zebedee, he began to wax sorrowfull, and to be sad.

38 Then hee saith to them: My soule is sorrowfull even unto death: stay here, and watch with me.

39 And being gone forward a little, hee fell upon his face, praying, and saying, My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice passe from me: nevertheless || not as I will, but as thou.

40 And he commeth to his Disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and he saith to Peter, Even so? Could you not watch one houre with me?

41 || Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into tentation. The spirit indeed is prompt, but the flesh weake.

42 Againe the second time he went, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this chalice may not passe, but I must drinke it, thy will bee done.

43 And he commeth againe, and findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were become heavie.

44 And leaving them, he went againe: and he prayed the third time, saying the selfe same word.

45 Then hee commeth to his Disciples, and saith to them, Sleepe ye now and take rest:

and he gave to his Disciples, and said, Take ye, eat, || THIS IS MY BODY.

27 And taking the Chalice, hee gave thankes: and gave to them, saying: Drinke ye all of it:

28 For || this is my Blood of the New Testament, that is shed for many for the remission of sinnes.

29 But I say unto you, I will in no wise drinke henceforth of this fruit of the vine-tree, untill that day when I drinke it new with you in my Fathers kingdome.

30 And when they had praised God, they went out into the mount of Olives.

*31 * Then saith Iesus unto them, All yee* Marke 14. *shall bee offended because of me this night:* iohn 16.30. *For it is written, * I will smite the Shepherd,* Zach.13.7. *and the sheepe of the flocke shall be scattered abroad.*

*32 But after I am risen again, * I will goe* Marke 14.2 and 16.7. *before you into Galilee.*

33 Peter answered, and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

*34 Iesus said unto him, * Verily I say unto* Iohn 13.3 *thee, that in this same night before the cocke crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.*

35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I by no manner of meanes deny thee. Likewise also said all the Disciples.

*36 * Then commeth Iesus with them unto* Marke 14.32. *a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the* luke 22.39. *Disciples, Sit ye here while I goe and pray yonder.*

37 And when he had taken with him Peter, and the two sonnes of Zebedee, hee began to be sorrowfull and heavie.

38 Then said Iesus unto them, My soule is exceeding sorrowfull, even unto the death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And when he had gone a little further, he fell flat on his face, praying, and saying, O my Father, if it bee possible, let this cup passe from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he commeth unto the Disciples, and findeth them asleepe, and saith unto Peter, What, could yee not watch with mee one houre?

41 Watch and pray, that yee enter not into temptation: The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weake.

42 He went away againe the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not passe away from me, except I drinke it, thy will be fulfilled.

43 And when he came, he findeth them asleepe againe: for their eyes were heavie.

44 And hee left them, and went againe and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then commeth he to his Disciples, and saith unto them, Sleepe henceforth, and take

rest: behold, the houre approcheth, and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us goe: behold he approcheth that shall betray me.

47 *As he yet spake, behold Iudas one of the Twelve came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chiefe Priests and the Ancients of the people.

48 And he that betrayed him, gave them a signe, saying, Whomsoever I shall kisse, that is he, hold him.

49 And forthwith comming to IESVS, he said, Haile Rabbi. And he kissed him.

50 And IESVS said to him, Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they drew neere, and laid hands on IESVS, and held him.

51 And behold one of them that were with IESVS, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword: and striking the servant of the high Priest, cut off his eare.

52 Then IESVS saith to him, Returne thy sword into his place: for all that take the sword, shall perish with the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot aske my Father: and he will give me presently more then twelve legions of Angels?

54 How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?

55 In that houre IESVS said to the multitudes: You are come out as it were to a thiefe, with swords and clubs to apprehend mee: I sate dayly with you teaching in the Temple: and you laid no hands on me.

56 And all this was done, that the Scriptures of the Prophets might bee fulfilled. Then the Disciples all leaving him, fled.

57 But they taking hold of IESVS led him to Caiphas the high Priest, where the Scribes and Ancients were assembled.

58 And Peter followed him a farre off, even to the court of the high Priest. And going in he sate with the servants, that he might see the end.

59 And the chiefe Priests and the whole Councell sought false witnesse against IESVS, that they might put him to death:

60 And they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all there came two false witnesses:

Io.2,19. 61 And they said, *This man said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and after three dayes to reedifie it.

62 And the high Priest rising up, said to him: Answerest thou nothing to the things which these doe testifie against thee?

63 But IESVS held his peace. And the high Priest said to him: I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us if thou be Christ the Sonne of God.

64 IESVS saith to him, Thou hast said. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see

*the Sonne of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and comming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high Priest rent his garments, saying, He hath blasphemed, what need we witnesses any further? behold, now you have heard the blasphemie,

66 How thinke you? But they answering said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit on his face, and buffeted him, and other smote his face with the palmes of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophesie unto us, O Christ: Who is he that strooke thee?

69 But Peter sate without in the court: and there came to him one ‖ wench, saying: Thou also wast with IESVS the Galilean.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I wot not what thou sayest.

71 And as hee went out of the gate, an other wench saw him, and she saith to them that were there, And this fellow also was with IESVS the Nazarite.

72 And againe he denied with an oath, That I know not the man.

73 And after a little they came that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art of them: for even thy speech doth bewray thee.

74 Then he began to curse and to sweare that he knew not the man. And incontinent the cocke crew.

75 And Peter remembred the word of IESVS, which he had said, Before the cocke crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And going forth, ‖ he wept bitterly.

HOLY WEEKE. Dan.7.13. *see the Sonne of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and comming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high Priest rent his garments, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what need we of any more witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his blasphemy.

66 What thinke ye? They answered and said, He is worthy to die.

67 *Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him with fists, and other smote him on the face with the palme of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophesie unto us, O Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

69 *Peter sate without in the palace: And a damosell came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Iesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I wote not what thou sayest.

71 When he was gone out into the porch, another wench saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Iesus of Nazareth.

72 And againe he denied with an oath, I doe not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou art even one of them: for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to sweare, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cocke crew.

75 And Peter remembred the words of Iesu, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

To this time the LAVDES doe answere in the Churches Service.

Mat.26.34. Marke 14.30. luke 22.34. john 13.38.

Esa.50.6.

Marke 14. luke 22.55 john 18.25.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXVI.

RHEM. 1 13 Shall be reported.] *Hereby we learne, that the good workes of Saints are to be recorded and set forth to their honour in the Church after their death. Whereof rise their holy dayes and commemorations.*

Saints holy dayes.

FVLKE 1 The good workes of Saints may be recorded and set forth in the Church to the honour of God, without their holy dayes and commemorations. For Christ instituted no holy day of Mary Magdalene, nor any such matter, as the Popish commemorations are, nor commanded any image of her fact to be made, but a memory by preaching the Gospel.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXVI.

Cost upon Churches, Altars, &c.

RHEM. 2 8 This waste.] *Cost bestowed upon Christs body then alive, being to the same not necessary, seemed to the Disciples lost and fruitlesse: so the like bestowed upon the same body in the Sacrament, upon Altars, or Churches, seemeth to the simple lost, or lesse meritorious, then if the same were bestowed upon the poore.*

Church ornaments.

FVLKE 2 That which the woman did by speciall instinct of the Spirit of God, was by Gods appointment necessary to testifie his buriall to be at hand. As for the cost bestowed upon the Popish Sacrament: suppose it were the same body of Christ, yet having no manner of use of such things, nor he requiring any such thing to be bestowed on it, were lost, and might be much better employed on the poore; whom from this time forward, he commandeth to be fed, clothed, harboured in his stead. For he shall not say, Whatsoever ye bestowed upon the Sacrament, Altars, Churches, &c. But, Whatsoever ye did to any of these little ones, ye did it to me. Of Churches whatsoever is more then for convenience and comelinesse, were better bestowed on the poore that need it.

Relefe of the poore. Ambrus.lib.2. Off.c.28.

RHEM. 3 10 Good workes.] *Cost bestowed for religion, devotion, and mortification, is a meritorious worke, and often more meritorious then to give to the poore, though both be very good, and in some case the poore are to preferred: yea, * in certaine cases of necessity, the Church will breake the very consecrated vessels and iewels of silver and gold, and bestow them in workes of mercy. But we may remember very well, and our fathers knew it much better, that the poore were then best relieved, when most was bestowed upon the Church.*

Church ornaments.

FVLKE 3 The worke which the woman did by speciall instinct of Gods Spirit, was a good worke, but not meritorious. As for the superstitious workes of them that beautifie idolatry with their riches, is neither good, nor meritorious: That which Ambrose did, the Popish Church will not doe: for he brake the vessels used in the mysteries, to redeeme captives, and saith, *The Church hath gold, not to keepe it, but to give it out, and to helpe in necessities. What need we to keepe that which helpeth nothing?* Yet with Papists, gay and precious shewes helpe much to devotion. Yet *Ambrose* saith further in the person of Christ: *The Sacraments require no gold, neither doe they please in gold which are not bought with gold; the ornament of Sacraments, is the redemption of captives.* If the Papists breake their Chalices, it shall be rather to maintaine war against the professors of the Gospel, then to redeeme Christian captives out of the hand of the Turkes and miscreants. Where you say the poore were best relieved when

Relefe of the poore.

when most was bestowed on Churches, it is untrue. Gods Name be praised, the poore that be impotent in deed, have better provision for them in such places as the Gospel is received, then ever they had in Popery; as the Hospitals erected for the Orphans, widowes, aged, and diseased, are a plentifull testimony.

MAT. 4

11 Have not.] *We have him not in visible manner as he conversed on the earth with his Disciples, meeting reliefe like other poore men: but we have him after another sort in the blessed Sacrament, and yet have him truly and really the selfe same body. Therefore he saith, they should not have him, because they should not so have him, but after another manner; as when he said,* Luke 24. *as though he were not then with them,* When I was with you. — Christ alwayes with us in the blessed Sacrament.

LUKE 4

This vaine new found glosse, is confuted by S. *Augustines* authority, upon the same words, *Joh.* 12. *Tract.* 50. *Loquebatur de præsentia corporis, &c. He spake of the presence of his body: for according to his majestie, according to his unspeakable and invisible grace, it is fulfilled which he said, I am with you alwayes unto the end of the world. But according to the flesh, which the word tooke upon him, according to that he was borne of the Virgine, according to that he was apprehended of the Jewes, that he was nailed to the tree, that he was taken downe from the Crosse, that he was wrapped in linnen clothes, that he was laid in the Sepulchre, that he was manifested in his resurrection, You shall not alwayes have me with you. Why so? For he was conversant with his Disciples forty dayes, accompanying them, and they waiting on him by seeing, not by following, he ascended into heaven, and he is not here: for there he sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And he is here, for he departed not in the presence of his Majestie. Or else. According to the presence of his Majestie we have Christ alwayes: according to the presence of his flesh he said rightly to his Disciples, But me you shall not have alwayes.* Likewise S. *Hierome* upon this place saith; *Sed mihi videtur, &c. Me thinketh he speaketh of his corporall presence.* S. *Bede* also upon this place writeth; *Semper semper, &c. He saith he will not alwayes tarry with his Apostles in presence of his body, whom he never left in power of his Divinity.* And upon *Joh.* 12. he saith; *Christ should remaine with them but a short time corporally.* The ancient Fathers understood this, not of the manner of his presence visible or invisible, but of the presence of his body indeed, neither ever heard they of that fantasticall exposition. — The prefence of Christs body in the Sacrament.

MAT. 5

20 Twelve.] *It must needs be a great mystery that he was to worke in the institution of the new sacrifice by the marvellous transmutation of bread and wine into his body and blood. Whereas he admitted none (although many present in the city) but the twelve Apostles, which were already taught to beleeve it without contradiction.* Joh. 6. *and were to have the administration and consecration thereof by the Order of priesthood, which also was there given them to that purpose. Whereas at the eating of the Paschal lambe all the family was wont to be present.* — Awonderfull mystery in the institution of the blessed Sacrament. Exod. 12.

LUKE 5

That he sate downe with the twelve, it followeth not, that onely the twelve were present at the Paschal lambe, but that all the twelve were present: yea by the institution of the Sacrament of the Paschal lambe, where it is commanded that none of it be reserved, it is manifest that there were more of his Disciples present, besides the twelve. For thirteene persons could not eat a lambe of a yeere old, and not being satisfied with that, have other meat to make up their supper, as it is plaine by dipping the sop in the platter, that there was other meat then the rosted lambe, which had no sauce or broth, but herbs. Therefore, all this fantasie of the new sacrifice, and transmutation of bread and wine, into his body and blood, with the order of Priesthood there given them, (this foundation of onely twelve persons being overthrowne) falleth to the ground. And where you say the order of Priesthood was given them at this Supper, other of your fellowes thinke not, till after his resurrection, *Joh.* 20. 21. And there you hold that they were not full Priests untill then. — John 13. 29.

RHEM. 6

26 He tooke bread.] *Here at once is instituted, for the continuance of the externall office of Christs eternall Priesthood according to the order of Melchisedec, both a Sacrifice and a Sacrament, though the Scriptures give neither of these names to this action: and our adversaries without all reason or religion accept in a sort the one, and utterly deny the other. A sacrifice, in that it is ordained to continue the memorie of Christs death and oblation upon the Crosse, and the application of the generall vertue thereof to our particular necessities, by consecrating the severall elements, not into Christs whole person as it was borne of the Virgine, or now is in heaven, but the bread into his body apart, as betrayed, broken, and given for us: the wine into his blood apart, as shed out of his body for remission of sins and dedication of the new Testament, which be conditions of his person as he was in sacrifice and oblation. In which mysticall and unspeakable manner, he would have the Church to offer and sacrifice him daily, and be in mysterie and Sacrament dieth, though now not onely in heaven, but also in the Sacrament, be he indeed per concomitantiam (as the Church calleth it, that is, by sequell of all his parts to each other) whole, alive, and immortall. Which point because our adversaries understand not, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God, they blaspheme, and abuse the people to their damnation. It is also a Sacrament, in that it is ordained to be received into our bodies, and to feed the same to resurrection and immortality, and to give grace and salvation to our soules, if we worthily receive it.* — Sacrifice of the Masse. Transubstantiation. The holy Eucharist is both a Sacrifice and a Sacrament. Matth. 22. 29.

FULKE 6

Here are many words of the institution of a sacrifice, continuance of Christs Priesthood in the oblation of the same, a new death of Christ in the Sacrament, concomitance, &c. but no argument out of the text, no authority of other places of Scripture, no testimony out of the ancient Fathers alledged for them: yet are we condemned of ignorance, not to understand nor to know the Scriptures, nor the power of God. Yet we be not so dull witted, but we understand what you meane by your sacrifice, transubstantiation, concomitance, and other such profane novelties and vanities of voyces, which the Scripture knoweth not, nor you are able to shew one jot of the Scripture for them. But let us consider the parts of this note: First you say, here is instituted both a sacrifice and a Sacrament, though the Scriptures give neither of these names to this action. As though our contention were for the name, rather then for the thing it selfe. The one you say, we accept in a sort, the other we utterly deny, without all reason or religion. The name of Sacraments, because it signifieth that which this action is made by Christ, as we finde in the Scripture, namely, an holy signe, we accept, I am sure, with good reason and religion, and in such sort as the ancient Fathers of the Latine Church, from whose tongue, this name of Sacrament is borrowed, did acknowledge this action to be a Sacrament. The other terme we doe not utterly deny, but in a sort. For in such sort as the ancient Fathers did call this action a sacrifice, by a *Metonymie*, unproperly, because it is a memory of the onely sacrifice of Christs death, and by *Synecdoche*, because the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving is offered to God for the redemption of the world in the celebration of this action: In this sort, I say, we doe not utterly deny the terme of sacrifice. But in such sort as the Papists take it, to be a sacrifice propitiatory, wherein the naturall body and blood of Christ, are offered to God the Father by the Priest in his Masse, for the sinnes of the quicke and the dead, (howsoever the matter in compasse of strange words and phrases be shrowded, to hide the horrible blasphemy therein contained) we utterly deny the name of sacrifice, because no such thing was instituted by Christ, but it is manifestly contrary to the Scriptures. And this I thinke is good reason and religion, to deny that which is not, and is fained to be, to the derogation of the glory of our redemption, by the onely sacrifice of Christ. And thus much for the name: now for the thing. You say it was instituted for the continuance of the externall office of Christs eternall Priesthood according to the order of *Melchisedech*. This, I say, is a false surmized end: for the continuance of Christs Priesthood, is only in his owne person, and passeth not from him (as the Apostle saith) *ἀπαράβατον ἔχει, &c.* He hath a Priesthood that passeth not

not by succession, [illegible], he is able for ever to save those that come [illegible] by [illegible] he may make intercession for [illegible] Heb. 7. 24, 25. This is the [illegible] of his [illegible], according to the order of [illegible]. As for that profane novelty, of the externall office of Christs [illegible], besides the Scripture [illegible] it not, it is to be hissed out of the Church of Christ. The Apostle [illegible] named, referring to Christ, whatsoever of *Melchisedech* pertained to Christ, maketh mention of no [illegible] nall [illegible]. Beside that, this fained continuance, of the externall office of Priesthood, is contrary to the Scripture. Which teacheth, that the Priesthood, after the order of *Melchisedech*, is proper onely to [illegible], who is the eternall Sonne of God, without father in respect of his manhood, without mother in respect of his Godhead, having neither beginning of his dayes, nor end of life, which can agree to none but to our Saviour Christ; Heb. 7. 3. Therefore your Popish Priesthood, challenging the continuance of Christs externall office of Priesthood after the order of *Melchisedech*, is an horrible blasphemy against the eternall Priesthood of the Sonne of God. Further, you say, *It is a sacrifice, in that it is ordained to continue the memory of Christs death and oblation upon the Crosse*: So indeed the Fathers doe figuratively and unproperly call it, as I have shewed before. And this were tollerable, if you would proceed no further. But you adde, that *It is a Sacrifice, to continue the application of the generall vertue of Christs death to our particular necessities by consecrating, &c.* Whereby you meane transubstantiation of the elements, into the naturall body and blood of Christ. But the Scripture teacheth us, that the holy Ghost, through faith, applieth the benefits of Christs death unto us, for our redemption and salvation, and not the Priest by his Masse, *Rom.* 8. 2. *Gal.* 3. 13, 14. Where you say moreover, that the *Wine is consecrated into his blood apart, as shed out of his body, &c.* You overthrow your owne position of the unbloody sacrifice, which you say, you offer without shedding of blood. Againe you say, in *This mysticall and unspeakable manner, he would have the Church to offer and sacrifice him daily.* But Christ never gave out any word, whereby you might gather that he would such a thing. Beside, the Scripture is plaine, he would not any such sacrifice of himselfe, to be offered by other, which did not oftentimes offer himselfe (for then he should have died often) but once for all, and found by that one oblation, eternall redemption, and made perfect for ever those that are sanctified, *Heb.* 9. 12. & 25. & 10. 10, 14. Therefore he needeth not to be offered by any other. And where you say, that in mysterie and Sacrament he dieth, it is contrary to the Scripture, which saith, he dieth no more, *Rom.* 6. 9. For seeing for Christs presence in mystery and Sacrament, you admit no figure, I cannot but understand an horrible mysterie of Christs daily dying in your sacrifice of the Masse. But if you say the dying in Sacrament is figurative, it will follow, that the presence in the Sacrament is also figurative. And touching your high point of Concomitance, which you say we understand not, where you said, the wine is *Consecrated into his blood apart, as shed out of his body, &c. which was the condition of his person, as he was in sacrifice and oblation*: I demand of you, whether the blood that was shed out of the body of Christ upon the Crosse, was by Concomitance, his whole body and soule, manhood and God? If it were not, (as I hope you will say it was not) why then in your sacrifice is then in the cup, by Concomitance, not onely the blood, but also the body of Christ, his soule, manhood, and Godhead?

Last of all, when you come to the Sacrament, as a matter of small moment, in comparison of the Sacrifice, you knit it up in two lines, not expressing what it is indeed, but affirming of it, that indeed it doth not. For not the Sacrament, *but the thing or matter of the Sacrament* (as S. *Augustine* calleth it) which is the body and blood of Christ, feedeth our soules. This Sacrament therefore is an holy signe, and seale of our spirituall nourishment unto eternall life, by the very body and blood of Christ, which is the spirituall matter, represented by this signe, and who giveth grace, which is not received of any, but unto eternall life, as saith *Augustine in Joan. Tract.* 26. where you adde the condition of receiving it worthily, it is contrary to your owne principle, That Sacraments, of the worke wrought, doe give grace, so the receiver doth not withstand. But there is more required of him that shall receive worthily, then not to withstand. — In Ioan. Tract. 26.

RHEM. 7

26 Blessed.] *Our Adversaries, for the two words that are in Greeke and Latine,* benedixit, and gratias egit, he blessed, he gave thankes, *use onely the latter, of purpose to signifie, that Christ blessed not, nor consecrated the bread and the wine, and so by that blessing wrought any effect upon them, but gave thankes only to his Father, as we doe in saying grace. But the truth is, that the word* εὐλογήσας, *signifieth properly to bless, and is referred to the thing that is blessed, as* Luke 9. *of the fishes,* εὐλόγησεν αὐτούς; benedixit eis, he blessed them, *and thereby wrought in them their wonderfull multiplication. So the blessing of God is always effectuall: and therefore here also he blessed the bread, and by that blessing, with the words following, made it his body.* Amb. li. de his qui initi. myst. c. 9. Aug. ep. 59. ad Paulinum. — The blessing of Christ referred to the creatures, and working an effect in them.

Now whereas taking the Cup, it is said, he gave thankes. *We say, that it is all one with blessing, and that he blessed the Cup, as before the Bread: as it is evident by these words of S. Paul,* Calix cui benedicimus, *the Cup which we bless: and therefore he called it,* Calicem benedictionis, *the Cup of blessing, using the same Greeke word that is spoken of the bread. But why is it then said here, he gave thankes? because we translate the words faithfully, as in the Greeke and the Latine, and because the sense is all one, as we are taught by S. Paul before alledged, and by the Fathers, which call this giving of thankes over the Cup, or over the bread, the blessing thereof.* S. Justin. in fin. 2. Apol. Panem Eucharistiæ sanctum. S. Irenæ. l. 4. c. 34. Panem in quo gratiæ actæ sunt. S. Cypr. de Coen. Dom. Calix solemni benedictione sacratus, *that is,* The Bread blessed by giving thankes upon it; The Cup consecrated by solemne blessing. — Consecration. τὸν ἄρτον εὐχαριστηθέντα.

FULKE 7

Here is wrangling about words, to no purpose, where the one Evangelist saith, he blessed, the other saith, he gave thankes. Yea, the same Evangelist saith, of the one part of the Sacrament, he blessed; of the other part, he gave thankes: therefore to blesse and to give thankes, in this place, is all one: and seeing thanksgiving is not referred to the Bread, no more is blessing. For if the Evangelists had meant to referre it to the Bread, they would have added an *accusative* case, as *Luke* 9. What then? doe we meane none other blessing or giving of thankes, then we doe in saying grace at our ordinary refections? Yes verely. We meane solemne blessing, which is praise and thanksgiving, by which the creatures are prepared to this holy action, as Œcumenius writeth: agreeable with the sayings of the Apostle *Paul*, and of the ancient Fathers *Justinus, Irenæus, Cyprianus*, not meaning the whole consecrating to consist in this blessing or thanksgiving, but a part onely: nor as you say, in that blessing, with the words following, which you understand to be none but these, *This is my body*: But in the whole action, according to Christs institution: whereunto are required, taking, eating, drinking, shewing of the Lords death. *Dixit enim* (Origines) *Spiritum Sanctum non operari ea quæ in animis sunt, nec ad irrationabilia pervenire. Quod ostenditur non recogitat aquas in Baptismate mysticas advenire Spiritus Sancti consecrari: panemq; Dominicum quo salvatoris corpus ostenditur, & quem frequens in sanctificationem nostri: & sacrum Calicem, quæ in mensa Ecclesiæ collocantur, & nihil insuma sunt per invocationem & adventum Sancti Spiritus sanctificari, Thes. Alexan. Ep. Pas.* 1. But where you joyne blessing with the words which you call of consecration, to make it his body, you differ from other elder Papists, which hold, that these words onely, without any blessing, but with the Priests intention, doe make the body of Christ. — Consecration. 1 Cor. 10. The Schoolemen.

If you

If you be better advised, move to take in blessing and thanksgiving. I hope you will freely confesse, to take, eating, drinking, and shewing of our Lords death, to be parts of the consecration.

S. Augustine whom you cite, speaketh of the Sacrament which is received. *Sacramentum ipsius quod accipis, &c.* *The Sacrament which thou receivest, is made by the word Christ. And by those Sacraments, Christ feedeth his Church,* *by which the substance of the soule is strengthened.*

S. Augustine also *Ep.* 59. saith, *Prayers are made, when that which is upon the Table, is blessed and sanctified, and* *broken to be distributed.* Againe, *In the sanctification and preparation of distribution of this Sacrament, I thinke the* *Apostle commanded prayers properly to be made.* Againe, *Which things being ordered, and so worthily a Sacrament being participated, thanksgiving concludeth all.* Therefore neither *Ambrose* nor *Augustine* understand your Magicall kinde of consecration, by crossing and murmuring of words with one breath, wherein you conclude your Popish consecration.

RHEM. 8 26. This is.] *The bread and the wine be turned into the body and blood of Christ by the same omnipotent power* Transubstantiation. *by which the world was made, and the Word was incarnate in the wombe of the Virgine,* Damasc. l. 4. c. 14. Cyp. de Cœn. Dom. Amb. l. de myst. init. c. 9.

FVLKE 8 *Damascene*, although he lived in a corrupt time, meaneth not Transubstantiation, which was not invented in his time, but the spirituall and supernaturall change of the elements in the faithfull receiver, into the divine food of our soules, which is the flesh and blood of Christ, as appeareth first by his comparison of the like change of the water in Baptisme, by grace of the holy Ghost, into the layer of regeneration. So he saith, *To the bread and wine which we are accustomed to eat, he hath joyned his Godhead and made them his body and blood, that by things accustomed, and that are according to nature, we may be conversant in things which are about nature. His body is truly united to the Godhead, the body which is of the holy Virgin. Not that the same body which was taken up into heaven, commeth downe, but that the same bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of God. If you require the manner how it is done, it sufficeth to heare that it is done by the holy Ghost, as the Lord of the holy mother of God, by the holy Ghost made flesh to subsist to himselfe, and in himselfe.* These words declare his meaning, to be of a spirituall and supernaturall change, not of a corporall change of the bread and wine, wherewith he saith Christ hath joyned his Godhead, that by eating of bread and drinking of wine, which be things accustomed and naturall, we might be acquainted with things supernaturall. But if his words of transmutation, or changing, do seeme to import a Popish Transubstantiation: Then mark these words, in which he useth the terme *μετουσία*, which, if there be any Greeke word for Transubstantiation, might signifie the change of being or of substance. Yet he taketh it for communication. For exhorting men with earnest affection to come to the Communion, he saith, *τῷ Θεῷ πλησιάσωμεν, &c. Let us be partakers of that divine fire coale, that the fire of the desire, which is in us, taking fetring of that coale, may burne up our sinnes, and lighten our hearts, and that by participation of the divine fire, we may be altered and Deified.* I thinke no man doubteth, but this whole speech is figurative: and so is the rest. *Cyprians* words are these: *Panis iste, &c. This bread which our Lord did reach unto his Disciples, being changed not in shape,* *but in nature, by almighty power of the word is made flesh: and as in the person of Christ, the humanity was seene,* *and the Divinity was hidden, so the divine essence hath unspeakably infused it selfe into the visible Sacrament, that* *devotion might be unto religion about the Sacrament, and a more sincere accesse unto the truth, whose body the Sacra-* *ments are, might be open unto the participation of the spirit.* This Author, by change in nature, meaneth not change of substance, but of the qualities or properties of naturall bread, whose nature is to feed the body, whereas this bread is made to nourish the soule. Therefore he saith: *That which meat is to the flesh, faith is to the* *soule: that meat is to the body, the word is to the spirit.* Againe, *Therefore the eating of this flesh, is a certaine tasting of* *faith and desire to continue in him.* Againe. *When we doe these things, we prepare not our teeth to bite, but with* *sincere faith we breake and divide this holy bread.* And the undoubted *Cyprian* (for of the Author of this worke it is uncertaine) in his Epistle ad *Magn. l. 1. Ep. 6.* expresly calleth the Lords body bread moulded together of many graines, and his blood wine, which is pressed out of clusters of grapes. Againe, *Lib. 2. Ep. 3. Cæcilio*, he saith, *The* *blood of Christ is not water, but wine.* These words are plaine against Transubstantiation: Ep. 63.

Neither doth S. *Ambrose*, by the change which is wrought in the Sacrament by the words of Christ, meane the Popish pretended change: for of the bread and the wine, when they are consecrated by the word of God, he saith: *If there were such force in the word of our Lord Iesus, that those things began to be, which were not,* *how much more effectuall in working is it, that they may be, still which they were, and also be changed into another* *thing?* An example hereof he giveth in every Christian man: *Tu ipse eras, &c. Thou thy selfe wast, but thou* *wast an old creature, but after thou wast consecrated, thou beganest to be a new creature.* Here the change is manifest, not in substance, but in quality. And even in the Chapter by you cited, his words are evident to declare, that he speaketh of no Transubstantiation. For after he hath said, that our Lord Iesus, contrary to the order of nature, was borne of a Virgine, he addeth: *Vera utiq; &c. It was the true flesh of Christ that was crucified,* *that was buried: therefore this is truly a Sacrament of that flesh. Our Lord Iesus crieth out: This is my body: be-* *fore the blessing of the heavenly words, it is called another kinde: after consecration, the body of Christ is signified. He* *himselfe saith, it is his blood: before consecration, it is called another thing: after consecration, it is named blood.* Also, by the same argument, of the supernaturall generation of Christ by the holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, he proveth the truth of regeneration in Baptisme, where there is no change of substance, but in qualities and conditions. Therefore in the one Sacrament he meaneth no more Transubstantiation, then in the other. De iis qui myster. cap. 9.

Rabanus. Maurus de instit. Cler. lib. 1. cap. 31. Sacramentum in alimentis corporis refugitur, virtute autem Sacra- *menti æternæ vitæ dignitas adipiscitur.*

RHEM. 9 26. My body.] *He said not,* This bread is a figure of my body: or, This wine is a figure of my blood: *but,* This is my body, *and,* This is my blood. *Damasc. l. 4. c. 14. Theophi. in hunc locum. Conc. 2. Nic. act. 6. to. 4.* No figurative, but a reall presence.

FVLKE 9 The text is plaine, he said, *This is my body, This is my blood*, to declare, that he gave to the faith of the worthy receiver, his very body and blood, by those outward elements of bread and wine, which are figures and signes of his body and blood. And therefore, though he said not, *This is a figure or figne of my body and blood*: yet he said in the same sense, *This Cup is the New Testament in my blood*, by which forme of speech, he declared, that the visible elements is a figne or scale of the New Testament established in his blood, shed on the Crosse, and not converted or turned into his blood. For his naturall blood is not the New Testament in his blood, neither in the Cup properly, but figuratively the New Testament. Wherefore it remaineth, that it is a Sacrament, that is, an holy figne and scale of the New Testament, confirmed by the death and blood-shedding of Christ. And to the ancient Fathers doe witnesse, when they call the bread a figure or figne of his body, and not the outward formes or accidents of bread, separated from the substance of bread, for of that monster they never heard. *Tertullian* against *Marcion*, which denied Christ to have a true body, writeth thus, Reall presence.

thus, *The bread which he tooke, and gave to his disciples, he made it his body, saying, This is my body, that is to say, a figure of my body. For there could have been no figure, except there had first preceded a true body. For a vaine thing, is that which is framed of a lie. Wherefore let our bread be proved to be the body, because it is called the bread of which our body consisteth. Let him have bread for his body, which hath denied his body to be true. Let him have a figure, which hath avoided the truth. Let him have vanity, that hath abolished verity. Let him have bread, which could have made for Marcions vanity, that the bread should have that creature.* I have spoken of Tertullians doctrine, that he meaneth the bread to be a figure of Christs true body, and not the transubstantiation of bread. For of transubstantiation, had beene thought of in those dayes, there remained among many the hold of the substance of bread, to prove the body of Christ to be onely in figure there, and not in deed, as the bread which is turned into it is. Againe, he might have confirmed his heresie, that the world was not created by God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, seeing he did away the creature of water, as it has body. *Dan Tertullian lib. 5.* saith: *By the Sacrament of the Bread and the Cup now in the Gospel, we have proved the truth of our Lords body and blood, against the phantasme of* Marcion. Likewise S. *Augustine* [illegible]: *Non ex eo quòd* *"For of that it is written, that the blood of a beast is the soule of it, beside that I said, that it pertaineth not to me, what* *pertaineth of the soule of a beast, I may also interpreete that precept to a figne. For our Lord doubted not to say, This is* *my body, when he gave the figne of his body, Cont. Adimant. c. 12.* The blood of a beast is the signe of the soule, or life thereof, so is the bread a signe of the body of Christ. What place is here for accidents of bread, to be called the signe of his body? except you will say, the accidents of blood were forbidden in the Law, and not the blood it selfe. But blood it selfe, as a signe of the life of the beast, was forbidden to be eaten, as bread is given to be eaten, as a signe of Christ. Other ancient Fathers are also in plaine words directly against Transubstantiation, as *Chrys. in Ep. ad Cæsar. Theod. Dial. 2. Gelasius* Bishop of Rome, *cont. Eutych.* All these in plaine words affirme, the substance of bread and wine to remaine after consecration. Transubstantiation.

RHEM. 10 28 Blood of the new Testament.] *As the old Testament was dedicated with blood in these words,* This is the blood of the Testament, &c. Heb. 9. *So here is the institution of the new Testament in Christs blood, by these words,* This is the blood of the new Testament, &c. *which is here mystically shed, and not onely afterward upon the Crosse:* *for the Greeke is the present tense in all the Evangelists, and* 8. Paul: *and likewise speaking of the body,* 1 Cor. 11. *It is in the Greeke the present tense, and* Luc. 22. *and in the Latine here. And the Heretikes themselves so put it in their Translations.* διαθηκῶν. κλώμενον. διδόμενον.

FVLKE 10 The blood of Christ was not mystically shed in the Sacrament, but as it is mystically present. The Apostles and Evangelists using the present tense for the future, doe signifie, that the Passion of Christ was even at hand. And therefore your vulgar Interpreter, according to the sense, hath truly translated the word, by the future tense. For it is not onely said, that his blood is shed, but it is added for many, unto remission of sinnes, and his body is broken, which was not but on the Crosse. For if the blood of Christ was shed for the remission of the sinnes of the world in the Sacrament, the Passion of Christ was needlesse: and so to establish your blasphemous sacrifice of the Masse, you make void and frustrate the most glorious and onely sacrifice, propitiatory for sinnes, offered by our Saviour Christ upon the Crosse. *Vocationis ad pœnitentiam principale est beneficium gratuita remissio pecca-* *torum: pro qua idem Redemptor noster, peractis paschalibus cœnatis, sanguinis sui munus effundendum, Bi-* *bite, inquit, ex hoc omnes; hic est enim sanguis meus novi Testamenti, qui pro multis effunditur in remissionem peccato-* *rum*, Fulg. de remiss. pec. l. 2. c. 5. Sacrifice of the Masse.

RHEM. 11 29 Fruit of the vine.] 8. Luke putteth these words before he come to the consecration, whereby it seemeth that *he speaketh of the wine of the Paschal lambe, and therefore nameth it, the fruit of the Vine. But if he speake of the* *wine which was now his blood, he nameth it not without wine, as* S. Paul *nameth the other bread, for three causes set: First, because it was so before: as* Eve is called Adams bone, and Aarons rod devoured their rods: *whereas* *they were not now rods, but serpents: and* He tasted the water turned into wine: *whereas it was not water: and such like. Secondly, because it keepeth the formes of bread and wine, and things are called as they* *appeare: as when* Raphael *is called a young man,* Tob. 5. and Three men appeared to Abraham, Gen. 18. *whereas* *they were three Angels. Thirdly, because Christ in this Sacrament is very true and principall bread and wine, feeding* *and refreshing us in body and soule to everlasting life.* The elements after consecration called bread and wine. Gen. 2. Exod. 7. Io. 2.

FVLKE 11 Vaine shifts against the plaine truth of the text, and the evident words thereof. The demonstrative Pronoune, This, declareth, that he spake of the wine in his hand. And so the Ancient Fathers have always taken it. *Cle-* *mens Alexandrinus* saith: *Quod autem vinum effet, &c. That it was wine which was blessed, he sheweth again saying* *to his Disciples, I will not drinke of the fruit of the vine, Pæd. l. 2. c. 2.* S. *Cyprian* upon these words of the fruit of the vine, which he calleth the creature of the vine, inferreth: *Quia in parte, &c. In which part we finde, that the* *Cup which our Lord offered, was mixt, and that it was wine which he called his blood, Ep. 63. Cæcilio. Chrysostome* also upon the same text, saith: *He meant to pull up by the roots a certaine pernicious heresie, of them which use wa-* *ter in the mysteries. So that he shewed, that when he delivered this mysterie, he delivered wine, and now after his resur-* *rection, in the bare table of the mysterie, he used wine. Ho saith, Of the fruit of the vine, which truly bringeth forth* *wine, and not water. In Mat. hom. 83.* Seeing Christ therefore delivered wine, as the Text and the Fathers say, your three causes are vaine. For the Sacrament is called bread and wine, because it is so indeed, although it be also called the body and blood of Christ, as it is indeed, after a spirituall manner, to the worthy receiver. But to examine your causes a little: you say, S. Paul *nameth it bread, because it was so before,* as Eve *is called* Adams bone. But *Eve* was not called *Adams* bone absolutely, but bone of his bones, and flesh of his flesh. And that she was indeed, at that present, in respect of her body, for I suppose you will not say, her soule was made of *Adams* bone. Likewise in your second example: *Aarons* rod devoured their rods; *Moses* calleth it *Aarons* rod, that it was when he wrote, namely a rod, and the Sorcerers rods were not true Serpents, but in shew. Therefore S. *Augu-* *stine* saith of *Aarons* rod: *The thing was called by that name, from whence it was turned, and into which it was re-* *turned again, therefore it ought to be called that which it was principally. Quæst. sup. Exod. l. 2. Quæst. 22.* Your third example of water turned into wine, is most impertinent: for there it is expressed, both what it was before the turning, and what it was after. Your second forged cause, *for that some things are called as they appeare, and not as* *they are, as Angels are called men,* is also unlike your matter, for the Angels that appeared, were not phantastically shewes of accidents, but they appeared in very bodies, as of men, which they assumed for the time, as it is plaine by the text. Your third cause is also vaine: *that the Sacraments should be called bread and wine, because Christ is the* *true bread and wine, feeding us in body and soule unto eternall life:* for S. *Paul* nameth it bread, in them which eat it unworthily, to their condemnation.

RHEM. 39 Not as I will.] *A perfect example of obedience, and submitting our selfe and our wils to Gods will and or-* *dinance in all adversitie: and that we should desire nothing temporall, but under the condition of his holy pleasure* *and appointment.* De Orat. Dom. cum. 15.

RHEM. 12 41 Watch and pray.] *Hereof came Vigils and Nocturnes, that is, watching and praying in the night, commonly* *used in the Primitive Church of all Christians, as is plaine by* S. Cyprian, *and* * 8. Hierome: *but afterward, and un-* *till this day, peculiarly of Religious persons.* Vigile and Nocturnes. * Adv. Vigilan. Ep. 83.

Watching unto prayer is commended in this place, and in many places of the Scripture. And therefore in the Primitive Church they had set times of watching in prayer, the vigils, that is, holy day eves, and nocturnes, that is, a certaine taske of Psalmes, and other prayers, are gather mockeries of watches and prayers, but either that which Christ willed his Disciples to doe, or the Primitive Church used: although you say your religious persons use them still. Popish Vigils.

9 Wench.] S. Gregorie *declaring the difference of the Apostles before the receiving of the holy Ghost, and after,* The verue of the holy Ghost.
saith thus: Even this very Pastor of the Church himselfe, at whose most sacred body we sit, how weake he was, the wench can tell you: but how strong he was after, his answere to the high Priest declareth, Act. 5. he saith. We ought to obey God rather then men, Greg. hom. 20. in Evang.

74 To curse.] *A goodly example and warning to mans infirmity, and to take heed of presumption, and to hang only upon God in temptations.* Mans infirmity.

75 Wept bitterly.] S. Ambrose *in his Hymne that the Church useth at Lauds, speaking of this, saith,* Hoc ipse Petra Ecclesiæ canente, culpam diluit: *When the Cocke crew, the Rocke of the Church himselfe washed away his fault. Aug. 1. Retract. c. 21.* Peters teares and repentance.

If you alledge this for the Rocke of the Church, there hath beene enough said upon the 16. Chapter. If for washing away his sinnes, to insinuate that his teares were a satisfaction of them: the same *Ambrose* saith againe *in Luc. c. 22. Lachrymas eius lego, satisfactionem non lego. I reade his teares, I reade not his satisfaction.* Satisfaction.

CHAP. XXVII.

The chiefe of the Iewes accuse him to Pilate the Gentile (his betrayer, and the Iudge, and the Iudges wife, ratifying in the meane time manifoldly his innocencie:) 20 and perswade the common people also not onely to preferre the murderer Barabbas, but also to cry, CRVCIFIGE: (All, to the reprobation of their whole nation, and nothing but fulfilling the Scriptures.) 27 After many illusions, 31 he is crucified by the Gentiles. 38 Which the Iewes seeing, doe triumph as if they had now the victory. 45 But even then by many wonderfull workes he declareth his might, to their confusion. 57 Finally being buried, they to make all sure, set souldiers to keepe his Sepulchre.

AND when morning was come, all the chiefe Priests and ancients of the people consulted together against IESVS, that they might put him to death. Marke 15. 1. luke 22. 66. iohn 18. 28.

2 And they brought him bound, and delivered him to Ponce Pilate the President.

3 Then Iudas that betrayed him, seeing that he was condemned, ‖ repenting him, returned the thirty silver pieces to the chiefe Priests and Ancients,

4 Saying, I have sinned, betraying iust blood. But they said, What is that to us? looke thou to it.

5 And casting downe the silver pieces in the Temple, he departed: and went and hanged himselfe with an halter.

6 And the chiefe Priests having taken the silver pieces, said, It is not lawfull to cast them into the † Corbana: because it is the price of blood.

7 And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potters field, to be a burying place for strangers.

8 For this cause that field was called *Haceldama*, that is, *The field of blood*, even to this present day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Ieremy the Prophet, saying, *And they tooke the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the prized, whō they did prize of the children of Israel:* Zach. 11, 12.

10 *And they gave them into the potters field, as our Lord did appoint to me.*

11 And IESVS stood before the President, and the President asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Iewes? IESVS saith to him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chiefe Priests and Ancients, he answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate saith to him, Doest thou not heare how many testimonies they alledge against thee?

14 And

‡ This Corbana was a place about the Temple, which received the peoples gifts or offerings. See Mar. 12, v. 42.

WHen the morning was come, * all the chiefe Priests and Elders of the people held a councell against Iesus to put him to death. Marke 15. 1. luke 22. 66. iohn 18. 28.

2 *And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the Deputie.*

3 *Then Iudas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himselfe, and brought againe the thirty silver pieces to the chiefe Priests and Elders,*

4 *Saying, I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.*

5 *And when he had cast downe the pieces of silver in the Temple, he departed, * and went* Act. 1. 18.
his way, and hanged himselfe.

6 *And the chiefe Priests tooke the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawfull for to put them into the Treasury, because it is the price of blood.*

7 *And when they had taken counsell, they bought with them the potters field, to bury strangers in.*

8 *Wherefore that field was called, * The* Act. 1. 19.
field of bloud until this day.

9 *(Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Ieremie the Prophet, saying, * And they* Zach. 11. 12.
tooke the thirty silver pieces, the price of him that was valued, whom they bought of the children of Israel:

10 *And gave them for the potters field, as the Lord appointed me.*

11 *Iesus stood before the Deputie, and the Deputie asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Iewes? Iesus saith unto him, Thou sayest.*

12 * *And when he was accused of the chiefe* Marke 15. 3.
Priests and Elders, he answered nothing.

13 *Then saith Pilate unto him, Heareſt thou not how many things they witnesse against thee?*

14 *And*

HOLY WEEKE.

HORA TERTIA of the Churches service.

14 And he answered him never to any word: so that the President did marvell exceedingly.

15 And upon the solemne day the President was accustomed to release unto the people one prisoner whom they would.

16 And he had then a notorious prisoner, that was called Barabbas.

17 They therefore being gathered together, Pilate said: whom will you that I release to you, Barabbas, or IESVS that is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envie they had delivered him.

19 And as hee was sitting in place of judgement, his wife sent unto him, saying: Have thou nothing to doe with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in my sleepe for him.

20 But the chiefe Priests and Ancients perswaded the people, that they should aske Barabbas, and make IESVS away.

21 And the President answering, said to them: Whether will you of the two to be released unto you? But they said Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith to them, What shall I doe then with IESVS that is called Christ? They say all, Let him be crucified.

23 The President said to them, Why what evill hath he done? But they cryed the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 And Pilate seeing that hee nothing prevailed, but rather tumult was toward taking water he washed his hands before the people, saying, I am ‖ innocent of the blood of this just man: looke you to it.

25 And the whole people answering, said, His blood be upon us, and upon our children.

26 Then he released to them Barabbas, and having scourged IESVS, delivered him unto them for to be crucified.

27 Then the Presidents souldiers taking IESVS into the Palace, gathered together unto him the whole band:

Io. 19, 2. 28 * And stripping him, put a skarlet cloake about him,

29 And platting a crowne of thornes, put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying, Haile King of the Iewes.

30 And spitting upon him, they tooke the reed, and smote his head.

31 And after they had mocked him, they tooke off the cloke from him, and put on him his owne garments, and led him away to crucifie him.

32 And in going they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they forced to take up his Crosse.

HORA SEXTA in the Churches service.

33 And they came into the place that is called Golgotha, which is, the place of Calvarie.

34 And they gave him wine to drinke mingled

14 *And hee answered him never to any* Marke
word: in so much that the Deputie marvelled greatly.

15 * *At that feast the Deputie was wont* Marke
to let loose unto the people a prisoner, whom they luke
would.

16 *He had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.*

17 *Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whether will yee that I give loose unto you Barabbas, or Iesus, which is called Christ?*

18 *For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.*

19 *When he was set downe on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to doe with that just man: For I have suffered many things this day in a dreame because of him.*

20 * *But the chiefe Priests and Elders per-* Marke 15. 1.
swaded the people that they should aske Bara- luke 23. 1.
bas, and destroy Iesus. iohn 18.
acts 3. 14.

21 *The Deputie answered, and said unto them, Whether of the twaine will ye that I let loose unto you? They said, Barabbas.*

22 *Pilate said unto them, What shall I doe then with Iesus which is called Christ? They all said unto him, Let him be crucified.*

23 *The Deputie said, what evill hath hee done? But they cryed exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified.*

24 *When Pilate saw that he could prevaile nothing, but that more businesse was made, hee tooke water, and washed his hands before the people, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see yee to it.*

25 *Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.*

26 *Then let he Barabbas loose unto them, and when he had scourged Iesus, he delivered him to be crucified.*

27 * *Then the souldiers of the Deputy, when* Marke 15. 16.
they had taken Iesus into the common hall, ga- iohn 19. 1.
thered unto him all the band of souldiers.

28 *And when they had stripped him, they put on him a skarlet robe:*

29 *And when they had platted a crowne of thornes, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and when they had bowed the knee before him, they mocked him, saying, Haile King of the Iewes.*

30 *And when they had spit upon him, they tooke the reed, and smote him on the head.*

31 *And after that they had mocked him, they tooke the robe off him, and put his owne raiments on him, and led him away to crucifie him.*

32 * *And as they came out, they found a* Marke 15. 28.
man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they com- luke 23. 26.
pelled to beare his Crosse.

33 * *And when they were come unto a place* Marke 15. 22.
called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, luke 23. 32.

34 *They gave him vineger to drinke, min-* iohn 19. 28.
gled

...led with gall. And when he had tasted,
he would not drinke.

35 And after they had crucified him, they
divided his garments, casting lots: that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken by the
Prophet, saying: *They divided my garments
among them: and upon my vesture they did cast
lots.*

36 And they sate and watched him.

37 And they put over his head his cause
written, THIS IS IESVS THE KING OF
THE IEWES.

38 Then were crucified with him two
theeves: one on the right hand, and one on
the left.

39 And they that passed by, blasphemed
him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Vah, thou that destroyest
the Temple of God, and in three dayes dost
re-edifie it: save thine owne selfe: ‖ if thou be
the Sonne of God, come downe from the
Crosse.

41 In like manner also the chiefe Priests
with the Scribes and Ancients mocking, said:

42 He saved other: himselfe he cannot
save: if he be the King of Israel, let him now
come downe from the Crosse, and we will
beleeve him.

43 * He trusted in God: let him now de-
liver him if he will: for he said, That I am the
Sonne of God.

44 And the selfe same thing the theeves
also that were crucified with him, reproached
him withall.

45 And from the sixt houre, there was
darknesse made upon the whole earth, untill
the ninth houre.

46 And about the ninth houre IESVS
cryed with a mighty voyce, saying, *Eli, Eli,
lamma-sabacthani?* that is, *My God, my God,*
‖ *Why hast thou forsaken me?*

47 And certaine that stood there and
heard, said, He calleth Elias.

48 And incontinent one of them run-
ning, tooke a spunge, and filled it with vi-
neger: and put it on a reed, and gave him to
drinke.

49 And other said, Let be, let us see whe-
ther Elias come to deliver him.

50 And IESVS againe crying with a
mighty voyce yeelded up the ghost.

51 And behold the vaile of the Temple
was rent in two pieces, from the top even to
the bottome; and the earth did quake, and the
rockes were rent,

52 And the graves were opened: and ma-
ny bodies of the Saints that had slept, rose.

53 And they going forth out of the
graves after his resurrection, came into the
holy City: and appeared to many.

54 And the Centurion and they that were
with him watching IESVS, having seene the
earth-quake and the things that were done,
were

...gled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof,
he would not drinke.

35 * When they had crucified him, they par- Marke 15. 24.
ted his garments, casting lots: that it might be
fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet: *They* Psal. 22. 19.
*parted my garments among them, and upon my
vesture they did cast lots.*

36 *And sitting downe, they watched him
there:*

37 *And set up over his head his accusation
written, THIS IS IESVS, THE
KING OF THE IEWES.*

38 *Then are there two theeves crucified
with him: one on the right hand, and another
on the left.*

39 *They that passed by, reviled him, wagging
their heads,*

40 *And saying, * Thou that destroyest the* Iohn 2. 19.
*Temple, and buildest it in three dayes, save thy
selfe: If thou be the Sonne of God, come downe
from the Crosse.*

41 *Likewise also the high Priests mocking
him, with the Scribes and Elders, said,*

42 *Hee saved others, himselfe can he not
save: If he be the King of Israel, let him now
come downe from the Crosse, and we will beleeve
him.*

43 *He hath trusted in God, let him deliver* Psal. 22. 9.
him now if he will have him: for he said, I am Wisd. 2. 18.
the Sonne of God.

44 *The theeves also which were crucified
with him, cast the same in his teeth.*

45 *Now from the sixth houre there was
darknesse over all the land, unto the ninth
houre.*

46 *And about the ninth houre, Iesus cryed
with a loud voyce, saying, Eli, Eli, Lamasabach-
thani, that is to say, * My God, my God, why hast* Psal. 22. 2.
thou forsaken me?

47 *Some of them that stood there, when
they heard that, said, This man calleth for
Elias.*

48 *And straightway one of them ranne,
* and tooke a spunge, and when he had filled it full* Psal. 69. 22.
*of vineger, and put it on a reed, he gave him to
drinke.*

49 *The rest said, Let be, let us see whether
Elias will come to save him.*

50 *Iesus, when he had cryed againe with a
loud voyce, yeelded up the ghost.*

51 * *And behold, the vaile of the Temple* 1 Chro. 3. 14.
*was rent in two parts, from the top to the bot-
tome, and the earth did quake, and the stones
rent,*

52 *And graves were opened, and many bodies
of Saints which slept, arose.*

53 *And after that they were come
out of the graves after his resurrection,
came into the holy City, and appeared unto
many.*

54 *When the Centurion, and they that were
with him watching Iesus, saw the earthquake
and those things that were done, they feared
greatly,*

HORA NONA in the Churches Service.

MOLT-WEEKE.

...were done, saying, Verily indeed this was the
Sonne of God.

55 And there were there many women
afarre off, which had followed IESVS from
Galilee, ministring unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of Iames and Ioseph,
and the mother of the sonnes of Zebedee.

HORA VESPERARVM, or, Evensong.

57 And when it was evening, there came
a certaine rich man of Arimathea, named
Ioseph, who also himselfe was Disciple to
IESVS.

58 He went to Pilate, and asked the body
of IESVS. Then Pilate commanded that
the body should be delivered.

HORA COMPLETORII, or Complin.

59 And Ioseph taking the body, ‖ wrapt
it in cleane sindon,

60 And laid it in his owne new monu-
ment, which he had hewed out in a rocke.
And he rolled a great stone to the doore of
the monument, and went his way.

61 And there was there Mary Magdalene,
and the other Mary, sitting over against the
Sepulchre.

SATVRDAY called Sabbatum sanctum.

62 And the next day, which is after the
Parasceve, the chiefe Priests and the Phari-
sees came together to Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we have remembred, that
that Seducer said yet living, After three dayes
I will rise againe.

64 Command therefore the Sepulchre to
be kept untill the third day: lest perhaps his
Disciples come, and steale him, and say to the
people, He is risen from the dead: and the last
error shall be worse then the first.

65 Pilate said to them, You have a gard:
goe, gard it as you know.

66 And they departing, made the Sepul-
chre sure: sealing up the stone, with watch-
men.

...were done, saying, Truly this was the Sonne of
God.

55 *And many women were there beholding
him afarre off, which followed Iesus from Ga-
lilee, ministring unto him.*

56 *Among which was Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of Iames and Ioses, and
the mother of Zebedees children.*

57 *When the Even was come, there came a* Marke 15.
rich man from the city of Arimathea, named luke 23.
Ioseph, which also himselfe was Iesus Disciple. iohn 19.

58 *He went to Pilate, and begged the body
of Iesus: then Pilate commanded the body to
be delivered.*

59 *And when Ioseph had taken the body,
he wrapped it in a cleane linnen cloth,*

60 *And laid it in his new tombe which he
had hewen out in the rocke: and when he had
rolled a great stone to the doore of the Sepul-
chre, he departed.*

61 *And there was Mary Magdalene,
and the other Mary sitting over against the Se-
pulchre.*

62 *The next day that followed the day of
preparing, the high Priests and Pharisees came
together unto Pilate,*

63 *Saying, Sir, we remember that this De-
ceiver said while he was yet alive, After three
dayes I arise againe.*

64 *Command therefore, that the Sepulchre
be made sure until the third day, lest his
Disciples come by night, and steale him away,
and say unto the people, He is risen from the
dead: and the last error shall be worse then the
first.*

65 *Pilate said unto them, Ye have the watch,
goe your way, make it as sure as you know.*

66 *So they went, and when they had sealed up
the stone, they made the Sepulchre sure with the
watch.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXVII.

RHEM. 3 Repenting him.] *Note how speedily the plague of God falleth after sinne, and specially unto such as note what torments of conscience, and desperation often followeth the shedding of innocent blood.* — Horror of conscience.

5 Hanged himselfe.] *If he had rightly repented, notwithstanding his horrible treason, he might have obtained mercy: but by hanging himselfe, he tooke away all meanes of mercy and salvation, because he died finally impenitent.* — Desperation.

RHEM. 1. 24 Innocent of his blood.] *Though Pilate was much more innocent then the Iewes, and would have borne free from the murder of our Saviour, seeking all the meanes that he could (without casting the people and the Emperours lawes) to dimisse him: Yet he is damned for being the ministers of the peoples wicked will against his owne conscience, even as all officers be, and specially the Iudges and Iuries which execute lawes of temporall Princes against Catholike men: for all such be guilty of innocent blood, and be nothing excused by that they executed other mens wills according to the laws, which be unjust. For they should rather suffer death themselves, then put an innocent man to death.* — They that execute lawes against their conscience, are like to Pilate.

FVLKE 1 They that execute godly lawes, against Popish traitors and heretikes, be in no danger of *Pilates* condemnation.

RHEM. 2 40 If thou be the Sonne.] *Marvell not, when thou hearest our Saviour in the like sort also mocked at, or seest him abused of wicked men, that he straight revengeth not such blasphemies: as that he sheweth not himselfe there visibly, and to the senses, when faithlesse heretikes will say, Let me see him, touch him, &c. for he suffered here the like on the Crosse, when he might at his will have come downe with as much ease as he rose when he was dead.* — Christ derided in the blessed Sacrament, even as upon the Crosse.

FVLKE 2 You must first prove, that Christ is as verily present in your Popish singing Cake, as he was present on the Crosse, and had by many arguments approved himselfe to be the Sonne of God, or else your comparison is vaine and ridiculous.

RHEM. 3 46 Why hast thou forsaken me?] *Beware here of the detestable blasphemy of Calvin and the Calvinists, who thinking not the bodily death of Christ sufficient, say that he was also here so forsaken and abandoned of his Father, that he sustained in soule and conscience the very feares and torments of the damned. And to take away the Article of his descending into hell after his death, (which was with triumph and not in paine) they say that his descending was nothing else, but that his soule suffered the very paines of hell upon the Crosse, wherein indeed by these words out of the Psalme, our Saviour will signifie no more but that his paines (being now so long on the Crosse and ready to die) were very great, and therefore according to the infirmity of his humane nature, for very anguish (as before in the garden when he was but toward his Passion) he saith he was forsaken, for two causes, first because it was the will of God not* — Catechif. Col. & Indic. lib. 2. 16. Calvins blasphemie.

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…FULKE 4

…ed. Who was present at his Baptisme in Nicomedia, as seemeth by *Hist. Tripart.* l. 3. c. 12.

CHAP. XXVIII.

He riseth again the third day, and (the Watch most obstinate Iewes by bribery spreading the lies of his resurrection) he appeareth to his Disciples in Galilee as hee before he suffered had foretold them. Giveth order, and power of his resurrection, first the Angel, then also himselfe appointed by the women, 18. and sendeth them to all nations to build his Church among the Gentiles.

The Gospel for the night Masse of Christs resurrection, which is now used to be said on Easter Eve in the morning. Easter day. Marke 16, 1. Luke 24, 1. Io. 20, 1.

AND in the evening of the Sabbath, which dawneth on the first of the Sabbath, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary || to see the Sepulchre.

IN the latter end of the Sabbath day, *which dawneth the first day of the weeke, came Mary Magdalene, and that other, Mary to see the Sepulchre.* Marke 16. 1. Iohn 20. 1.

2 And behold, there was made a great earth-quake. For an Angel of our Lord descended from heaven: and comming, rolled backe the stone, and sate upon it.

2 And behold there was a great earthquake: for the Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the doore, and sate upon it.

3 His countenance was as lightning: and his garment as snow.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

4 And for feare of him the watchmen were frighted, and became as dead.

4 And for feare of him, the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the Angel answering, said to the women, Feare not you: for I know that you seeke IESVS that was crucified.

5 The Angel answered and said unto the women, Feare ye not: for I know that ye seeke Iesus, which was crucified.

Matth. 29, 32.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, * as he said: come, and see the place where our Lord was laid.

6 He is not here, he is risen, as he said, Come see the place where the Lord was laid.

7 And going quickly, Tell ye his Disciples that he is risen: and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee, there you shall see him: loe, I have foretold you.

7 And goe quickly, and tell his Disciples, that he is risen from the dead. And behold, hee goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him: loe, I have told you.

8 And they went forth quickly out of the monument with feare and great joy, running to tell his Disciples.

8 And they departed quickly from the Sepulchre with feare and great joy, and did run to bring his Disciples word.

9 And behold IESVS met them, saying, All haile. But they came neere and tooke hold of his feet, and adored him.

9 And as they went to tell his Disciples, behold, Iesus met them, saying, All haile. And they came, and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then IESVS said to them, Feare not: goe, tell my brethren that they goe into Galilee, there they shall see me.

10 Then said Iesus unto them, Be not afraid: goe, tell my brethren that they goe into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Who when they were departed, behold certaine of the watchmen came into the

11 When they were gone, behold, some of the watch came into the City, and shewed unto

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the city, and told the high Priests all things that had beene done.

12 And being assembled together with the ancients, taking counsell, they gave a great summe of money to the souldiers,

13 Saying, Say you, That his Disciples came by night, and stole him away, when we were asleepe.

14 And if the President shall heare of this, we will perswade him, and make you secure.

15 But they taking the money, did as they were taught. And this word was bruited abroad among the Iewes, even unto this day.

The Gospel upon Friday in Easter weeke.

16 And the eleven Disciples went into Galilee, unto the mount where IESVS had appointed them.

17 And seeing him they adored, but some doubted.

The Gospel in the feast of the blessed Trinitie.

18 And IESVS comming neere, spake unto them, saying. All power is given to me in heaven and in earth.

19 ||Going therefore teach ye all nations: BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SONNE AND OF THE HOLY GHOST,

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and behold I am with you ||all dayes, even to the consummation of the world. ℣

to the high Priests all the things that were done.

12 And being assembled with the Elders, and taking counsell, they gave large summe of money to the souldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His Disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the Deputies eares, we will perswade him, and make you careless.

15 So they, when they had taken the money, did as they were taught. And this saying was noised among the Iewes until this day.

16 Then the eleven Disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountaine where Iesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Iesus came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

*19 *Goe ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost:*

Mar. 16. 15.

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XXVIII.

RHEM. 1

1 To see the Sepulchre.] *The devout women came to visit our Saviours Sepulchre, and for their devotion he deserved to know the Resurrection, and to see him risen. The honour of the which Sepulchre and the Pilgrimage thereunto in the Primitive Church. S. Hieronie declareth in these words,* The Iewes sometime honoured *Saules Sepulchrum,* because there were the Cherubs, and the Propitiatorie, and the Arke of the Testament, Manna, *Aarons* rod, and the golden Altar. Doth not the Sepulchre of our Lord seeme unto thee more honourable? Which as often as we enter into, so often doe we see our Saviour lie in the sindon: and staying there a while, we see the Angel againe sit at his feet; and at his head the napkin wrapped together. The glory of whose Sepulchre, we know was long prophesied before *Ioseph* bewed it out, by *Esay*, saying, And his rest shall be honour: to wit, because the place of our Lords buriall should be honoured of all men. *And at this present, notwithstanding the Turkes dominion, yet doe the religious Christian Catholike men by Gods mighty providence keepe the holy Sepulchre, which is within a goodly Church, and Christians come out of all the world in pilgrimage to it.*

The holy Sepulchre, and Pilgrimage thereunto. In ep. 27. Paulæ & Eustoch. ad Marcellam. & Eze. 12.

FULKE 1

The cause of the womens comming, is expressed in the text, to finish the office of solemne buriall, which they intended, and were interrupted by the Sabbath. Their desert the Scripture doth never make cause of Gods free gift. The visitation of the Sepulchre in S. *Hieroms* time, was not for merit, as merit is accounted of Papists, but by sight of the place, to stirre up their mindes to the consideration of the benefits of Christs death, buriall, and resurrection, as the place you cite out of S. *Hierome* doth testifie, little favouring Popish superstition.

Pilgrimage to Hierusalem.

RHEM.

19 Going then.] *Commission to baptize and preach to all Nations given to the Apostles, and grounded upon Christs soveraigne authority, to whom was given all power in heaven and in earth.*

The Catholike Church to be gathered of all Nations, And Christs continuall protection of the same Church, Sinaden

RHEM. 2

20 With you all dayes.] *Here Christ doth promise his concurrence with his Apostles and their successors, as well in preaching as ministring the Sacraments, and his protection of the Church never to cease till the worlds end: contrarie to our Adversaries, saying, that the Church hath failed many hundred yeeres till Luther and Calvin.*

FULKE 2

An impudent slander. We neither say nor thinke, that the Church hath failed many hundred yeeres till *Luther* and *Calvin*: but we doe constantly beleeve, that it hath alwayes continued, and alwayes shall continue, to the end of the world.

Here endeth the Gospel by S. Matthew.

THE ARGVMENT OF SAINT MARKES GOSPEL.

HEM.

SAint Markes Gospel may well be divided into foure parts.

The first part, of the preparation that was made to the manifestation of Christ: chap. 1. *to the beginning.*

The second, of his manifesting himselfe by preaching and miracles, and that in Galilee: the residue of the 1. chap. *unto the* 10. chap.

The third, of his comming into Iury towards his Passion: chap. 10.

The third, of his comming into Iury towards his Passion: chap. 11. *to the end of the booke.*

The fourth, of the holy Weeke of his passion to Hierusalem: chap. 11. *to the end of the booke.*

Of S. Marke and his conversation with the two Apostles S. Paul and S. Barnabe, we have at large Act. 12. & 15. *somewhat also* Col. 4. *and* 2. Tim. 4. *and to* Philemon. *Moreover, of his familiarity with the Prince of the Apostles S. Peter, we have* 1 Pet. 5. *For so it pleased our Lord, that onely two of the Evangelists should be of his twelve Apostles, to wit, S.* Matthew, *and S.* John. *The other two, S.* Marke *and S.* Luke, *he gave unto us of the Disciples of his two most principall and most glorious Apostles, S.* Peter *and S.* Paul. *Whose Gospels therefore were of antiquity counted as the Gospels of S. Peter and S. Paul themselves: Marke* the Disciple and Interpreter of *Peter (saith S. Hierom)* according to that which he heard of *Peters* mouth, wrote at Rome a briefe Gospel at the request of the Brethren *(about* 10. *or* 12. *yeares after our Lords Ascension.)* Which when *Peter* had heard, he approved it, and with his authority did publish it to the Church to be read, as *Clem. Alex.* writeth *l.* 6. *hypotyp.*

In Cant. Scripo. Ecclesiast.

IHHM. I

In the same place S. Hierome *addeth, how he went into Ægypt to preach, and was the first Bishop of the chiefe city there, named* Alexandria: *and how* Philo Iudæus *at the same time seeing and admiring the life and conversation of the Christians there under S. Marke, who were Monkes, wrote a booke thereof, which is extant to this day. And was only S.* Hierom (in Marco, *& in* Philone.) *but also* Euseb. Hist. l. 2. c. 15, 16, 17. Epiphan. Sect. 29. Nazaræos l. 1. to. 2. Cassian. de Instit. Cœnobior. l. 2. c. 5. Sozomen. l. 1. c. 12. Niceph. l. 2. c. 15. *and divers doe make mention of the said Monkes out of the same Author. Finally,* He died *(saith S.* Hierome) the 8. yeare of *Nero*, and was buried in Alexandria, *Anianus* succeeding in his place. *But from Alexandria he was transported to Venice, Anno Dom.* 830.

Philo de Supplicibus. In Contag.

FVLKE. I

The booke that *Philo* did write, is of a Sect of Iewes, not Christians, such as Iosephus describeth the *Esses.* And S. *Hierome* confesseth, that he writeth it as in praise of his owne nation, *in Mar.* Who also saith, the life of all Christians, at that time, was such as Monkes in his time endeavoured to be, so that they had no speciall order of Monkes in that time, except all Christians were Monkes. *Epiphanius* saith, this booke of *Philo*, was intituled, *ab' Iessæus*, which name, though he labour to draw to Christians, by his conjectures, as though it were derived of *Iesse Davids* father, or of Iesus, before the name of Christians was published from Antiochia: yet it is much like, that *Philo* meant the same, whom *Iosephus* calleth *Esseus*, and even that description of them, which *Eusebius* maketh out of *Philo*, though he would draw it to Christians, is plain enough for that Sect of the Iewes, and manifesteth the profession of Christians, except in certaine ceremonies, of praying, fasting, and such like, which the Iewes and specially the Sect of the *Esseues*, observed. *For they had* (saith he) *the written bookes of men of old time, which being Authors of their Sect, left them many monuments of the forme of allegorical interpretations.* Which though *Eusebius* doe understand of the writings of the Apostles and Evangelists: yet it is certaine, that the Apostles and the Evangelists, being many then living, or not long before that time, when *Philo* did write, could not be called by him *τῶν ἀνεμνησθέντων*, men of ancient time. Therefore as *Epiphanius* and *Hierome* saith, they were common Christians of that time, or else so it is most like, a Sect of Iewish *Esseues*, somewhat like indeed to Popish Clothierers.

Antiquity of Monkes.

RHEM. 2.

It is also to be noted, that in respect of S. Peter, *who sent S.* Marke *his scholer to Alexandria, and made him the first Bishop there, this See was esteemed next in dignity to the See of Rome, and the Bishop thereof was accounted the chiefe Metropolitane, or Patriarch of the East, and that by the sixt Councell of Nice. Whereof see* d. 1. c. 9. p. 53. *S.* Gregor. l. 5. ep. 60. & l. 6. ep. 37.

Nicen. gener. 28.

FVLKE 2

The See of Alexandria, by the Councell of Nice, without any respect of S. *Marke* sent thither by *Peter*, was judged equall to the See of Rome. For if they had had respect to *Peter*, they would have preferred the See of Antioche where *Peter* himselfe sate, rather then Alexandria, whom *Marke* sent by *Peter* did sit. The sixt Canon in plaine. They decree, *That the ancient custome be observed, that the Bishop of Alexandria, have the oversight of the Churches over Churches of Ægypt, Lybia, and Pentapolis, because the Bishop of Rome hath the like authority of the Churches over the city,* which *Rufinus* called *Suburbicarias*, l. 1. c. 6. Indeed Rome Bishop of Rome could not brooke the decree of the generall Councell of Chalcedon, by which the Bishop of Constantinople was not only preferred before the Bishop of Alexandria, but also made equall with the Bishop of Rome, and therefore wrote to *Anatolius* Bishop of Constantinople, to dissuade him, as also to *Martian* the Emperor, and to *Pulcheria* the Empresse, so have the decree staid, but for all his gainsaying and labour against it, the Councell decreed it. For in matters of discipline and government of the Church, the Fathers of Chalcedon knew, they had as great authority as the Fathers of Nice; Or as the Fathers of Constantinople the first, where the like decree was made without any interruption or contradiction of the Romish See, which now in the time of Leo had gotten great stomacke, and therefore could not away with it. No marvell then, if *Gregorie*, comming after *Leo*, did not well allow it. Yet l. 5. ep. 60. he is content, that in as much as *Marke* was sent to Alexandria by *Peter*, he himselfe being Bishop of Rome, should seeme *to have authority over the seat of the disciple, for the masters sake, and the Bishop of Alexandria should have authority over the seat of the master* (that was Rome) *for the disciples sake.* This was greater modesty, then any of his successors would ever shew. In the other Epistle, you quote l. 6. ep. 37. He acknowledgeth three Sees of *Peter*, all equall in Principality, Antioche, Rome, and Alexandria. And whereas *Eulogius* Bishop of Alexandria, had ascribed as much to himselfe (as sitting in *Peters* chaire even by *Gregories* confession) as he did unto *Gregory*: he answereth in these words, *Et cum me specialis honor, &c. And whereas speciall honour by no meanes doth delight me, yet I reioyced greatly that you (most holy) gave unto your selfe, the same that you bestowed upon me.* Thus was *Gregory* a more fellowlike Bishop then those that came after him, which can abide no man to sit in *Peters* chaire, but themselves, no man to have principality of dignity, or speciall honor, but themselves. Thus while you will needs bring in the dignity of *Peters* disciple for his sake, unawares you have given *Peters* chaire of Rome a mate.

Præsidere.

THE

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF IESVS CHRIST ACCORDING TO S^t. MARKE.

CHAP. I.

The first part of this Gospel, of the preparation to Christs manifestation.

Iohn ("the Eremite of whom the prophets") preaching penaunce, and living like life accordingly, baptiseth the people to prepare them to Christ, 7 telling them, that it is not he, but Christs Baptisme, in which they shall receive the holy Ghost. 9 Iesus there is manifested from heaven: 12 and by and by he also goeth into the wilderness. 14 Beginning his Ministery in Galilee, 16 after that he hath called foure Disciples, 21 he preacheth first in Capernaum, confirming his Doctrine with beneficiall Miracles to the great admiration of all: 35 from whence (the first rising into the wilderness) in all the rest of Galilee with like Miracles.

The Translation of Rhemes.

Mal. 3, 1. Esa. 40, 3.

THe beginning of the Gospel of IESVS CHRIST the Son of God.

2 As it is written in [1] Esay the Prophet, *(Behold I send mine Angel before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.)*

[1] The Prophets

Matth. 3, 1. Luke 3, 4. Io. 1, 15.

3 *A voyce of one crying in the desert, Prepare ye the way of our Lord, make straight his paths.*

4 *Iohn was in the desert baptizing, and preaching the baptisme of penance † unto remission of sinnes.

5 And there went forth to him all the country of Iewry, and all they of Hierusalem: and were baptized of him in the river of Iordan, ‖ confessing ‖ their sinnes.

6 And Iohn was ‖ clothed with camels haire, and a girdle of a skin about his loynes: and he did eat locusts and wilde honey.

7 And he preached, saying, There commeth a stronger then I after me: whose latchet of his shoes I am not worthy stooping downe to unloose.

8 I have baptized you ‖ with water: but he shall baptize you with the holy Ghost.

9 And it came to passe: In those dayes came IESVS from Nazareth of Galilee: and was ‖ baptized of Iohn in Iordan.

10 And forthwith comming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and ‖ the Spirit as a dove descending, and remaining on him.

11 And a voyce was made from heaven, Thou art my beloved Sonne, in thee I am well pleased.

Matth. 4, 1. Luke 4, 1.

12 And forthwith * the Spirit drove him out into ‖ the desert.

13 And he was in the desert forty dayes, and forty nights: and was tempted of Satan; and he was with beasts, and the Angels ministred to him.

The second part of this Gospel: of Christs manifestation.

Matth. 4, 12. Luke 4, 14.

14 And * after that Iohn was delivered up, IESVS came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdome of God,

15 And saying, That the time is fulfilled, and the kingdome of God is at hand: be ‡ penitent, and believe the Gospel.

Matth. 4, 18. Luke 5, 2.

16 * And passing by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother, casting nets

The Translation of the Church of England.

THe beginning of the Gospel of Iesus Christ, the Sonne of God.

2 *As it hath beene written in the Prophets, * Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

Mal. 3. 1.

3 * *A voyce of him that crieth in the wildernesse, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.*

Esa. 40. 3. Iohn 1. 15. Luke 3. 4.

4 *Iohn was baptizing in the wildernesse, and preaching the Baptisme of repentance for the remission of sinnes.*

Matth. 3. 4.

5 * *And all the land of Iewrie, and they of Hierusalem went out unto him, and were all baptized of him in the river of Iordan, confessing their sinnes.*

Matth. 3. 5.

6 *Iohn was clothed with camels haire, and with a girdle of a skin about his loynes: * and he did eat locusts and wilde honey.*

Levit. 11. 22.

7 * *And preached, saying, He that is stronger then I, commeth after me, whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to stoope downe, and unloose.*

Matth. 3. 12. Luke 3. 16. Iohn 1. 27.

8 *I have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the holy Ghost.*

9 * *And it came to passe in those dayes, that Iesus came from Nazareth a citie of Galilee, * and was baptized of Iohn in Iordane.*

Act. 1. 5. Matth. 3. 14. Luke 3. 22. Iohn 1. 33.

10 *And assoone as he was come up out of the water, he saw the heavens open, and the Spirit descending upon him like a Dove.*

11 *And there came a voyce from heaven, Thou art my deare Sonne, in whom I am well pleased.*

12 * *And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wildernesse.*

Matth. 4. 1. Luke 4. 1.

13 *And he was there in the wildernesse forty dayes tempted of Satan, and was with the wilde beasts, and the Angels ministred unto him.*

14 *After that Iohn was delivered to prison, * Iesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdome of God,*

Matth. 4. 12. Luke 4. 14. Iohn 4. 43.

15 *And saying, The time is come, and the kingdome of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.*

16 * *As he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew his brother, casting*

Matth. 4. 18. Luke 5. 2.

nets into the sea (for they were fishers.)

17 And Iesvs said to them, Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And immediately leaving their nets, they followed him.

19 And being gone thence a little further, he saw Iames of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother, and them repairing their nets in the ship:

20 And forthwith he called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the ship with his hired men, they followed him.

Matth.4.13. Luke 4.31. 21 And * they enter into Capharnaum, and he forthwith upon the Sabbaths going into the Synagogue, taught them.

22 And they were astonied at his doctrine: for he was teaching them as having power, and not as the Scribes.

Luke 4.32. 23 And * there was in their Synagogue a man in an uncleane spirit: and he cryed out,

24 Saying, What to us and to thee Iesvs of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know who thou art, the Saint of God.

25 And Iesvs threatned him, saying, Hold thy peace, and goe out of the man.

26 And the uncleane spirit tearing him, and crying out with a great voyce, went out of him.

27 And they marvelled all, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What is this new doctrine? for with power he commandeth the uncleane spirits also, and they obey him.

28 And the bruit of him went forth incontinent into all the countrey of Galilee.

Matth.8.14. Luke 4.42. 29 And immediately * going forth out of the Synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with Iames and Iohn.

30 And Simons wives mother lay in a fit of a feaver: and forthwith they tell him of her.

31 And comming neere he lifted her up taking her by the hand: and incontinent the ague left her, and she ministred unto them.

32 And when it was evening after Sunne set, they brought to him all that were ill at ease, and that had devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the doore.

34 And he cured many that were vexed with divers diseases: and hee cast out many devils, and he suffered not them to speak that they knew him.

35 And rising very early, and going forth he went into ‖ a desert place: and there he prayed.

36 And Simon sought after him, and they that were with him.

37 And when they had found him, they said to him, That all seeke for thee.

38 And he saith to them, Let us goe into the

nets into the sea (for they were fishers.)

17 And Iesvs said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw Iames the sonne of Zebedee, and Iohn his brother, which also were in the ship mending their nets:

20 And anon he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and followed him.

*21 * And they came into Capernaum, and straightway on the Sabbath dayes he entred into the Synagogue, and taught.* Matth.4.13. Luke 4.31.

*22 * And they were astonied at his learning: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the Scribes.* Matth.7.28. Luke 4.32.

*23 * And there was in their Synagogue, a man vexed with an uncleane spirit, and he cried alound,* Luke 4.32.

24 Saying, Let us alone, What have we to doe with thee, thou Iesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, even that holy one of God.

25 And Iesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the uncleane spirit had torne him, and cryed with a loud voyce, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, in so much that they demanded one of another among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he the foule spirits, and they doe obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region bordering on Galilee.

*29 * And forthwith, when they were come out of the Synagogue, they entred into the house of Simon, and Andrew, with Iames and Iohn.* Matth.8.14. Luke 4.32.

30 But Simons wives mother lay sicke of a fever: and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and tooke her by the hand, and lift her up: and immediately the fever forsooke her, and she ministred unto them.

32 And at Even, when the Sun was downe, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were vexed with devils:

33 And all the city was gathered together, at the doore.

34 And he healed many that were sicke of divers diseases, and cast out many devils, and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning very early before day, Iesus, when he was risen up, went out, & departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon, and they that were with him, followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seeke for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next

the next townes and cities, that I may preach there also: for therefore am I come.

39 And he was preaching in their Synagogues, and in all Galilee: and casting out devils.

Matth.8.2. Luke 5.12. 40 And a * leper commeth to him beseeching him: and kneeling downe saith to him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.

41 And Iesvs having compassion on him, stretched forth his hand: and touching him, he saith unto him, I will, be thou made cleane.

42 And when he had spoken, immediately the leprosie departed from him, and he was made cleane.

43 And he threatned him, and forthwith cast him forth.

44 And he saith to him, See thou tell no body: but goe, shew thy selfe ‡ to the high Priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things that * Moses commanded, for a testimonie to them.

45 But he being gone forth, began to publish, and to blaze abroad the word: so that now hee could not openly goe into the city, but was abroad in desert places, and they came together unto him from all sides.

‡ Our Saviour even when he healed the leper by extraordinary miraculous power would not yet breake order, but sent the party to the Priest. Levit.14.3.

the next townes and cities, that I may preach there also: for therefore am I come.

39 And he preached in their Synagogues in all Galilee, and cast the devils out.

*40 * And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling downe to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.* Matth.8. Luke 5.

41 And Iesus having compassion on him, when he had put forth his hand, touched him, and saith unto him, I will, be thou cleane.

42 And as soone as he had spoken, immediately the leprosie departed from him, and he was made cleane.

43 And after he had given him a straight commandement, he sent him away forthwith:

*44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but get thee hence, shew thy selfe to the Priest, * and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a witnesse unto them,* Levit.14. Luke 5.14.

45 But he, as soone as he was departed, began openly to declare many things, and so publish this rumour, insomuch that Iesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. I.

Rhem. 1 4 Vnto remission.] Iohns *Baptisme put them in hope onely of remission of sinnes, as a preparative to Christs Sacrament, by which sinnes were indeed to be remitted,* Aug. l.5. de bapt. c.10.

Fvlke 1 Forgivenesse of sinnes is onely in Christ: yet was the Baptisme of Iohn a true seale of forgivenesse of sinnes by Christ, as the Baptisme of Christs Disciples was. As for the preparative to *Christs Sacrament, by which sinnes were indeed to be remitted* be your owne words, and mine of Saint *Augustine*: who was indeed deceived because he supposed, that some were baptized againe by *Paul*, which had received *Iohns* Baptisme, which the text rightly translated, doth not say: yea, he concludeth the matter in these words: *Tamen ne quis quæram, &c. To let any man* Acts 19. *stand amazed, that even in the Baptisme of Iohn, sinnes were forgiven, after some larger satisfaction to be given by the baptisme of Christ, unto those whom Paul commanded to be baptized again, I do not greatly strive.* Johns Baptisme.

Rhem. 2 15 Be penitent.] *He doth not preach beleefe, or faith onely, but penance also.*

Fvlke 2 No Christian man doth preach faith onely, without repentance, or void of good workes, though they preach, that faith without workes doth justifie. Faith onely.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. I.

Rhem. 3 5 Confessing their sinnes.] *A certaine confession of sinnes there was, even in that penance which Iohn preached, and which was made before men were baptized. Whereby it is cleare that Iohn made a preparation to the Sacrament of Penance, which afterward was instituted by Christ, as well as he did by baptizing prepare the way to Christs Baptisme.* Confession.

Fvlke 3 You are never able to prove, that Christ did institute any Sacrament of penance, *Iohn* by his Doctrine and Baptisme, which was the seale thereof, prepared a way to Christ, but not to the Baptisme of Christ, for he preached not his owne Baptisme, but the washing away of our sinnes by Christ: therefore he also was a minister of the Baptisme of Christ. The Papists Sacrament of penance.

Rhem. 4 5 Their sinnes.] *He doth not say, that they confessed themselves to be sinners, which may be done by a generall confession: but that they confessed their sinnes, which is a particular confession.* Particular confession.

Fvlke 4 If he heard a particular confession of sinnes, of so many thousands as he baptized, he needed to have exercised his office more yeares then he did moneths. Confession not theirs.

Rhem. 6 Clothed.] *The holy Ghost thought it worthy of speciall reporting, how strictly this Prophet lived, and how he abstained from delicate meats and apparell.* Leu. 11. Deut. 14. Mat. 3. Iohns example of penance.

Rhem. 5 8 With water.] Iohn *with water only, Christ with the holy Ghost, not only, as the Heretikes hold, that say, water is not necessary, but with water and the holy Ghost, as it is plaine* Iohn 3. Vnlesse a man be borne againe of water, and the holy Ghost, he shall not enter into the kingdome of heaven. Baptisme in water. Calv. 4. inst. c. 16.

Fvlke 5 Christ baptized none with water *Iohn* 4. 2. Notwithstanding, the Baptisme with water by his Ministers, is necessary, if it may be had, according to Christs institution, neither doth *Calvine* teach otherwise. But if it cannot be had, in them that are prevented by death, the lacke of water shall not deprive Gods children of their inheritance. *Ambros. de obitu Valentin. imper.* doubteth not of the salvation of the Emperour, which was slaine before he was baptized. *Sed audivit vos dicere, &c. But I have heard* (saith he) *that you are grieved, because he received not the Sacrament of Baptisme. Tell me what other thing is there in us, but a will, but a request?* Further he cleeth the saying of the Wise man, *The iust, by what death soever he be prevented, his soule shall be in rest.* And the example of Martyrs which were slaine before they were baptized, *Who if they be mooved in their owne blood* (saith he) *this water will both washed him.* And the text of *Iohn* 3. maketh no more for the necessity of water, then the like *Iohn* 6. for giving the Communion to Infants, *Except ye eat the flesh of the Sonne of man, &c.* The necessity of Baptisme. Blondus.

9 Baptized of Iohn.] *The humility of Christ not disdaining his servants Baptisme, which is an example for all faithfull, not to disdaine Christs Sacraments of any Priest be he never so simple, being by the Catholike Church faithfully vsed.* Aug. Li. de Bapt. c. 9.

10 The Spirit.] *Expresse mention of the blessed Trinity, the Father from heaven, the holy Ghost appeareth in the likenesse of a dove, the Sonne also is recommended vnto vs.* Ambr. Li. de Sacram. c. 5.

12 Before.] *Christ doing penance by long fasting, solitarinesse, and conversing with wilde beasts, gave example and instruction to the Church for Lent fast, and to holy Ermites of retiring themselves to the wildernesse and prayer.*

Bl. Iohnny: Christ was free from sinne, and therefore needed no repentance. But if to shew the meanes you say, that doing penance is nothing but fasting, and such exercises of an austere and straight life: then with you there may be doing of penance without repentance and sorrow for sinnes. And so your doing of penance is not that conversion changing of minde, whereunto *Iohn* and Christ exhorted. For Lent fast, and Ermites, See *Mat.* 3.2.4. the notes there.

The blessed Trinitie.

Christs example of penance.

Christ did no penance.

35 Desert place.] *Christ vsed very often to retire into solitary places, to shew vs for our example, to teach vs that such places are best for prayer and contemplation, and that we should often retire our selves from worldly matters to solitary meditation of heavenly things.*

Solitary contemplation.

CHAP. II.

Against the Scribes and Pharisees he defendeth, first, his power to remit sinnes in earth, 13 and his eating with sinners, (as being the Physician of soules, signified in those his miraculous cures upon bodies:) 18 then also he defendeth his Disciples, not having as yet any fasts by him prescribed unto them, and plucking eares of corne upon the Sabbath: signifying withall that he will change their ceremonies.

AND againe he entred into Capharnaum, after some dayes, and it was heard that he was in the house,

*After a few dayes also, * he entred into Capernaum againe, and it was noised that he was in the house,* Matth. 9.1.

2 And many came together, so that there was no place no not at the doore, and hee spake to them the word.

2 And anon many were gathered together, in so much that now there was no roome to receive them, no not so much as about the doore: and he preached the word of the Gospel unto them.

3 And they came to him bringing one sicke of the palsey, who was carried of foure.

3 And they came unto him, bringing one sicke of the palsey, which was borne of foure men.

4 And when they could not offer him unto him for the multitude, they ‖ uncovered the roofe where he was: and opening it they did let downe the couch wherein the sicke of the palsey lay.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for preasse, they uncovered the roofe of the house that he was in: and when they had broken up the roofe, they doe with cordes let downe the bed, wherein the sicke of the palsey lay.

5 And when Iesvs had seene ‡ their faith, he saith, to the ‖ sicke of the palsey, Sonne, ‖ thy sinnes are forgiven thee.

5 When Iesus saw their faith, he said unto the sicke of the palsey, Sonne, thy sinnes be forgiven thee.

‡ Our Lord is moved to be mercifull, to sinners by other mens faith and desires, and not onely by the sinnes owne sinnes alway. Iob 14.4. Esa. 43.25.

6 And there were certaine of the Scribes sitting there and thinking in their hearts,

6 But there were certaine of the Scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth he speake so? he blasphemeth; *Who can forgive sinnes but onely God?

*7 Why doth he thus speake blasphemies? * Who can forgive sinnes but God onely?* Iob 14.4. Esa. 43.25.

8 Which by and by Iesvs knowing in his Spirit, that they so thought within themselves, saith to them, Why thinke you these things in your hearts?

8 And immediately, when Iesus perceived in his Spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he saith unto them, Why reason ye such things in your hearts?

9 Whether is easier, to say to the sicke of the palsey, Thy sinnes are forgiven thee: or to say, Arise, take up thy couch, and walke?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sicke of the palsey, Thy sinnes be forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, take up thy bed and walke?

10 But that you may know that ‖ the Sonne of man hath power, ‖ in earth to forgive sinnes (he saith to the sicke of the palsey)

10 But that ye may know that the Sonne of man hath power in earth to forgive sinnes, (He saith to the sicke of the palsey)

11 I say to thee, Arise, take up thy couch, and goe into thy house.

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and get thee hence into thine house.

12 And forthwith he arose: and taking up his couch, went his way in the sight of all, so that all marvelled, and glorified God, saying that we never saw the like.

12 And immediately he arose, tooke up the bed, and went forth before them all, in so much that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth againe to the sea: and all the multitude came to him, and hee taught them.

*13 * And he went againe by the sea side, and all the people resorted unto him, and he taught them.* Matth. 9.9. Luke 5.27.

Matth. 9,9. Luke 5,27.

14 And when he passed by, *he saw Levi of

14 And as Iesus passed by, he saw Levi the sonne

of Alphæus, sitting at the custome place: and he saith to him, Follow me. And rising up he followed him.

15 And it came to passe, as he sate at meate in his house, many Publicanes and sinners did sit downe together with Iesvs and his Disciples; for they were many, who also followed him.

16 And the Scribes and the Pharisees seeing that he did eat with Publicanes and Sinners, said to his Disciples, Why doth your Master eat and drinke with Publicanes and sinners?

17 Iesvs hearing this, saith to them, The whole have not need of a Physician, but they that are ill at ease; for I came not to call the just, but sinners.

Matt. 9,13. Luke 5,32.

18 And *the Disciples of Iohn and the Pharisees did use to fast: and they come, and say to him, Why do the disciples of Iohn and of the Pharisees fast: but thy Disciples doe not fast?

19 And Iesvs said to them, Why, can the children of the marriage fast, as long as the Bridegroome is with them? So long time as they have the Bridegroome with them they cannot fast.

‡ He foretelleth that fasting shall be used in his Church, no lesse then in the old law, or in the time of *Iohn* the Baptist. See *Matt.* c. 9. 15.

20 But the dayes will come when the Bridegroome shall bee taken away from them: and then they shall ‡ fast in those dayes.

21 No body soweth a piece of raw cloth to an old garment: otherwise he taketh away the new piecing from the old, and there is made a greater rent.

22 And no body puteth new wine into old bottels: otherwise the wine bursteth the bottels, and the wine will be shed, and the bottels will be lost; but new wine must be put into new bottels.

Matth. 12,1. Luke 6,1.

23 And *it came to passe againe when hee walked thorow the corne on the Sabbaths, and his Disciples began to goe forward and to pluck the eares.

24 And the Pharisees said to him, Behold, Why doe they on the Sabbaths that which is not lawfull?

25 And he said to them, Did you never reade what David did when he was ‖ in necessity, and himselfe was an hungred and they that were with him?

1 King. 21, 6.

26 How *hee entred into the house of God under Abiathar the high Priest, and did eat the loaves of Proposition, which it was not lawfull to eat * but for the Priests, and did give unto them which were with him?

Levit. 24.9.

‡ The maker of the law may abrogate or dispence when and where for just cause it seemeth good to him.

27 And he said to them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

28 Therefore the Sonne of man is ‡ Lord of the Sabbath also.

sonne of Alphæus sitting at the receit of custome, and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 *And it came to passe, that when Iesus sate at meate in his house, many Publicanes and sinners sate also together at meate with Iesus and his Disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.*

16 *And when the Scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with Publicanes and sinners, they said unto his Disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with Publicanes and sinners?*

17 *When Iesus heard that, he saith unto them, They that be whole, have no need of the Physician, but they that are sicke: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

18 **And the Disciples of Iohn, and of the Pharisees did fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the Disciples of Iohn, and of the Pharisees fast, but thy Disciples fast not?* 1 Tim. 1.15. Matth. 9.14. Luke 5.33.

19 *And Iesus said unto them, Can the children of the Bridechamber fast, while the Bridegroome is with them? As long as they have the Bridegroome with them, they cannot fast.*

20 *But the dayes will come, when the Bridegroome shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those dayes.*

21 *No man also soweth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment: otherwise, his new piece taketh away somewhat from the old garment, and so the rent is made worse.*

22 *And no man poureth new wine into old vessels, else the new wine doth burst the vessels, and the wine runneth out, and the vessels will be marred: But new wine must be put into new vessels.*

23 * *And it came to passe, that he went through the corne fields on the Sabbath dayes, and his Disciples began by the way to pluck the eares of corne.* Matth. 12. 1. Luke 6.1.

24 *And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why doe they on the Sabbath dayes that which is not lawfull?*

25 *And he said unto them, * Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, both he, and they that were with him?* 1 King. 21.6.

26 *How he went into the house of God in the dayes of Abiathar the high Priest, and did eat the Shewbread, * which was not lawfull to eat but for the Priests, and gave also to them which were with him?* Exod. 29.33. levit. 8.31.

27 *And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath,*

28 *Therefore is the Sonne of man Lord also of the Sabbath.*

ANNO.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. II.

REM. 4 Uncovered.] *Such diligence ought to be vsed to bring sinners to Christ in his Sacrament, as was vsed to procure this man and others, by Christ, the healing of their bodies.*

REM. 5 Sicke of the palsie.] *Such as this man was in, body by dissolution of his limmes, such also doe lie in soule by the violence of the world occupying the heart, and withdrawing him from all good workes, Aug. de Pastor. cap. 6. to. 9.*

REM. 1 5 Thy sinnes.] *Hereby is appeareth that Christ healed this sicke man first, to his soule, before he made cure of his bodily infirmity: which may be an instruction for all men in bodily diseases first, to call for the Sacraments, which be medicines of the soule. As hereby also may be gathered, that many diseases come from sinne, and therefore cannot be healed till the sinnes be remitted.* The Sacraments to be called for in sicknesse.

VLKE 1 Seeing sicknes commeth for sin, men in sicknes ought first to repent of their sins. For the Sacraments without repentance, doe nothing availe, in them that be of yeares of discretion. But when they are truly penitent of their sins to confirme their faith in the promises of God concerning the remission of sinne, they may desire the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: other Sacraments, for men baptized, the Church of God doth not acknowledge. Sacraments.

REM. 2 10 The Sonne of man.] *As Christ proveth unto them, that himselfe as man, and not as God only, hath power to remit sins, by that in all their sights he was able to doe miracles, and make the sicke man suddenly arise: so the Apostles having power granted them to doe miracles, though they be not God, may in like manner, have authority from God to remit sinne, not as God, but as Gods ministers.* Man hath power to remit sinne.

VLKE 2 The Sonne of man did forgive sinnes properly, as he was God; his Apostles, by assuring men of Gods forgivenesse, as Gods ministers, did also forgive sinnes. See the notes upon *Matth. 9.* Remission of sinnes.

REM. 3 10 In earth.] *This power that the Sonne of man hath to remit sins in earth, was never taken from him, but dwelleth still in the Sacraments, and ministers, by whom he remitteth sins in the Church, and not in heaven only. For concerning sin, there is one court of conscience in earth, and another in heaven: and the judgement in heaven followeth and approveth this on earth: as is plaine by the words of our Saviour to Peter first, and then to all the Apostles. Whatsoever you shall binde upon earth, shall be bound in heaven: Whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Whereupon S. Hierome saith, That Priests having the keyes of the kingdome of heaven, judge after a sort before the day of judgement. And S. Chry. l. 3. de Sacerd. paul. post prin. more at large.* Christ remitteth sinnes by the Priests ministery. Mat. 16. 19. Mat. 18. 18. ad Heliod. ep. 1.

FVLKE 3 God onely forgiveth sinnes absolutely and properly: his ministers follow the sentence of Gods word, in binding and loosing, remitting and retaining of sinnes, or else they lose their labour. And though their sentence be given before the day of judgement; yet it is according to the sentence that God before them, gave in his holy word, by which they know, who is to be bound, and who to be loosed, *Hier. in Mat. 16.* See more the notes in *Matth. 9.*

REM. 25 In necessity.] *In necessity many things be done without sinne, which else might not be done: and so the very Chalices and consecrated Jewels and vessels of the Church in cases of necessity, are by lawfull authority turned to prophane uses: which otherwise to alienate to a mans private commodity is sacriledge.* Amb. l. 2. off. cap. 28.

CHAP. III.

The blinde Pharisees seeking his death for doing good on the Sabbath, he meekly goeth out of the way: where the people that flocke unto him, and his miracles, are innumerable. 13 Yea to his twelve also (having need of more workemen) he giveth power to worke miracles. 20 He so occupieth himselfe for soules, that his kinne thinke him mad. 22 The Scribes of Hierusalem come so farre, and yet have nothing, but absurdly to blaspheme his casting out of Devils, to their owne damnation. 31 That the Iewes should not (after their manner) thinke it enough, that he is of their blood, he telleth that such rather are deare to him, as keepe Gods Commandements.

Matth. 12,9. Luke 6,6. AND he entred again into the Synagogue, and there was a man there that had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him whether hee would cure on the Sabbaths: that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith to the man that had the withered hand, Rise up into the mids.

4 And he saith to them, Is it lawfull on the Sabbaths to doe well or ill? to save a soule, or to destroy? but they held their peace.

5 And looking round about upon them with anger, being sorrowfull for the blindnes of their heart, he saith to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth: and his hand was restored unto him.

6 And the Pharisees going forth, immediately made a consultation with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

7 But IESVS with his Disciples retired to the Sea: and a great multitude from Galilee and Iewry followed him,

8 And from Hierusalem, and from Idumæa, and beyond Iordan. And they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing the

Matth. 12. Luke 6. *AND * hee entred againe into the Synagogue, and a man was there which had a withered hand:*

2 *And they watched him, whether hee would heale him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him.*

3 *And he said unto the man which had the withered hand, Arise, and stand in the mids.*

4 *And he saith unto them, Is it lawfull to doe good on the Sabbath dayes, or to doe evill? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.*

5 *And when he had looked round about on them with anger, mourning for the hardnesse of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored as whole as the other.*

6 *And the Pharisees departed, and straightway gathered a counsell with the Herodians against him, that they might destroy him.*

7 *But Iesus avoided, with his Disciples, to the Sea: and a great multitude followed him from Galilee, and from Iurie,*

8 *And from Hierusalem, and from Idumæa, and from the region which is beyond Iordane, and they that dwelt about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what*

thinges were done by him, came to him.

9 And he spake to his Disciples that a boat should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many; so that there pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And the unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell downe unto him: and they cryed, saying,

12 ‖ Thou art the Sonne of God. And he vehemently charged them that they should not disclose him.

Mat. 5,1. 10,1. Luc. 6,12. 9,1. 13 And * ascending into a mountaine, he called unto him whom he would himselfe: and they came to him.

14 And he made that ‖ twelve should be with him, and that he might send them to preach.

15 And he gave them power to cure infirmities, and to cast out devils.

16 And hee gave to Simon the name ‖ Peter.

17 And Iames of Zebedee, and Iohn the brother of Iames: and he called their names, *Boanerges*, which is, *the sonnes of thunder*.

18 And Andrew and Philip, and Bartholemew and Matthew, and Thomas, and Iames of Alphæus, and Thaddæus and Simon Cananæus,

19 And Iudas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

20 And they come to a house; and the multitude resorteth together againe, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his kin heard of it, they went forth to lay hands on him. For they said, That he was become ‡ mad.

‡ See here the conceit of worldly fooles who think the zeale of religion, madnesse: and therefore count them mad, that are zealous in Gods cause, and for the Catholike faith; and the more mad, the more zealous.

22 And the Scribes which were come downe from Hierusalem, said, * That he hath Beelzebub: and that in the Prince of devils he casteth out devils.

*Matth. 12,24 Luke 11, 15.

23 And after he had called them together, he said to them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a ‖ kingdome be divided against it selfe, that kingdome cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against it selfe, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan bee risen against himselfe, he is divided, and cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No body can rifle the vessell of the strong, being entred into his house, unlesse he first binde the strong, and then shall he rifle his house.

28 Amen I say to you, that all sinnes shall be forgiven the sonnes of men, and the blasphemies wherewith they shall blaspheme.

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the holy Ghost, he hath not forgivenesse for ever, but shall be guilty of an ‖ eternall sinne.

30 Be-

Matth. 12. Luke 6. *and thinges had the same unto him.*

9 *And he commanded his Disciples that a ship should wait on him because of the people, lest they should throng him.*

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11 *And the unclean spirits, when they saw him, they fell downe before him at his feet, and cryed, saying, Thou art the Sonne of God.*

12 *And he straightly charged them, that they should not make him knowne.*

13 * *And he goeth up into a mountaine, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.* Matth. 10. Luke 9.1.

14 *And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,*

15 *And that they might have power to heale sicknesses, and to cast out devils.*

16 *And he gave unto Simon to name, Peter.*

17 *And he called Iames the sonne of Zebedee, and Iohn Iames brother (and gave them names, Boanerges, which is to say, The sonnes of thunder,)*

18 *And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and Iames the sonne of Alphæe, and Thaddæus, and Simon the Cananite,*

19 *And Iudas Iscariot which also betrayed him: and they came into an house.*

20 *And the people commeth together againe, so that they could not so much as eat bread.*

21 *And when they that belonged unto him, heard of it, they went out to lay hands upon him, for they said, He is mad.*

22 *And the Scribes which came downe from Hierusalem, said, * He hath Beelzebub, and by the Prince of the devils casteth he out devils.* Matth. 9. 34. and 12. 24. Luke 11. 14.

23 *And when he had called them unto him, he said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?*

24 *And if a Realme be divided against it selfe, that Realme cannot endure.*

25 *And if a house be divided against it selfe, that house cannot continue.*

26 *And if Satan make insurrection against himselfe, and be divided, he cannot continue, but hath an end.*

27 *No man can enter into a strong mans house, and take away his goods, except he will first binde the strong man, and then will spoile his house.*

28 * *Verely I say unto you, All sinnes shall be forgiven unto the children of men, and blasphemies, wherewith soever they shall blaspheme.* Matth. 12. Luke 12. 10. John 5. 16.

29 *But he that shall blaspheme against the holy Ghost, hath never forgivenesse, but is in danger of eternall damnation.*

30 *For*

30 Because they said, He hath an vncleane spirit.

31 And *there come his mother and brethren; and standing without they sent vnto him calling him.

32 And the multitude sate about him; and they say to him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren without seeke thee.

33 And answering them, he said, || Who is my mother and my brethren?

34 And looking about upon them which sate round about him, he saith, Behold my mother, and my brethren.

35 For whosoever shall doe the will of God, hee is my brother and my sister and mother.

30 *For they said, He hath an vncleane spirit.*

31 **There come his mother, and his brethren, and standing without sent vnto him calling him.* — Matth.12.46. Luke 8.19.

32 *And the people sate about him, and said vnto him, Behold, thy mother, and thy brethren, and thy sisters seeke for thee without.*

33 *And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?*

34 *And when he had looked round about on them which sate about him, he said, Behold my mother, and my brethren.*

35 *For whosoever shall doe the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. III.

RHEM. 1 — 10 To touch him.] *The onely touching of Christ holy person, or any part of his clothes, or whatsoever belonged to him, did heale all diseases.*

FVLKE 1 — Christ did heale them that touched him by faith; otherwise onely touching of him, or his garments, was no benefit to any that were void of faith, *Ambr. in Luc. l.6. c.8. Iudas* kissed him, the souldiers stripped him, the high Priests servants smote him, the people thronged and pressed him. But they touched him (saith S. *Beda*) which received his faith and love in a true heart, *In Marc. l.1. c.3.*

Touching of Christ.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. III.

RHEM. 2 — 12 Thou art the Sonne.] *The confession of the truth is not gratefull to God, proceeding from every person. The deuill acknowledging our Sauiour to be the Sonne of God, was bidden hold his peace:* Peters confession of the truth *was highly allowed and rewarded,* Aug. tract. 10. in ep. Ioan. Ser. 30, 31. de verb. Apost. *Therefore neither heretikes Sermons must be heard, no not though they preach the truth. So it is of their prayer and Seruice, which being neuer so good in it selfe, is not acceptable to God out of their mouthes; yea it is no better then the howling of wolues,* Hieron. in 7. Osee.

Sermons, Seruice, and Prayer of heretikes.

FVLKE 2 — Of them that preach the truth, we may heare the Sermons: and if their Prayers be good, we may be partakers of their Prayers. For, why should we iudge these heretikes that preach the truth, and pray rightly? If they be heretikes closely to themselues, they hurt themselues and not vs, which communicate with the truth which they professe openly; and not with heresie, which they hold privily. But if they preach heresie, though they preach some truth among, as all heretikes doe, the weake shall doe well to forbeare their Sermons, and all men ought to refuse communion or fellowship in Prayers and Sacraments with them.

Communion with heretikes.

RHEM. — 14 Twelue.] *This number of twelue Apostles is mysticall, and of great importance (as appeareth by the chusing of Matthias into Iudas place to make up againe this number) prefigured in the twelue Patriarches, Gen. 49. The twelue Princes of the children of Israel, Numb. The twelue fountaines found in Elim, Exod. 15. The twelue precious stones in the Rationall of Aaron, Exod. 39. The twelue Spies sent by Moses, Num. 13. The twelue stones taken out of Iordan, whereof the Altar was made, Ioshu. 4. The twelue loaues of proposition, Lev. 24. &c. Ansel. in Mat. c. 10. And these are the twelue foundations of heauenly Hierusalem, Apoc. 21.*

The number of twelue, mysticall. Act. 1.

RHEM. 3 — 16 Peter.] *Peter in numbring the twelue, is alwayes the first; and his name is so given him for signification of his calling to be the Rocke, or foundation of the Church vnder Christ: as here also the name Boanerges is given to other two Apostles for signification; and so names elsewhere in the old Testament, and in the new.*

Peter primate. Matth. 16.

FVLKE 3 — *Peter* is not alwayes named first, for S. *Paul* nameth *Iames* before him, *Gal.* 2. 9. and 1 *Cor.* 9. 5. he nameth him last of all the Apostles. And albeit, when the twelue are named, *Peter* is named first, it proueth no greater authority of *Peter*, then of the formost of a Iurie, who is called first for order sake, yet hath no power or authority over his fellowes. So was *Peter* a foundation stone, and all the twelue were the same, as you confesse vpon the 14. verse of this Chapter. But of *Peters* Primacie, see more in the notes, *Matth.* 16.

Peters primacie.

RHEM. — 24 Kingdome against kingdome.] *As this is true in all kingdomes and common-weales where ciuill diuision reigneth, so is it specially verified in heresies and heretikes, which haue alwayes diuision among themselues, as the plague of God, for dividing themselues, and others from the Church.*

Diuision of Heresies. Greg. l. 4. ep. 38.

RHEM. 4 — 29 Eternall sinne.] *That which is here called eternall, is (as S. Matthew expresseth it) that which shall neither be remitted in this life, nor in the life to come. Where we learne by S. Marke, that there are also sins not eternall: and by S. Matthew, that they are such as shall be forgiuen either here, or in the life to come.*

Matth. 12. 32. Veniall sins forgiuen after death.

FVLKE 4 — That all sinnes are pardonable (except the sinne against the holy Ghost) we see it plaine by the text: that any sinne shall be forgiven after death, which is not forgiven in this life, no Logician in Rhemes, can conclude in a true syllogisme, either out of S. *Marke*, or S. *Matthew*. See the notes upon *Matth.* 12. 32.

Purgatory.

RHEM. 5 — 33 Who is my mother?] *Neither is it here said, that he had no mother, as some vpon these words falsly gather: nor ingratitude to our parents is taught us by this answere: but we be hereby admonished to preferre the spirituall mother of the faithfull, which is the Church Catholike, and our brethren in her, and their spirituall good, aboue our carnall parents or kinne. For so our Master being occupied here about heauenly things, accounted all them his mother, and brethren, which did the will of his Father. In which number, our Lady his mother was also included, for shee did his Fathers will,* Aug. ep. 38. *Yea, and aboue all others, because she had so much grace given her, that she neuer sinned, not so much as venially in all her life,* Aug. de nat. & grat. cap. 36.

Spirituall kinred and holinesse preferred before carnall and worldly. The blessed Virgin without sinne.

FVLKE 5 — That the blessed Virgine *Mary*, the mother of God, never sinned, nor so much as venially in all her life, it is a blasphemous heresie against our Saviour Christ Iesus: Who came to save that was lost, and had his name for because she should save his people from their sinnes, *Mat.* 1. Who did not unjustly reprehend her, *Luke* 2. 49. and *Ioh.* 2. 4. It is contrary to the Scripture in many places. *There is no man that sinneth not*, saith *Salomon*, 2 *Par.* 8. 46. *There is no difference*, saith S. *Paul*. *All have sinned, and are deprived of the glory of God being iustified freely by his grace, through the redemption which is in Iesus Christ*, Rom. 3. 23. whose were the authority of S. [illegible] these

The Virgin Mary not free from all sinne.

[illegible]

CHAP. IIII.

The parables (in which he speaketh to the Iewes, because they were [illegible]) he expoundeth to his Disciples, shewing the [illegible] of Christ [illegible] the Church [illegible] by the prouidence [illegible] by the [illegible] to the [illegible] of Christ [illegible] parts of the [illegible] 30 growing vnto it [illegible] 35 and though such tempests of persecution [illegible]

Matth. 13. 1. Luke 8. 4.

1 AND he began againe to teach by the Sea side: and there gathered vnto him a very great multitude, so that he went into a ship, and sate in the Sea, and all the multitude was about the Sea vpon the land.

2 And he taught them in parables many things, and said vnto them in his doctrine,

3 Harken. Behold there went out a Sower to sow.

4 And it came to passe as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowles of the aire came, and did eat it.

5 And other some fell upon rockie places, where it had not much earth, and it sprung up immediatly, because it had no deepenesse of earth.

6 And when the Sunne was risen, it was parched, and because it had no roote, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thornes, and the thornes grew up, and choked it, and it gaue no fruit.

8 And some fell in good ground, and did yeeld fruit that sprang up, and grew, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said vnto them, He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelue asked of him the parable.

11 And he said vnto them, To you it is given to know the mysterie of the kingdome of God: but vnto them that are without, all things are done by parables,

12 That *seeing they may see, and not perceiue, and hearing they may heare, and not vnderstand: || lest at any time they should be converted, and their sinnes be forgiuen them.

13 And he saith to them, Doe you not know

Mark. 13. 1. Luke 8. 4.

2 *And he began againe to teach by the Sea side: and there gathered vnto him a very great multitude, so that he entred into a ship, and sate in the Sea: and all the people was by the Sea side on the shore.*

And he taught them many things by parables, and said to them in his doctrine,

3 *Hearken. Behold there went out a Sower to sow.*

4 *And it came to passe as he sowed, that some fell by the high way side: and the fowles of the aire came, and deuoured it vp.*

5 *Some fell on stonie ground, where it had not much earth: and immediatly it sprung vp, because it had no depth of earth.*

6 *But when the Sunne was risen, it was scorched: and because it had no roote, it withered away.*

7 *And some fell among thornes, and the thornes grew vp, and choked it, and it gaue no fruit.*

8 *And some fell on good ground, and did yeeld fruit that sprung vp, and grew, and brought forth: some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.*

9 *And he said vnto them, He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.*

10 *And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelue asked of him the parable.*

11 *And he said vnto them, To you it is given to know the mysterie of the kingdome of God: but vnto them that are without, all things are done by parables,*

12 *That seeing they see, and doe not perceiue: and hearing they heare, and doe not vnderstand: lest at any time they should be conuerted, and their sinnes should be forgiuen them.*

13 *And he said vnto them, Know ye not this parable?*

Esa. 6. 9. — Esa. 6. 9. Matth. 13. 14. Luke 8. 10. Iohn 12. 40. Act. 28. 26. Rom. 11. 8.

…some the parable? and how shall ye know all parables?

14 He that soweth, soweth the word.

15 And they by the way side, are they where the word is sowne; but when they shall have heard, Satan commeth straightway, and taketh away the word that was sowne in their hearts.

16 And these likewise are they which are sowne on stony ground, who when they heare the word, immediately with joy receive it.

17 And they have not roote in themselves, but are temporarie: afterward when tribulation is risen and persecution for the Word, forthwith they are scandalized.

18 And other there be that are sowne among thornes: these are they that heare the word,

19 And the cares of the world, and the deceitfulnesse of riches, and concupiscences about other things entring in choke the word, and it is made fruitlesse.

20 And these are they that were sowne upon the good ground, which heare the word and receive it, and yeeld fruit, one thirty, one sixty, and one an hundred.

21 And he said to them, * Commeth a candle to be put ‡ under a bushell, or under a bed? and not to be put upon the candlesticke?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be made manifest: neither was any thing made secret, but that it shall come to light.

23 If any man have eares to heare, let him heare.

24 And he said to them, See what you heare. * In what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you againe, and more shall be given † to you.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, that also which he hath, shall be taken away from him.

26 And he said, So is the kingdome of God, as if a man cast seed into the earth,

27 ‖ And sleepe, and rise up night and day, and the seed spring, and grow up whiles he knoweth not.

28 For the earth of it selfe bringeth forth fruit, first the blade, then the eare, afterward the full corne in the eare.

29 And when the fruit hath brought out it selfe, immediatly he putteth in the sickle, because harvest is come.

30 * And he said, To what shall we liken the kingdome of God? or to what parable shall we compare it?

31 As a ‖ mustard seed: which when it is sowne in the earth, is lesse then all the seeds that are in the earth:

32 And when it is sowne, it riseth up, and becommeth greater then all herbs, and maketh great boughes, so that the ‖ birds of the

Luke 8,16. ‡ Christ came not to teach his doctrine in corners and hucker mucker, as Heretikes doe, but to lighten the whole world therewith.

Luke 8,18. † To you that heare.

Matth.13,31. Luke 13,19.

…seed. And he said unto them, He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

24 *And he said unto them, Take heed what ye heare: with what measure ye mete, with the same shall it be measured to you again: And unto you that heare, shall more be given.*

25 *For unto him that hath, shall be given: and from him that hath not, shall be taken away, even that which he hath.*

26 *And he said, So is the kingdome of God, even as if a man should sow seed in the ground,*

27 *And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.*

28 *For the earth bringeth forth fruit of her selfe, first the blade, then the eare, after that the full corne in the eare.*

29 *But when the fruit is brought forth, anon he thrusteth in the sickle because the harvest is come.*

30 *And he said, * Wherunto shall we liken the kingdome of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it?*

31 *It is like a graine of mustard seed, which when it is sowne in the earth, is lesse then all seeds that be in the earth:*

32 *And when it is sowne, it groweth up, and is greater then all herbs, and shooteth great branches, so that the fowles of the aire*

Rom.1,17. 1 Tim.6,17.

Matth.5,15. Luke 8,16. and 11,33.

Matth.10,26. Luke 8,17. and 12,2.

Matth.7,2. Luke 6,38.

Matth.13,12. and 25,29. Luke 8,18. and 19,26.

Matth.13,31. Luke 13,19.

…the sea may dwell under the shadow thereof.

33 And with many such parables heee spake unto them the word, according as they were able to heare it.

34 And without parable hee did not speake unto them; but apart, he explicated all things to his Disciples.

35 And he saith to them in that day, when evening was come, * Let us passe over to the other side.

36 And dismissing the multitude, they take him so as he was in the boat: and there were other boats with him.

37 And there arose a great storme of winde, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was filled.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the boat sleeping upon a pillow: and they raise him, and say to him, Master, doth it not pertaine to thee that we perish?

39 And rising up hee threatned the wind, and said to the Sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was made a great calme.

40 And he said to them, Why are you fearefull? neither yet have you faith? And they feared with great feare: and they said one to another, Who is this (thinkest thou) that both wind and Sea obey him?

…aire may make their nests under the shadow of it.

33 *And with many such parables preached hee the word unto them, as they were able to heare it.*

34 *But without parable spake he not unto them: but when they were alone, he expounded all things to his Disciples.*

A. 35 *And the same day when the Even was come, he saith unto them, Let us passe over unto the other side.*

36 *And they left the people, and tooke him, even as he was in the ship, and there were also with him other little ships.*

37 *And there arose a great storme of winde, and the waves dashed into the ship, so that it was now full.*

38 *And hee was in the sterne asleepe on a pillow: and they awoke him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?*

39 *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the Sea, Peace, and be still: and the wind ceased, and there followed a great calme.*

40 *And hee said unto them, Why are yee fearefull? How is it that ye have no faith?*

41 *And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who is this? that both the wind and the Sea obey him?*

Matth.8,23. Luke 8,22.

Matth.8,23. Luke 8,22.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 1 ‡ 21 Them that.] *Such as be out of the Church, though they heare and reade never so much they cannot understand.* Bed. in 4. Marc.

FVLKE 1 *You shoulder S. Bede,* he saith not so. For how should heretikes be brought to the Church, if they did not profit by reading and hearing? Hitherto S. Augustine when he was an heretike, brought to be a Catholike, but by reading, and hearing of S. Ambrose, as he himselfe confesseth? Bedes words are these: *Illis ergo qui foris sunt, &c. To them that are without, and come yet more to our Lords feet, that they may be partakers of his doctrine, all things are done in parables; both the workes and the words of our Saviour; for neither in those wonders which he worketh, nor in those sayings which he preacheth, they are able to have God. Therefore they are not wont to set out the remission of sinnes, which is to be attained by grace of the faith.* Of these words it is plaine, that Bede spake not of every one that is out of the Church, but of obstinate despisers of the truth, which will not become Scholers to our Saviour Christ.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 2 12 Left they should be converted.] *These speeches here and elsewhere, we must not so understand as though he spake in parables of purpose and to this end that the hearers might not understand left they should be converted; which were as much to say as that he would not have them understand, nor be converted: but we must learne the true sense of this easy place in S. Matthew and the Acts, where our Saviour and S. Paul speake thus, They have heard hearkly, and have shut their eyes, left perhaps they may see, and understand, and be converted, and I heale them. Whereby it is evident, that the speaking in parables was not the cause (for many befor the Apostles heard and understood) but themselves would not heare, and understand, and be converted; and so were the cause of their owne wilfull and obstinate blindnesse. And therefore did he speake in parables, because they were not worthy to understand, as the other to whom he expounded them.* God is not author of sinne, but onely permitteth. Matth.13. Act.28.

FVLKE 2 *We read not before but in the 8. speeches God hee made Author of sinne; for hee withdraweth his grace from the wicked, and giveth them over to a reprobate minde, not as an evill Author, but as a righteous Judge: And both those sayings are true, They have shut their eyes that they should not see, &c. And to them which all things are in parables, that seeing they may see and not see, &c. For those that maliciously and obstinately refuse his grace offered, God will not have them to see that they may take it. And Christ revealed the truth to his Disciples, not because they were worthy; but because through Gods grace they were willing to learne.* God is not author of evill.

RHEM. 27 And sleepe.] *The Church, and Christs doctrine, (hope me, waite me) increaseth by the great providence of God, onely the Preachers must sow, and plant, and water, and* God will give the increase, mortifying the seed in many hearts. *And therefore we may not give over, or be impatient and faintsome, if we have not always good successe; but doing our duty, commit the rest to God.* 2 Cor.3.

RHEM. 3 31 Mustard seed.] *If the Church and Truth had more and more decayed and beene obscured after the Apostles time unto ours, as the heretikes hold; then had it beene great in the beginning, and small afterward: where this parable saith contrary, that it was a mustard seed first, and afterward a great tree.* Vide Chrys. tom. 5 cont. Gentiles in vita S. Babylæ Mart. The Church visibly increasing.

FVLKE 3 We hold not, that the Church hath more and more decayed; or beene obscured since the Apostles time Slander.

…ment ouer) for we know it was spred further, and acknowledged in a greater compasse of the earth, euen in fiue hundred yeres after the Apostles times, then it was in the Apostles age. But that it is drawne into a smaller number since Mahomet in the East, and the Pope in the West, haue seduced great nations, he is verily blinde, that will not acknowledge. As for the truth, it was most perfectly knowne in the Apostles times, albeit … vnto salvation, it was never obscured frō the faithfull members of the trué Church of Christ, in …

32 The birds.] *Of all Sects or Doctrine, Christs Religion at the beginning was the smallest, and most contemned: but when the simplicity thereof had repressed all the doctrines of men; insomuch that afterward all the wisest and greatest of the world made absolute confession and resignation therein.*

CHAP. V.

To the Gentiles (and in them to us also) Christ manifesteth how the Deuill of his malice would vse them, if he would permit; 17 and yet they like not their Sauiours presence. 21 A woman Gentile, that begges her sathfull cure; 25 and the young daughter begun her life (signifying Abrahams time) he cureth by the way as he was commming to heale the other: And euen then the sowes doe die, but yet them also he will reuiue, as here the young daughter.

AND they came beyond the strait of the Sea into the countrey of the Gerasens.

2 And as he went out of the boat, immediatly there met him out of the Sepulchres a man in an vncleane spirit,

3 That had his dwelling in the Sepulchres; and neither with chaines‖ could any man now binde him:

4 For being often bound with fetters and chaines, hee had burst the chaines, and broken the fetters; and no body could tame him.

5 And he was alwayes day and night in the sepulchres and in the mountaines, crying and cutting himselfe with stones.

6 And seeing Iesvs afarre off, he ran and adored him:

7 And crying with a great voyce, said, What to me and thee Iesvs the Sonne of God most high? I adjure thee by God that thou torment me not.

8 For he said vnto him, Goe out of the man thou vncleane spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith to him, My name is Legion: because we are many.

10 And hee besought him much, that hee would not expell him out of the countrey.

11 And there was there about the mountaine a great herd of swine, feeding.

12 And the spirits besought him, saying, Send us ‡ into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And Iesvs immediatly granted vnto them. And the vncleane spirits going out, entred into the swine: and the herd with great violence was carried headlong into the sea, about two thousand, and were stifled in the Sea.

14 And they that fed them, fled, and carried newes into the Citie and into the fields. And they went forth to see what was done:

15 And they came to Iesvs, and they see him that was vexed of the deuill, sitting, clothed, and well in his wits: and they were afraid.

16 And they that had seene it, told them,

‡ It is not without mysterie that the deuils desired, and Christ suffered them to enter into the swine, signifying that filthy livers be meet dwelling places for diuels, *Aug. trast. 6. in ep. 1o.*

AND* they came ouer vnto the other side of the Sea, into the countrey of the Gadarenes. Matth.8.28. Luke 8.26.

2 *And when hee was come out of the ship, immediately there met him from among the tombes a man possessed of an vncleane spirit,*

3 *Which had his abiding among the tombes, and no man could binde him, no not with chaines,*

4 *Because that he had beene often bound with fetters and chaines, and the chaines had beene plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in peces: neither could any man tame him.*

5 *And alwayes night and day, he was in the mountaines, and in the tombes, crying, and all to cutting himselfe with stones.*

6 *But when he had spied Iesus afar off, he ran, and worshipped him.*

7 *And cryed with a loud voyce, and said, What have I to do with thee, Iesu, thou Sonne of the most highest God? I require thee in the Name of God, that thou torment me not.*

8 *(For he said vnto him, Come out of the man, thou fowle spirit.)*

9 *And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered him, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.*

10 *And hee prayed him instantly that hee would not send them away out of the countrey.*

11 *Now there was there nigh vnto the mountaines, a great herd of swine, feeding.*

12 *And all the deuils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*

13 *And anon Iesus gaue them leaue. And the vncleane spirits went out, and entred into the swine, and the herd ran headlong into the Sea (they were about two thousand) and were choked in the Sea.*

14 *And the swineherds fled, and told it in the citie, and in the countrey. And they went out for to see what was done:*

15 *And they come to Iesus, and see him that was vexed with the fiend, and had the Legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right minde: and they were afraid.*

16 *And they that saw it, told them how it came*

in what manner he had been made sound withall that had the deuill, and of the swine.

17 And they began to desire him, that he would depart from their coasts.

18 And when hee went up into the boat, he that had beene vexed of the deuill, began to beseech him that he might be with him.

19 And he admitted him not, but saith to him, Goe into thy house to thine, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and had compassion on thee.

20 And he went his way, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Iesvs had done to him: and all marvelled.

Matth.9.18. Luke 8.41. 21 * And Iesvs had passed in boat againe over the strait, a great multitude assembled together vnto him, and he was about the sea.

Archisynagogue chiefe Governour of a Synagogue. 22 And there commeth one of the Archsynagogues, named Iairus: and seeing him, he falleth downe at his feet,

23 And besought him much, saying, That my daughter is at the point of death, come, impose thy hands upon her, that she may be safe and live.

24 And he went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

25 And a woman which was in an issue of blood twelve yeeres,

26 And had suffered many things of many Physicians, and had bestowed all that she had, neither was any thing the better, but was rather worse:

27 When she had heard of Iesvs, she came in the presse behinde him, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, That ‖ if I shall touch but his garment I shall be safe.

29 And forthwith the fountaine of her blood was dryed: and she felt in her body that she was healed of the maladie.

30 And immediatly Iesvs knowing in himselfe ‖ the vertue that had proceeded from him, turning to the multitude, said, Who hath touched my garments?

31 And his Disciples said to him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and saiest thou, Who hath touched me?

32 And hee looked about to see her that had done this.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her: came and fell downe before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said to her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee safe, goe in peace, and be whole of thy maladie.

† from. 35 As he was yet speaking, they come to ‡ the Archisynagogue, saying, That thy daughter is dead: Why doest thou trouble the Master any further?

came to passe to him that was possessed with the deuill, and also of the swine.

17 *And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.*

18 *And when he was come into the ship, he that had beene possessed with the deuill, prayed him that he might be with him.*

19 *Howbeit, Iesus suffered him not, but saith vnto him, Go home to thy friends, and shew them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and had compassion on thee.*

20 *And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis, how great things Iesus had done for him: and all men did marvell.*

21 *And when Iesus was come over againe by ship vnto the other side, much people gathered vnto him, and he was nigh vnto the Sea.*

22 * *And behold, there commeth one of the rulers of the Synagogue, Iairus by name: and when he saw him, he fell downe at his feet,* Matth.9.18. Luke 8.41.

23 *And besought him greatly, saying, My young daughter lieth at point of death, I pray thee come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be safe, and she shall live.*

24 *And Iesus went with him, and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

25 *And there was a certaine woman which had beene diseased of an issue of blood twelve yeeres,*

26 *And had suffered many things of many Physicians, and had spent all that she had, and felt none amendment at all, but rather the worse.*

27 *When she had heard of Iesus, she came in the presse behinde him, and touched his garment.*

28 *For she said, If I may but touch his clothes, I shall be whole.*

29 *And straightway the fountaine of her blood was dried up: and she felt in her body that she was healed of the plague.*

30 *And Iesus immediately knowing in himselfe that vertue proceeded from him, turned him about in the presse, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

31 *And his Disciples said vnto him, Thou seest the people throng thee, and askest thou, Who did touch me?*

32 *And he looked round about for to see her that had done this thing.*

33 *But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done within her, came and fell downe before him, and told him all the truth.*

34 *And he said vnto her, Daughter, thy faith hath saved thee, goe in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

35 *While he yet spake, there came from the Ruler of the Synagogues house, certaine which said, Thy daughter is dead, Why disease thou the Master any further?*

36 But Iesvs having heard the word that was spoken, saith to the Archsynagogue, Feare not: ‖ onely beleeve.

37 And he admitted not any man to follow him, but Peter and Iames, and Iohn the brother of Iames.

38 And they come to the Archsynagogues house, and he seeth a tumult, and folke weeping and wailing much.

39 And going in, he saith to them: Why make you this adoe and weepe? the wench is not dead, but ‡ sleepeth.

40 And they derided him. But hee having put forth all, taketh the father and the mother of the wench, and them that were with him, and they goe in where the wench was lying.

41 And holding the wenches hand, he saith to her, *Talitha cumi*, which is being interpreted, ‖ *wench* (I say to thee) *arise*.

42 And forthwith the wench rose up, and walked. And she was twelve yeeres old: and they were astonied with great astonishment.

43 And hee commanded them earnestly that no body should know it: and hee bad that something should be given her to eat.

36 *As soone as Iesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the Ruler of the Synagogue, Be not afraid, onely beleeve.*

37 *And hee suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, the brother of Iames.*

38 *And he commeth to the house of the Ruler of the Synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.*

39 *And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this adoe, and weepe? the Damsell is not dead, but sleepeth.*

40 *And they laugh him to scorne: but he after that he had put them all out, taketh the father and the mother of the Damsell, and them that were with him, and entreth in where the Damsell lay.*

41 *And when hee had taken the Damsell by the hand, he saith unto her, Talitha cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsell (I say unto thee) arise.*

42 *And straightway the Damsell arose, and walked, for she was of the age of twelve yeeres: and they were astonied out of measure.*

43 *And hee charged them straitly that no man should know of it: and commanded to give her meat.*

To Christ, can more ly raise a man we can one that her asleepe: ch is but epe, *Aug. de b. Dom.* 44.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

Rhem. 3 Could binde him.] *We see here that mad men which have extraordinary strength, are many times possessed of the devill: as there is also a deafe and a dumme devill, and vncleane spirits, which worke these effects in men possessing their bodies. All which things infidels and carnall men, following only nature and reason, attribute to naturall causes: and the lesse faith a man hath, the lesse he believeth that the devill worketh such things.* Profane and carnall men.

Rhem. 1 28 If I shall touch.] *So the good Catholike saith, If I might but touch one of his Apostles, yea one of his Apostles napkins, yea but the shade of one of his Saints, I should be better for it, Act. 5. and 19. Sue. 8. Chr. to. 5. con. Gen. in prin. in vit. Babylæ. Yea S. Basil saith, He that toucheth the bone of a Martyr, receiveth in some degree holinesse of the grace or vertue that is therein.* The touch of reliques. Basil in ps. 115.

Fvlke 1 When Christ dispenseth the miraculous gift of healing by touching of his garment, or his Apostles, or their napkins, or their shadow, the good Catholike conceiveth hope to be healed by such meanes. But since the gift of miracles is ceased, to looke for helpe or holinesse of such things, it is superstition, or tempting of God. *Chrysostome* in that place quoted, speaketh of the miracles done in the Primitive Church by the Apostles, and other which had the gift of working miracles in those times. That which S. *Basil* saith is this: He sheweth that the death of all the Saints of God (that is, of all true Christians) is precious in the sight of God, as the Psalmist saith. And although by the Iewish Law, he that touched a dead body, was vncleane, and must wash his garments; *Yet now* (saith he) *he that hath touched a Martyrs bones, receiveth a certaine participation of sanctification, of the grace, that rested in the body: therefore precious is the death of the Lord is the death of his Saints.* By touching a Martyrs bones, he meaneth not superstitious touching (for which you abuse his words) but such touching, as is necessary in them that bury the Saints, or gather their bones together for buriall, after they be burnt, or otherwise dispersed by their persecutors. As it is manifest, by the Iewish pollution by touching, which was the office of buriall, forbidden to the Priests. And the participation of sanctification which he nameth, is the holy communion or fellowship that Christians have, with the Saints departed in the grace of God, whereof they were partakers in their life. Whereof they declare themselves to be partakers, which exercise such offices of charity, towards the bodies and bones of the Saints and Martyrs departed. And this is the right meaning of *Basils* words, which you have perverted both in sense and translation. For what honour he thought meet to be given to the Martyrs, he testifieth in the Homily upon the Martyr *Gordius, Ho. 48. It is the most ridiculous thing that can be* (saith he) *when the righteous despised the whole world, that we should take upon us to set forth their full commendation, of a few things which they contemned. Therefore a remembrance is sufficient for our perpetuall profit. For they have no need of any increase to their glory, but a remembrance is needfull for us, that we may imitate or follow them.* In these words *Basil* declareth, that all other wayes of honouring the Martyrs and Saints departed, then by imitation, are vaine, and superfluous. And that a remembrance for imitation, is sufficient for us to take perpetuall profit by them. As for grace or vertue that is in their bones, to communicate to them that superstitiously touch them, it is farre, both from his words, and from his meaning. Honour of Saints

Rhem. 2 30 Vertue.] *Vertue, to heale this woman withall, proceeded from Christ, though she touched but his coat: so when the Saints by their reliques or garments doe miracles, the grace and force thereof commeth from our Saviour, they being but the meanes or instruments of the same.*

Fvlke 2 While the gift of miracles continued in the Church, it is true that the grace and force of them, came from our Saviour. But that by reliquies or garmentes of Saints, Christ worketh miracles at this day, it is more needfull to prove, then to shew whence the grace and force of them doth come. Except you will advouch, all the fained miracles rehearsed in your Legends, and the bookes of Saints lives, to be true: by this argument. Christ can worke miracles by reliques and garmentes of Saints, *ergo* there is no question to be made, but all miracles of the Legend were as truly done, as those that be recorded in the Gospel. Reliques. Miracles.

36 Onely

Rhem. 3 36 Onely beleeve.] *It is our common speech, when we require one thing specially, though other things also be as necessary, and more principall, as in the exhortation to his patient: Onely have a good heart; when he must also have a diet, and take potions, and many more things. So Christ, in this great infidelity of the Iewes, required of them that they would believe he was able to doe such a cure, such a miracle, and then he did it: as herein is followed in the most Christian. He could not doe miracles there, because of their incredulity. Against, for this saith he gave them here and in all like places health of body, which they desired: and therefore he saith not, Thy faith hath iustified thee: but, hath made thee safe or whole. Against, this was the soundest faith, which could not iustifie the daughter: whereby it is most evident, that this Scripture, and the like, are foolishly abused of the Heretikes, to prove, that only faith iustifieth.* Iustification by faith only.

Fvlke 3 You would heare your foolish Disciples the Papists in hand, that we have no better arguments to prove iustification by faith onely, without the wordes of the Law, then these wordes of our Saviour, *Only believe*, And therefore you draw our Saviours words to be like a common inconsiderate speech of ours, when the Physician saith, Onely have a good heart, where other things are necessary. But although the question of iustification in this place be not handled (specially, nor directly: yet the words of our Saviour Christ, declare generally, that to receive any benefit from him, there is required at our hand nothing else but faith, that we may be able to receive it. And yet he meaneth not a dead and solitary faith, but a faith living, and which is fruitfull of good workes, yet not by the workes, but by the faith onely, his benefit is received. *Hirnius* and *Bede* upon this text, extend it to iustification by faith, as the very analogie from the body to the soule doth leade them.

Rhem. Aug. de verb. Dom. Ser. 44. 41 Wench arise.] *Christs miracles, besides that they be wonders and workes to shew his power, be also significative: as these which he separately raised from death, put us in minde of his raising our soules from sin. The Scripture maketh speciall mention onely of three raised by our Saviour: of which three, this wench is one, within the house: another, hath speciall mention made of it, when he was carried out toward the grave: the third, Lazarus having beene in the grave foure dayes, and therefore stinking: which diversity of dead bodies, signifie diversity of dead soules, some more desperate then other, some past all manner hope, and yet by the grace of Christ to be revived and reclaimed.* By these is signified Iewes, Gentiles and Heretikes.

CHAP. VI.

In his owne country (signifying the reprobate Iewes) he is contemned, and therefore worketh little in respect. 6 His Apostles preach every where, and worke miracles; so that King Herod (who shamefully killed Iohn Baptist) endeavoureth to finde him with great admiration. 30 After Iohns death, he goeth into the Desert, where great company being many thou, he feedeth five thousand with five loaves. 46 And after he hath prayed long in the mount alone, he walketh upon the Sea. 53 And with the very touch of his garments became he healeth innumerable.

Matth. 13,54. Luke 4,16. AND going out from thence, he went into his country: and his Disciples followed him.

2 And when the Sabbath was come, hee began to teach in the Synagogue: and many hearing him, were in admiration at his Doctrine, saying, How came this fellow by all these things? and what wisdome is this that is given to him, and such mighty workes that are wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this ‖ the Carpenter, the sonne of Mary, the brother of Iames and Ioseph, and Iude and Simon? Why, are not also his sisters here with us? And they ‖ were scandalized in him.

4 And Iesvs said to them, That there is not a Prophet without honour, but in his owne country, and in his owne kinred, and in his owne house.

5 And ‖ hee could not doe any miracle there, but onely cured a few that were sicke, imposing his hands.

6 And he marvelled, because of their incredulity: and he went about the townes in circuit teaching.

Matth. 10,1. Luke 9,1. 7 * And he called the Twelve: and began to send them two and two, and gave them power over vncleane spirits.

8 And he commanded them, that they should take nothing for the way, but a rod onely: not scrip, not bread, not money in their purse,

9 But shod with sandals: and that they should not put on ‖ two coats.

10 And he said to them, Whithersoever you shall enter into an house, there tarry till you depart thence.

11 And

Matth. 13.54. Luke 4.16. AND *he* * *departed thence, and came into his owne country, and his Disciples follow him.*

2 *And when the Sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the Synagogue: And many hearing him, were astonied, saying, From whence hath hee these things? And what wisdome is this that is given unto him, and such mighty workes that are wrought by his hands?*

3 *Is not this the Carpenter, Maries sonne, the brother of Iames and Ioses, and of Iuda and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him.*

4 *Iesus said unto them, * A Prophet is not without honour, but in his owne country, and among his owne kinne, and in his owne house.* Ioh. 4.14.

5 *And he could there doe no mighty work: but laid his hands upon a few sicke folke, and healed them:*

6 *And he marvelled because of their unbelefe.* * *And he went about by the villages that lay on every side, teaching.* Matth. 9.35. Luke 13.22.

7 * *And he calleth the Twelve, and began to send them forth, two and two, and gave them power against unclean spirits.* Matth. 10.1. Luke 9.1.

8 *And commanded them, that they should take nothing in their journey, save a staffe onely: no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:*

9 *But should bee shooed with * sandales: and that they should not put on two coats.* Act. 12.8.

10 *And he said unto them, Wheresoever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart thence.*

11 * *And*

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor heare you: going forth from thence shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony to them.

12 And going forth they preached that they should doe penance:

13 And they cast out many devils, and ‖ anointed with † olie many sicke, and healed them.

14 And * King Herod heard (for his Name was manifest) and he said, That Iohn the Baptist is risen againe from the dead, and therefore vertues worke in him.

15 And others said, That it is Elias. But others said, That it is a Prophet, as one of the Prophets.

16 Which Herod hearing, said, Iohn whom I beheaded, he is risen againe from the dead.

17 For the said Herod sent and apprehended Iohn, and bound him in prison for Herodias the wife of † Philip his brother, because he had married her.

18 For Iohn said to Herod, * It is not lawfull for thee to have thy brothers wife.

19 And Herodias lay in wait for him: and was desirous to kill him, and could not.

20 For Herod feared Iohn, knowing him to be a just and holy man: and he kept him, and by hearing him did many things: and he heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was fallen, Herod made the supper of his birth-day to the Princes and the Tribunes and the chiefe of Galilee.

22 And when the daughter of the same Herodias came in, and had danced, and pleased Herod, and them that sate with him at the table: the King said to the damsell, Aske of mee what thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

23 And he sware to her, That whatsoever thou shalt aske I will give thee, though the halfe of my kingdome.

24 Who when she was gone forth, said to her mother, What shall I aske? But shee said, The head of Iohn the Baptist.

25 And when she was gone in by and by with haste to the King, she asked saying, I will that forthwith thou give me in a platter the head of Iohn the Baptist.

26 And the King was struck sad. Because of his oath and for them that sate together at table he would not displease her:

27 But sending the lanceman, commanded that his head should bee brought in a platter.

28 And he beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a platter: and gave it to the damsell, and the damsell gave it to her mother.

29 Which

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11 * *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor heare you, when ye depart thence,* * *shake off the dust that is under your feet for a witnesse against them: I say verily unto you, it shall be easier for the Sodomites and the Gomorrhaens in the day of judgement, then for that city.* Matth.10.14. Luke 9.5. Acts 13.51. & 18.6.

12 *And they went out, and preached, that men should repent.*

13 *And they cast out many devils,* * *and anointed many that were sicke, with oile, and healed them.* James 5.14.

14 * *And King Herod heard of him, (for his Name was spread abroad:) and he said that Iohn Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty workes doe shew forth themselves in him.* Matth.14.1. Luke 9.7.

15 *Other said, That it is Elias. Some said That it is a Prophet, or as one of the Prophets.*

16 * *But when Herod had heard of him, he said, It is Iohn, whom I beheaded, hee is risen from death.* Luke 3.19.

17 *For Herod himselfe had sent forth and laid hands upon Iohn, and bound him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philips wife, because he had married her.*

18 *For Iohn said unto Herod,* * *It is not lawfull for thee to have thy brothers wife.* Levit.18.16.

19 *Therefore Herodias laid wait for him, and would have killed him, but she could not.*

20 *For Herod feared Iohn, knowing that he was a iust man, and an holy, and gave him reverence: and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.*

21 *And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birth day made a supper to the Lords, high Captaines, and chiefe Estates of Galilee:*

22 *And when the daughter of the same Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod, and them that sate at board also, the King said unto the Damsell, Aske of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.*

23 *And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt aske of me, I will give it thee, even unto the one halfe of my kingdome.*

24 *And she went forth and said unto her mother, What shall I aske? She said, Iohns Baptists head.*

25 *And she came in straightway with haste unto the King, and asked saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of Iohn Baptist.*

26 *And the King was exceeding sorry, howbeit, for his oathe sake, and for their sakes which sate at supper also, he would not cast her off.*

27 *And immediatly the King sent the lanceman, and commanded his head to be brought in, and he went and beheaded him in the prison,*

28 *And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the Damsell, and the Damsell gave it to her mother.*

29 *And*

Luke 9.10.

Matth 14.13.

Mat.14.15. Luk.9.12. Iohn 6.5.

The GOSPEL on Saturday after Ashwednesday. Mat.14,23. Iohn 6,16.

Luke 9,10

Matth.14. Luke 9.11

Matth.9.36 & 14.14.

Luke 9.11.

Matth.14.15.

Matth.14.17. Luke 9.13. Iohn 6.9.

Matth.14.19. Luke 9.16. Iohn 6.11.

Matth.14.20. Luke 9.17. Iohn 6.12.

Matth.14.21. Iohn 6.10.

Matth.14.23. Iohn 6.15.

Matth.14.24. Iohn 6.16.

...the fourth watch of the night, he came to them walking upon the sea, and he would have passed by them.

49 But they seeing him walking upon the sea, thought it was a spirit, and cryed out.

50 For all saw him, and were troubled. And immediatly he talked with them, and said to them, Have confidence, it is I, feare ye not.

51 And he went up to them into the ship, and the winde ceased: and they were farre more astonied within themselues,

52 For they understood not concerning the loaves: for their heart was blinded.

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Genezareth, and set to the shore.

54 And when they were gone out of the boat, incontinent they knew him:

55 And running through the whole countrey, they beganne to carry about in couches those that were ill at ease, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever hee entred into townes, or into villages or cities, they laid the sicke in the streetes, and besought him that they might touch but the hemme of his garment: and as many as touched him, were made whole.

Luke 9.10.

Matth. 14.34.

Matth. 14.34.

Iohn 6.21.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 6.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1 — 13. Oile many sicke.] *A true precept for the Sacrament of extreme vnction.* Iac. 5. A preparative to a Sacrament, that never was instituted to be sacramentall. Nay rather a decent, deuout ceremony, that S. *Iames* speaketh of, a temporall ceremonie of anointing with oyle, to continue so long, as the gift of healing remained with the Elders of the Church.

Extreme vnction.

RHEM. 2 — 17. Philip his brother.] *Herein he hath broken Moses law, and incurred the horrible sinne of adultery, if he had lien with her before.* But this Philip was yet alive, and had also this daughter that damsell.

FVLKE 2 — He neither might nor could by *Moses* law, haue married his naturall brothers wife, which is expressly forbidden, *Leui.* 18, 16. & 20. 21. Therefore the law, *Deut.* 25. 5. is to be vnderstood of kinsmen, not prohibited by the former law: and that the practise declareth, *Ruth* 4. For the Hebrewe tongue calleth all kinsmen brethren, as is plaine in this Chapter, ver. 3. Therefore this is both an heretical and a slanderous note.

Marriage of the brothers wife.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. 6.

RHEM. 3. — 3. The Carpenter.] *As he vniuersally spake, seeing him not only to be a poore man, but also hearing (as they thought) his whole parentage to be but vulgar, and vnwilling to his Gallilean and diuine generation, did take occasion to scandall of him: so doe the Heretikes take like offence at his person in the Blessed Sacrament, saying, why, this is not God: for it is bread made of wheat by such a Baker, of the same meale that such a loafe is: not marking, that it was not made Christ by baking, but by Consecration, and the vertue of Christs words.*

Rotall prelates.

FVLKE. 3. — Christ was God manifested in the flesh, both by the Scriptures and his glorious workes. But the supposed presence of his body in the Masse-cake, is contrary to the Scriptures, and the truth of his naturall body. If you alleage the words of Christ, *This is my body*, the Iewes had many texts of Scripture, concerning the corporall generation of Christ, and his glorious kingdome, which seemed contrary to the infirmity and humility of his first comming, yet were not, being rightly vnderstood. No more is that Text of the presence of his body, after a spirituall manner to be taken, of our worthy receiuers, contrary to those Scriptures, which abhorre the birth of his humanity: vnlesse we shall say, Popish transmigration of substance is consonant, and can not be reconciled without reason, and fained miracles, whereof none is, as *S. Augustine* saith, *De trinit. lib. 3. cap. 4.*

RHEM. — 3. They were scandalized.] *This scandall rose partly of envy of his equals by birth, who repining their glory as he, seeke cause to be caught of him, whereupon Christ saith,* A Prophet is not without honour, but in his owne countrey: *Reuiling (as it is plaine in Luke) the malice and envy of the Iewes his countrey men in reproching him (Io. 2.) and that the Gentiles would more glorifie him.*

Chryst. ho. 49. in Matt. Luc. 4.25.

RHEM. 4. — 5. He could not.] *It is said that he could not worke Miracles there, not meaning that he was not able, but that as their part there wanted apt disposition to receive them: and therefore he would not of congruity worke them: where their incredulity was so great, that it would not have profited them. And for this cause he saith* elsewhere to them that will see and enioy his Miracles, Onely beleeve.

Marke 5.36. Matth. 9.28.

FVLKE 4. — They vsurped Tithes, which is the onely instrument to require the maintenance of Gentlemen.

RHEM. 5. — Not vnto him.] *He forbiddeth superfluities, and his carefull prouision of bodily things, when they are about Gods seruice*

FVLKE 5 — RHEM. 6 — FVLKE 6 — RHEM. 7 — FVLKE 7

...they could doe those miracles so grand as Apes of the Apostles, may thing of them. Their [illegible] that vnless Christ did those miracles at first to no other end, but that they might be [illegible] of the Gospell.

...in declaring their [illegible] not that they had power to heale the sicke, yet Expresse ... both by S. *Matthew*, and by that ... S. *Marke* ... God. ...tion to cure the same. Whereby ... signe of oile is not expressed in rehearsall of their ... ...nothing, yet is it to be vnderstood ... that it was ... with it: and so they ... ...of themselues by any ... so ... text.

...] *By that it seems ... or others may haue power to worke ... their onely third and true ... of ... ... ion of ministers ... which ... ...lon medicinall vertues to heale ...*

...They then had the power granted of God, as the Apostles had, many doe as they ... but who be they? or Miniſters where be they now, that haue the power of working miracles? But when there was such, these creatures were but externall tokens of the grace of God, dispensed by the vse of them, they had no miraculous medicinall vertue in them, but Christ could cure diseases by the same oile that the Apostles annointed, but they that had the same gift of healing that the Apostles had, and saith as the Apostles had. Wherefore if that oile had a naturall medicinall vertue in it, every one without faith might haue done the same as with a naturall salve.

CHAP. VII.

The Maisters of Hierusalem coming so farre to carpe him, 6 he charged with traditions partly friuolous, & partly also contrary to Gods Commandements. 14 And to the people he yeeldeth the reason of that which they had found matter to haue reprehended, for eating the ground of the Iewish washing, to wit, that meate otherwise for the spirit) to be soyled. 24 But by and by coming the Gentiles, in a woman he findeth wonderfull faith, vpon whom at her sute he bestoweth the creature that she asked. 32 returning (because the time of the Gentiles was not yet come) to the Iewes with the hope. 32 Where he sheweth his compassion towards mankinde in deafe and dumbe, 36 and of the people is highly magnified.

Matth. 15.1.

AND there assemble together vnto him the Pharisees and certaine of the Scribes, comming from Hierusalem.

2 And when they had seene certaine of his Disciples eat bread with ‖common hands, that is, not washed, they blamed them.

3 For the Pharisees and all the Iewes, vnlesse they often wash their hands, eat not, holding the tradition of the Ancients:

4 And from the market, vnlesse they be washed, they eat not: and many other things there be that were deliuered vnto them to obserue; the washings of cups and cruses, and of brazen vessels and beds.

5 And the Pharisees and Scribes asked him, Why doe not thy Disciples walke according to the tradition of the Ancients, but they eat bread with common hands?

Isa. 29.13. ‡ They that say well, or teach: preach well, or liue Christ and his word in their mouth, & liue naughtily, be touched in this place.

6 But he answering, said to them, Well did Esay prophesie of you hypocrites, as it is written, *This people honoureth me ‡ with their lips, but their heart is farre from me.*

7 *And in vaine doe they worship me, teaching doctrines ‖ precepts of men.*

8 For leauing the Commandement of God, you hold the traditions of men, the washings of cruses and cups: and many other things you doe like to these.

9 And he said to them, Well doe you frustrate the precept of God, that you may obserue your owne tradition.

Exod. 20.12. Leuit. 20.9.

10 For Moses said, *Honour thy father and thy mother.* And, *He that shall curse father or mother, dying let him die.*

11 But

Matth. 15.1.

AND * the Pharisees come together vnto him, and certaine of the Scribes, which came from Hierusalem.

2 *And when they saw some of his Disciples eat bread with defiled (that is to say, with vnwashen hands) they found fault.*

3 *For the Pharisees, and all the Iewes, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, obseruing the tradition of the Elders.*

4 *And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not: And many other things there be, which they haue taken vpon them to obserue, as the washing of cups and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.*

5 *Then asked him the Pharisees and Scribes, Why walke not thy Disciples according to the Tradition of the Elders, but eat bread with vnwashen hands?*

6 *He answered and said vnto them, Surely Esayas hath prophesied well of you hypocrites, as it is written,* * *This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is farre from me.* Esa. 29.13.

7 *Howbeit in vaine doe they worship me, teaching doctrines, the commandements of men.*

8 *For the commandement of God being laid apart, ye obserue the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye doe.*

9 *And he said vnto them, Full well ye cast aside the Commandement of God, that ye may keep your owne tradition.* Exod. 20. 12. deut. 5. 16. ephes. 6. 2.

10 *For Moses said,* * *Honour thy father and thy mother:* * *and whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death.* Exod. 21. 17. levit. 20. 9. prou. 20. 20.

11 *But*

15 ‖ Nothing from without a man entring into him, that can defile him: but the things that come from a man, those are they that make a man ‡ common.

16 If any man have eares to heare, let him heare.

17 And when hee was entred into the house from the multitude, his Disciples asked him the parable.

18 And he saith to them, So are you also unskilfull? Vnderstand you not that every thing from without, entring into a man, cannot make him common:

19 Because it entreth not into his heart, but goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the privie, purging all the meats?

20 But hee said, that the things which come forth from a man, they make a man common.

21 For from within out of the heart of men proceed evill cogitations, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, avarices, wickednesse, guile, impudicities, an evill eye, blasphemie, pride, foolishnesse.

23 All these evills proceed from within, and make a man common.

Matth. 15.21. 24 And * rising from thence he went into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon: and entring into a house, hee would that no man should know, and he could not be hid.

25 For a woman immediatly as she heard of him, whose daughter had an unclean spirit, entred in, and fell downe at his feet.

26 For the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophœnician borne. And shee besought him that he would cast forth the devill out of her daughter.

27 Who said to her, Suffer first the children to be filled; for it is not good to take the childrens bread, and cast it to the dogs.

28 But she answered, and said to him, Yea Lord, for the whelpes also eat under the table of the crummes of the children.

29 And hee said to her, For this saying goe thy way, the devill is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was departed into her house, she found the maid lying upon the bed, and the devill gone out.

31 * And againe going out of the coasts ‡ of Tyre, hee came by Sidon to the Sea of Galilee

* The Gospel upon the 12. Sunday after Pentecost.

‡ Of Tyre and Sidon he came

Mark 15. 28.

18 *And he saith unto them, Are ye also so without understanding? Doe ye not perceive that whatsoever thing from without entreth into the man, it cannot defile him,*

19 *Because it entreth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all the meats?*

20 *And he said, That which commeth out of the man, defileth the man.*

21 *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evill thoughts, adulteries, fornications,* Gen. 6. 5. and 8. 21.

22 *Theftes, covetousnesse, wickednesse, deceit, wantonnesse, a wicked eye, blasphemie, pride, foolishnesse.*

23 *All these evill things come from within, and defile the man.* Matth. 15. 21.

24 *And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entred into an house, and would that no man should know it, but he could not be hid.*

25 *For a certaine woman, whose yong daughter had an unclean spirit, when she had heard of him, came and fell at his feet:*

26 *(The woman was a Greeke, out of the nation of Syrophœnicia:) and she besought him that he would cast out the devill from her daughter.*

27 *But Iesus said unto her, Let the children first be fed: for it is not meet to take the childrens bread, and to cast it unto the little dogs.*

28 *She answered, and said unto him, Yea Lord, for the little dogs also eat under the table of the children crummes.*

29 *And he said unto her, For this saying, go thy way, the devill is gone out of thy daughter.*

30 *And when she was come home to her house, she found that the devill was departed, and her daughter lying on the bed.*

31 *And when he was departed againe from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee*

touched his tongue.

34 And looking up unto heaven, he groaned, and said to him, ‖ *Ephpheta*, which is, *Be thou opened.*

35 And immediately his eares were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake right.

36 And he commanded them not to tell any body. But how much hee commanded them, so much the more a great deale did they preach it,

37 And so much the more did they wonder, saying, He hath done all things well: he hath made both the deafe to heare, and the dumbe to speake.

34 *And when he had looked up to heaven, sighed, and said unto him, Ephphatha, that is to say, Be thou opened.*

35 *And straightway his eares were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plaine.*

36 *And hee commanded them that they should tell no man: but the more he commanded them, so much the more a great deale they published it.*

37 *And were beyond measure astonished, saying, Hee hath done all things well: he hath made both the deafe to heare, and the dumbe to speake.*

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VII.

Rhem. Common.] *Common and unclene is all one. For the Iewes were commanded by the Law to eate but cleane meates onely: and not all indifferently: and because those were separated from other meates, and dedicated and sanctified to their use, they called the other common and prophane: and because the Law called those uncleane, and abhominable, therof it is, that uncleane and common is all one, as in this Chapter often, and Acts 10.*

Rhem. 1 Precepts of men.] *Mens ordinances which be repugnant to Gods Commandements, he here condemneth: as all observations not edifying nor profitable to the fulfilling of Gods Commandements, be vaine and superstitious: so many observations of the Pharisees were then, and the like traditions of Heretickes be now: for howsoever they bring of Scriptures, all their manner of administration and ministery is their owne addition and invention without all Scripture and warrant of Gods word. But the traditions of the Apostles and Auncients, and all the precepts of holy Church we are commanded to keepe, as things not prescribed by man, but by the holy Ghost, Act. 15. 28. 2. Thessalon. 2. 15.*

Fvlke 1 Precepts of men be not onely such, as be repugnant to Gods Commandements, but even such as are beside Gods Commandements, wherein any part of Religion or the Service of God is placed. As this vaine vse of washing hands before meat, and such like of themselves, are not repugnant to Gods Commandements, and may be vsed for cleanelinesse, but not for Religion. So the Popish traditions, which they call the traditions of the Apostles and Auncients and precepts of the holy Church, are either manifestly repugnant to Gods Commandements, or else superstitious inventions of men, by which God is worshipped in vaine. And are nothing like to the Decrees of the Councell of the Apostles, Act. 15. nor to the Doctrine which S. Paul deliverd us. 2. Thess. 2. 15. See the notes upon Matth. 15. Sect. 2. cap. 3. Thus our ministery and manistration are agreeable to the Scriptures, for the which Scriptures beare witnesse, yea your owne conscience and confession by silence: for if any thing could have beene alledged out of the Scripture against us, it should not have beene spared.

Rhem. 2 Gift.] *To give to the Church or Altar is not forbidden, but to forsaking of a mans parents in their necessity, grounding or excusing the matter upon his giving that which should relieve them, to God or to the Altar, that is impious and unnaturall. And these Iewes touching children, so to neglect their duties to their parents, did wickedly.* Duty to parents.

Fvlke 2 Christ speaketh of the Iewish Altar. The Church of Christ hath none such: therefore it is sin to give to the idolatrous Altar of Popery. But to the maintenance of Gods Religion, it is not forbidden to give, so we neglect not under that pretence, other necessary duties commanded by God. Popish Altars.

Rhem. 3 Nothing entring into a man.] *As these words of our Saviour the text import, that the Iewes then might have eaten of those meates which God forbade them: so more doe they now, that we Christian may eat of all the meates which the Church forbiddeth us. And yet both then and now all meates are cleane, and nothing entring into a man defileth a man. For neither they then, nor we now abhorre, for that any meate are of their nature abominable, or defile the eaters, but they for feare of sinne, we for obedience and chastisement of our bodies.* Abstinence from certaine meates.

Fvlke 3 The Church of Christ forbiddeth not meates for Religions sake: but Antichrist attributing to lying spirits and the doctrine of Devils, forbiddeth meates and marriages for Religion, and in the abstinence placeth Religion and holinesse. As for your pretence of obedience, and chastisement, is but lying in hypocrisie, for that there is no chastisement of the body, in change of the meat. And those things which of you are not forbidden, as wines, spices, fruits, &c. are more incentive of lust, then common flesh, which you doe forbid. *Durande* also (howsoever you would cloke the matter) saith, flesh is forbidden, and fish allowed, because God cursed the earth, but not the waters. See more upon *Mat. 15. Sect. 4. cap. 5.* Forbidding of meats and marriage.

Rhem. 4 Spitting.] *Not onely by Christs word and will, but also by ceremony and by application of externall creatures which be holy, miracles are wrought; as by Christs spittle, which was not part of his person, being a superfluity of his body, but yet most holy.* Theophil. in 7. Marc. Christs spittle worketh miracles

Fvlke 4 Christs spittle worketh not miracles, but Christ by it, or any other thing whatsoever it pleaseth him, or without any thing, but by his owne word or will worketh miracles. Therefore we must not imagine any power or holinesse in ceremonies or creatures insensible, to doe any thing of themselves, but when it pleaseth our Saviour Christ to use them to such purposes, as in his Sacraments usually, or in his miracles extraordinarily. Miracles. Holines in ceremonies or creatures. Exorcismes and other ceremonies in Baptisme.

Rhem. 5 Ephpheta.] *The Church doth well godly imitate and use these very words and ceremonies of our Saviour in the Exorcisme before Baptisme, to the healing of their soules that are to be baptized, as Christ here healed the bodily infirmity and the disease of the soule together.* Ambros. l. 1. de Sacram. c. 1.

Epist. 1 18. Ionagio.

Epish imitation.

Needlesse ceremonies of old time.

CHAP. VIII.

Of compassion he feedeth the people, foure thousand with seven loaves. 10 After all which miracles at their request he refuseth to worke any more. 13 Whereupon forsaking them, he warneth his Disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. 22 He healeth a blind man by degrees and with ceremonies. 27 Peter confesseth him to be Christ. 31 He telleth them of his passion, and of the necessities. 34 He teacheth that all that will be saved (must) take up their crosse, and follow him.

Matth 15,32. The Gospel upon the sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

IN those dayes againe when there was a great multitude, and had not what to eat: calling his Disciples together, hee saith to them,

Matth.15.32.

2 I have compassion upon the multitude: because loe ‡ three dayes they now endure with me, neither have what to eat.

‡ Great fervour and devotion in the good people, and exceeding force in our Masters preaching, that made them abide fasting so long to heare his divine Sermons.

3 And if I dimisse them fasting into their home, they will faint in the way: for some of them came farre off.

4 And his Disciples answered him, whence may a man fill them here with bread in the wildernesse?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? Who said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the multitude to sit downe upon the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thankes hee brake, and ||gave to his Disciples for to set before them, and they did set them before the multitude.

7 And they had a few little fishes: and ||he blessed them, and commanded them to be set before them.

8 And they did eat and were filled, and they took up that which was left of the fragments, seven maunds.

9 And they that had eaten were about foure thousand: and he dimissed them.

10 And * immediately going up into the boat with his Disciples, hee came into the quarters of Dalmanutha.

Matth.15,39. 16,1.

11 And the Pharisees went forth, and began to question with him, asking of him a signe from heaven, tempting him.

12 And groaning in Spirit, he saith, Why doth this generation aske a signe? Amen I say to you, If a signe shall be given to this generation.

13 And leaving them, he went up againe into the boat, and passed beyond the strait.

14 And they forgot to take bread: and they had but one loafe with them in the boat.

15 And he commanded them, saying, Looke well and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves saying, Because we have not bread.

17 Which

*IN those dayes, * the company being very great, and having nothing to eate, when Iesus had called his disciples unto him, he saith unto them,*

Matth.15.32.

2 I have compassion on the people, because they have now beene with mee three dayes, and having nothing to eate:

3 And if I send them away fasting to their owne houses, they shall faint by the way: for divers of them come from farre.

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4 And his Disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfie these men with bread heere in the wildernesse?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? They said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit downe on the ground: and he tooke the seven loaves, and when he had given thankes, he brake, and gave to his Disciples to set before them: and they did set them before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and when he had blessed, he commanded to set them also before them.

8 So they did eate, and were sufficed: and they tooke up of the broken meat that was left, seven baskets full.

9 And they that had eaten, were about foure thousand: And he sent them away.

*10 * And anon, when he had entred into a ship with his Disciples, he came into the parts of Dalmanutha.*

Matth.15.39.

*11 * And the Pharisees came forth, and began to dispute with him, seeking of him a signe from heaven, tempting him.*

Matth.16.1.

12 And when he had sighed deeply in his spirit, he saith, Why doth this generation seek a signe? Verily I say unto you, There shall no signe be given unto this generation.

*13 * And when he had left them, and entred into the ship againe, he departed over the water.*

Matth.16.4.

*14 * And they had forgotten to take bread with them, neither had they in the ship with them more then one loafe.*

Matth.16.4.

*15 And he charged them, saying, * Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herode.*

Matth.16.6.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, We have no bread.

17 And

17 Which Iesus knowing, saith to them, Why doe you reason, because you have not bread? Doe you not yet know nor understand? Yet have you your heart blinded?

18 Having eyes see you not? and having eares heare you not? Neither doe you remember?

Marke 6,38.

19 When * I brake five loaves among five thousand: and how many baskets full of fragments tooke you up? They say to him, Twelve.

Marke 8,5.

20 * When also seven loaves among foure thousand, how many maundes of fragments tooke you up? And they say to him, Seven.

21 And hee said to them, How doe you not yet understand?

22 And they come to Bethsaida: and they bring to him one blinde, and desired him that he would ‡ touch him.

23 And taking the hand of the blinde, he led him forth out of the towne: and spitting into his eyes, imposing his hands, hee asked him if he saw any thing.

24 And looking up, he said, I see men as it were trees, walking.

25 After that againe he imposed his hands upon his eyes, and he began to see, and was restored, so that he saw all things cleerely.

26 And he sent him into his house, saying, Goe into thy house: and if thou enter in to the towne, tell no body.

Matth. 16,13. Luke 9,18.

27 And * Iesvs went forth and his Disciples into the townes of Cæsarea-Philippi: and in the way he asked his Disciples, saying to them, Whom doe men say that I am?

28 Who answered him, saying, Iohn the Baptist, some Elias, and other some as it were one of the Prophets.

29 Then he saith to them, But whom doe you say that I am? Peter answering said to him, Thou art Christ.

30 And hee threatned them that they should not tell any man of him,

31 And he began to teach them, that the Sonne of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the Ancients, and of the high Priests and the Scribes, and be killed: and after three dayes rise againe.

32 And he spake the word openly. And Peter taking him, began to rebuke him.

33 Who turning, and seeing his Disciples, threatened Peter, saying, Goe behinde me Satan, because thou savourest not the things that are of God, but that are of men.

34 And calling the multitude together with his Disciples, he said to them, If any man will follow me, let him deny himselfe, and take up his Crosse, and follow me.

35 For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life || for me and the Gospel, shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if hee

||gaine

17 And when Iesus knew it, he said unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see yee not? and having eares, heare ye not? Doe ye not remember?

*19 * When I brake the five loaves among five thousand men, how many baskets full of broken meat tooke yee up? They say unto him, Twelve.*

John 6.12.

20 When I brake the seven among foure thousand, how many baskets of the leavings of the broken meat tooke yee up? They said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How happeneth it that ye doe not understand?

22 And he commeth to Bethsaida, and they bring a blinde man unto him, and desired him to touch him:

23 And when he had caught the blind by the hand, he led him out of the towne: and when he had spit in his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men: for I perceive them walke as they were trees.

25 After that, he put his hands againe upon his eyes, and made him see: and he was restored, and saw every man cleerely.

26 And he sent him home to his house, saying, Neither go into the village, nor tell it to any in the village.

*27 * And Iesus went out, and his Disciples, into the villages that long to Cesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his Disciples, saying unto them, Whom doe men say that I am?*

Matth.16.13. Luke 9,19.

28 And they answered, Iohn Baptist, and some say, Elias: Againe, some say that thou art one of the Prophets.

29 And he said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answereth, and saith unto him, Thou art very Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man.

31 And he began to teach them that the Sonne of man must suffer many things, and be reproved of the Elders, and of the high Priests, and Scribes, and be killed, and after three dayes rise againe.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter tooke him aside, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about, and looked on his Disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Goe after me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

*34 And when he had called the people unto him, with his Disciples also, he said unto them, * Whosoever will come after me, let him forsake himselfe, and take up his crosse, and follow me.*

Matth.10 38. luke 9.23.

*35 * For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the Gospels, the same shall save it.*

Matth.39. and 16.25. luke 9.24. iohn 12.25.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall

‖ gaine the whole world, and suffer dammage of his soule?

37 Or what permutation shall a man give for his soule?

38 For he that shall be ashamed of me, and of my words in this advoutrous and sinfull generation, the Sonne of man also will be ashamed of him, when he shall come in the glory of his Father with the holy Angels.

winne all the world, and lose his owne soule?

37 Or what shall a man give for a ransome of his soule?

*38 * Whosoever therefore shall bee ashamed of mee, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinfull generation, of him also shall the Sonne of man bee ashamed, when hee commeth in the glory of his Father, with the holy Angels.* Matth. 10. 33. Luke 9. 26.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 22 Touch him.] *Our Saviour used to worke much by touching: that we may learne not to contemne the corporall and externall application of holy things, not to challenge by the spirit and faith only, as Heretikes doe.* Superstitious touching.

VLKE. 1 When our Saviour worketh miracles by touching, we are reverendly and faithfully to esteeme of it. But superstitious touching of any thing, where we have no word or promise of God, to receive benefit by such touching, we learne not of our Saviour Christ. By faith and the Spirit of God, we challenge to obtaine that which God hath promised in his holy word. But further to presume, by corporall touching or externall application, of (I can not tell, and you are belike ashamed to expresse, what) holy things, without faith grounded upon Gods word, and his Spirit tried and proved by the same word, we know it is vaine superstition, yea wicked presumption.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 6 Gave to his Disciples.] *He serveth the people not immediatly himselfe, but by the Apostles ministery: to teach us that we must receive Christs Sacraments and Doctrine, not at our owne hand, but of his Priests and our Pastours.* Luke 9. 16.

RHEM. 2 7 Blessed them.] *So is it in some antient Greeke copies, agreeable to our Latine, and in S. Luke expressly in the common Greeke text, that he blessed the five loaves and the two fishes: which must be alwaies marked against the heretiks, which deny this blessing to pertaine to the creatures, but faine it alwayes to be referred to God for thanksgiving. For if it were so, he would have said grace but once for that whole refection: but he did severally blesse both the bread first, and afterward the fishes also, multiplying them by his said blessing (as he did mankinde and other creatures in the beginning by blessing them) and so working effectually some change or alteration in the very creatures themselves.* εὐλογήσας αὐτοὺς. Blessing of creatures worketh an effect in them. Gen. 1, 22, 28.

FVLKE 2 That Christ by his blessing multiplied the loaves and fishes, it is alwayes acknowledged of us. But that Popish blessing of bread, candles, holy Scriptures, we say still, worketh no effect in them: but argueth an Antichristian arrogancie in the blessers, which take upon the to adde greater vertue or holines unto them, then God hath given in the right use of them. Popish blessing of bread, candles, water, flowres, &c.

RHEM. 3 35 For mee and the Gospel.] *By the Gospel is signified not onely the foure Evangelists, but all Scriptures, and whatsoever Christ said that is not in Scripture: for he saith in this very place,* He that shalbe ashamed of my words, the Son of man will bee ashamed of him, &c. *Neither his owne words only, but whatsoever the Apostles taught in word or writing: for our Saviour saith,* He that despiseth you despiseth me. *For defence of any of all these and every Article of the Catholike faith, we ought to die, and this is to lose our life for Christ and his Gospel.* What is to suffer for the Gospel. Luke 9. The sufficiencie of the Scriptures.

FVLKE 3 All the words of Christ and his Apostles, that pertaine to the salvation of Gods children, though not in number and sound, yet in weight and substance, are comprehended and expressed in the holy Scriptures: which are able to make us wise unto salvation, 2 Tim. 3. 15. *The Lord of us all gave to his Apostles (saith Irenæus) power of the Gospel, by whom we have known the truth, that is, the Doctrine of the Sonne of God, to whom also the Lord said: He that heareth you heareth me: and he that despiseth you despiseth me and him that sent me. We have not known the disposition of our salvation by any other, then by them, by whom the Gospel came unto us, which they then indeed preached, and afterward by the will of God, delivered it in the Scriptures, to be a foundation and pillar of our faith,* l. 3. c. 1. If any thing therefore be alledged, as the Gospel, which is not contained in the holy Scriptures, we may safely say with S. *Hierome. This, because it hath no authority of the Scriptures, may as easily be contemned, as it is alledged for proofe. In Matth. 23.*

RHEM. 36 Gaine the whole world.] *Let such note this, that for feare or flattery of the world condescended to obey the unjust lawes of men touching religion, against their owne consciences: and be content for the rest of a few dayes of this life, and for saving their temporall goods, to lose their soules and the ioyes of heaven.* Doing against our owne conscience.

CHAP. IX.

The more to confirme them, he giveth them in his transfiguration a sight of his glory, whereunto suffering doth bring. 9 and then againe doth inculcate his passion. 14 A devill also he casteth out, which his Disciples (upon whom therefore the perverse Scribes triumphed in his absence) could not for lacke of fasting and praying. 30 Being yet in Galilee, he revealeth more about his Passion. 33 And (because in the way to Capernaum they contended for the primacie) he teacheth them that humility is the way to primacie before God: 38 bidding them also, not to prohibite such as be not against them: nor to give scandall to any one of the faithfull: and on the other side, the faithfull to avoid them by whom they may be scandalized and fall, be they never so were unto them.

Matth. 16, 28. 17, 1. Luke 9, 27.

AND he said to them, Amen I say to you, that there bee some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, untill they see the kingdom of God comming in power.

‡ See the Annotations upon the 17. of S. *Matthew.*

2 ‡ And after six dayes IESVS taketh Peter and Iames and Iohn: and bringeth them alone into a high mountaine apart, and was transfigured before them.

3 And his garments were made glistering and white exceedingly as snow, the like whereof a Fuller cannot make white upon the earth.

Matth. 16, 28. Luke 9, 27.

*AND he said unto them, * Verely I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they have seene the kingdome of God come with power.*

2 And after six dayes, Iesus taketh with him Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and leadeth them up into an high mountaine out of the way alone: and he was transfigured before them.

*3 * And his raiment did shine, and became very white, even as snow: so as no Fuller upon the earth can white them.*

Matth. 17, 1. Luke 9, 28.

4 *And*

4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Iesus.

5 And Peter answering, said to Iesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 For he knew not what he said: for they were exceeding afeare.

7 And there was a cloud overshadowing them, and a voyce came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Sonne most deere: heare ye him.

8 And immediatly looking about, they saw no man any more but IESVS onely with themselves.

9 And as they descended from the mountaine, he commanded them that they should not tell any man what things they had seene: but when the Son of man shall be risen againe from the dead.

10 And they kept in the word with themselves: questioning together what that should be, *when he shall be risen from the dead.*

11 And they asked him, saying, What say the Pharisees then and the Scribes, that * Elias must come first?

12 Who answering said to them, Elias when he cometh first, shall restore all things: and ‖ how is it written of the Son of man, that he shall suffer many things and be contemned.

13 But I say to you that ‖ Elias also is come (and they have done to him whatsoever they would) as it is written of him.

14 And * comming to his Disciples, hee saw a great multitude about them, and the Scribes questioning with them.

15 And forthwith all the people seeing IESVS, was astonied, and much afraid: and running to him, saluted him.

16 And he asked them, What doe you question of among you?

17 And one of the multitude answering, said, Master, I have brought my sonne to thee, having a dumme spirit.

18 Who, whersoever he taketh him, dasheth him, and he foameth, and gnasheth with the teeth, and withereth: and I spake to thy Disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not.

19 Who answering them, said, O incredulous generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him. And when he had seene him, immediatly the spirit troubled him: and being throwne upon the ground, he tumbled foaming.

21 And hee asked his father, How long time is it since this hath chanced unto him? But he said, From his infancie:

22 And often times hath he cast him into fire and into waters, to destroy him; but if

4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Iesus.

5 And Peter answered, and said to Iesus, Master, here is good being for us: and let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 For he wist not what he should say: for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that shadowed them: and a voyce came out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Sonne: heare him.

8 And suddenly when they had looked round about, they saw no more, more then Iesus onely with themselves.

*9 * And as they came downe from the hill, he charged them that they should tell no man these things: than they had seene till the Sonne of man were risen from the dead.* Matth. 17. 9.

10 And they kept that saying with them, and demanded one of another, what the rising from the dead should mean.

*11 And they asked him, saying, Why then say the Scribes, that * Elias must first come?* Mal. 4. 5.

*12 He answered, and said unto them, Elias verily when he commeth first, restoreth all things: and the Sonne of man, * as it is written of him, shall suffer many things, and be set at nought.* Esay 53. 4.

13 But I say unto you, that Elias is come, and they have done to him whatsoever they would, as it is written of him.

*14 * And when he came to his Disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the Scribes disputing with them.* Matth. 17. 14. Luke 9. 37.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the Scribes, What dispute ye with them?

17 And one of the company answered, and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my sonne which hath a dumbe spirit:

*18 * And whersoever he taketh him, he teareth him, and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy Disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not.*

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithlesse nation, how long shall I be with you, how long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him, and when he fell downe on the ground, he wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it agoe since this came unto him? And he said, Of a childe.

22 And oft times it hath cast him into the fire, & into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou

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if thou canst any thing, helpe us, having compassion on us.

23 And IESVS said to him, If thou canst beleeve, all things are possible to him that beleeveth.

24 And incontinent the father of the boy crying out, with teares said, I doe beleeve Lord: helpe my incredulity.

25 And when IESVS saw the people running together, he threatned the uncleane spirit, saying to him, Deafe and dumme spirit, I command thee, goe out of him, and enter not any more into him.

26 And crying out, and greatly tearing him, he went out of him, and he became as dead, so that many said, That he is dead.

27 But IESVS holding his hand, lifted him up: and he rose.

28 And when hee was entred into the house, his Disciples secretly asked him, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said to them, This kinde can goe out by nothing, but ‡ by prayer and fasting.

Note the great force of prayer and fasting. Matth. 17, 22. Luke 9, 22.

30 And * departing thence they passed by Galilee, neither would he that any man should know.

31 And he taught his Disciples, and said to them, That the Sonne of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and being killed the third day hee shall rise againe.

32 But they knew not the word: and they were afraid to aske him.

Matth. 18, 1. Luke 9, 46. 33 And * they came to Capharnaum. Who, when he was in the house, asked them, what did you treat of in the way?

34 But they held their peace; for in the way they had disputed among themselves, which of them should be the greater.

35 And sitting downe, hee called the Twelve, and saith to them, if any man will be first he shall be last of all, and the minister of all.

36 And taking a childe, he set him in the mids of them. Whom when he had imbraced, he said to them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my Name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Luke 9, 49. 38 * Iohn answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils || in thy Name, who followed not us, and wee prohibited him.

39 But IESVS said, Doe not prohibit him; for there is no man that doth a miracle in my Name, and can soone speake ill of me.

40 For hee that is not against you, is for you.

41 For whosoever shall give you to drink a cup of water in my Name, because you are

canst doe any thing, have mercy on us, and helpe us.

23 Iesus said unto him, This thing if thou canst beleeve, all things are possible to him that beleeveth.

24 And straightway, when the father of the childe had cryed with teares, he said, Lord, I beleeve, helpe thou mine unbeleefe.

25 When Iesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foule spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumbe and deafe spirit, I charge thee come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit when he had cryed, and rent him sore, came out of him, and he was as one that had beene dead, insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Iesus, when he had caught him by the hand, lifted him up: and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his Disciples asked him secretly, Why could not wee cast him out?

29 And hee said unto them, This kinde || can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

*30 * And after they departed thence, they tooke their journey thorow Galilee, and he would not that any man should know it.* Matth. 17, 22. Luke 9, 22.

31 For he taught his Disciples, and said unto them, The Sonne of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to aske him.

*33 * And hee came to Capernaum: and when he was come into the house, he asked them, What was it that yee disputed among your selves by the way?* Matt. 18, 1. Luke 9, 45.

34 And they held their peace: For by the way they had reasoned among themselves, who should be the chiefest.

35 And when hee was set downe, hee called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant unto all.

36 And when he had taken a young child, he set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his armes, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive any such a yong childe in my Name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

*38 * Iohn answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy Name, and he followeth not us, and we forbade him, because he followeth us not.* Luke 9, 49.

*39 But Iesus said, * Forbid him not, for there is no man, which if he do a miracle in my Name, can lightly speake evill of me.* 1 Cor. 12, 3.

40 For hee that is not against us, is on our part.

*41 * Whosoever shall in my Name give you a cup of cold water to drinke, because you belong* Matth. 10, 42.

to

‡ To give scandall by our life to the weake in faith, is a great sin, especially in Priests, Preachers, and Princes.

are Christs: Amen I say to you, he shall not lose his ‡ reward.

42 And whosoever shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in me, it is good for him rather that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. Matth. 18, 6. Luke 17, 1.

of such belonging to me: it is good for him rather that a millstone were put about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And if thy hand scandalize thee, cut it off; it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, then having two hands to goe into hell, into the fire vnquenchable.

43 * And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, then having two hands, to goe into hell, into fire that never shall be quenched: Matth. 5, 29. and 18, 8.

44 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire quencheth not.

44 * Where their worme dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Esay 66, 24.

45 And if thy foot scandalize thee, cut it off; it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather then having two feet, to be cast into the hell of vnquenchable fire,

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life, then having thy two feet, to be cast into hell, into fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire quencheth not.

46 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye scandalize thee, cast it out; it is good for thee with one eye to enter into the kingdome of God, rather then having two eyes, to be cast into the hell of fire,

47 And if thine eye offend thee, plucke it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdome of God with one eye, then having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worme dieth not, and the fire quencheth not.

48 where their worme dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall bee salted with fire: and every victime shall be salted with salt.

Leuit. 2, 13.

49 For every man shall bee salted with fire, and * every sacrifice shall be seasoned with salt. Leuit. 2, 13.

50 Salt is good; but if the salt shall be vnseasoned: wherewith will you season it? Have salt in you, and have peace among you.

50 * Salt is good: but if the salt be vnsavoury, with what thing shall you season it? Have ye salt in your selves, and have peace among your selves one with another. Matth. 5, 13. Luke 14, 34.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 9.

RHEM. 1 4. Elias with.] *The Law and the Prophets ioyne with Christ and his Gospell: the one signified by Moses, the other by Elias. By whose apparitions here, we also learne, that sometime there may be personall entercourse betwixt the living and the dead, though not ordinarily.*

FVLKE 1 There may be personall entercourse betwixt the living and the dead, when it pleaseth God, for some speciall purpose, as in this singular example, and when the dead rose againe, at the resurrection of Christ, and appeared to many at Ierusalem, *Matth.* 27. 53. but not when the dead will, *Luke* 16. 26. Entercourse betweene the dead and the living.

RHEM. 2 41. Reward.] *Reward for almes deeds, whereby it is evident they be meritorious.*

FVLKE 2 Reward for almes deeds, proveth them not meritorious. For the reward is given according to Gods promise, and his promise is according to his grace and mercy, and not according to the worthinesse of the worke: which also is Gods gift, and not our merit: and therefore S. *Augustine* saith of mankinde, *God in rewarding our workes, doth crowne his gifts, not our merits In Psal.* 70. Con. 1. in *Psal.* 102. Merits.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. 9.

RHEM. 4 Elias with Moses.] *Moses representeth the persons of all the Saints that shall be departed this life when Christ commeth in his Maiesty to iudgement: And Elias (who was then living) figureth the holy men that shall then be found alive when he commeth in glory, who both shall then begin to reigne with Christ in glory. Beda in 9. Marc.* Elias. Moses.

RHEM. 3. 13. Elias also is come.] Elias *was zealous for Gods Law, a great reprehender of sinne, and an Eremite, and shall be the Precursor of Christ in his second Aduent: so was* Iohn *before his first Aduent, a Zelator, a Corrector, an Eremite, and his Precursor.* Theod. in caten. Thom. super hunc locum. *See S.* Hierome *in the life of Paul the Eremite, that both* Elias *and* Iohn Baptist *were counted principall professors of that life.* Elias and Iohn Baptist Eremites.

FVLKE. 3. That *Elias* shalbe a Precursor of Christ in his second comming to iudgement, it is boldly affirmed without authority of the *Scriptures*. That he was in the desert sometime, wee find in the Scriptures, but continually he did not remaine in the wildernesse. And if he had, by so much he had been more vnlike to Popish Eremites, of whom many never came in the wildernesse, except you count that place, which is a quarter of a mile from a great city, or a populous towne, a wildernesse. S. *Hierome* saith: *It hath been doubted among many, by which of the Monkes or solitary men chiefly, the wildernesse became to be inhabited. For some fetching the matter a farre off have taken the beginning from blessed* Helias *and* Iohn. *Of which* Helias *seemeth to vs to have beene more then a Monke, and* Iohn *to have professed before he was borne. But other, vnto which opinion all the common sort doth agree, doe affirme that* Antony *was the head or the beginning of this profession, which is partly true, for he was not so much before all, as by him the desires of all have beene stirred vp. But* Amathas *and* Macarius *the disciples of* Antony, *of which the former buried his masters body, doe yet still affirme, that one* Paul a *Theban, was the prince, or first beginner of this matter, which we also, not so much in the name, as in opinion doe approve.* In these words you may see what principall professors of Heremites life, *Elias* and *Iohn Baptist* were accounted by S. *Hierome*. Yet the Eremites of his time, were nothing like Popish Eremites but onely in name. Elias. Eremites.

RHEM. 4 38. In thy name.] *Miracles are wrought sometime by the name of Iesus, whatsoever the men be, when it is for the proofe of a truth, or for the glory of God. In so much that* Iulian *the Apostata himselfe did drive away diuels with the signe of the Crosse, as* S. Gregory Nazian. *writeth, orat.* 1. in Iulian. Theodor. l. 3. c. 3. hist. *And so also heretikes may* do The name of Iesus worketh miracles.

does (under colour of the Scripture) go about to proue the Christian faith, that they vse not the ever-liuing God in any miracle to proue any of their erronious opinions, or to proue that Christ is not really in the Blessed Sacrament, may worke miracles, to confirme their erronious opinions, but they cannot proue their erronious opinions by the Scriptures, Deut. 13. August. de vnit. eccles. cap. 16. It is sufficient that we proue by the Scriptures, that the Romish Church is not the true Church, because it is not a true witnesse of the truth of Christs naturall body, that is, in the Sacrament, according to the Scriptures: and so of their other errors: As for lying Popish legends, which is contrary to the Scriptures, and their iugglings with their fingers to make it appeare bloody, or by sorcery to worke miracles, such as Papists workes, to proue it, by pricking their fingers to make it appeare bloody, or by sorcery to worke miracles, such as Papists workes, to proue it, by making their singers to make it appeare bloody, or by sorcery as Moses the heretike iugled with the cup, to make it appeare purple and red, that Christ might seeme to drop his blood in the Sacrament: we leaue to Popish heretikes. The word of God is sufficient warrant for our doctrine, against all false and counterfet miracles.

Miracles.

Iren. lib. 2. 49.

CHAP. X.

He goeth vnto the confines of Iudea (and againe his disciples after him) where the Pharisees tempting him, 3 he reasoneth with them of the diuorcement, 6 which should be (as in the first institution) vtterly vnlawfull. 13 He blesseth children. 17 He sheweth what is to be done for life euerlasting. 21 What also is required of a rich man, to be perfect. 28 In what sense we are said to haue left all things. 32 He foretelleth more plainly his Passion: 35 bidding the two ambitious suiters to thinke rather of suffering with him: 41 and teaching vs as the rest of his Disciples, not to be grieued at our Ecclesiasticall Superiours, considering they are (as he was himselfe) seruice for our saluation. 46 Then going out of Iericho, he giueth sight to a blind man.

The THIRD part of this Gospel, Christs comming into Iewry toward his passion.

Matth. 19,1.

AND * rising vp thence, he commeth into the coasts of Iewry beyond Iordan: and the multitudes assemble againe vnto him: and as he was accustomed, againe he taught them.

2 And the Pharisees comming neere, asked him, Is it lawfull for a man to dismisse his wife, tempting him?

3 But he answering, said to them, What did Moses command you?

Deut. 24,1.

4 Who said, * Moses || permitted to write a bill of diuorce, and to dimisse her.

5 To whom Iesvs answering, said, For the hardnesse of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation

Gen. 1,27. Gen. 2,24.

* God made them male and female.

7 For this cause * man shall leaue his father and mother: and shall cleaue to his wife.

8 And they two shall be in one flesh, therefore now they are not two, but one flesh.

9 That therefore which God hath ioyned together, ‡ let not man separate.

Matth. 19,9. Matth. 5,32. Luke 16,18. 1. Cor. 7,11.

10 And * in the house againe his Disciples asked him of the same thing.

11 And he saith to them, whosoeuer dimitteth his wife and || marieth another: committeth aduoutry vpon her.

12 And if the wife dismisse her husband, and marry another, she committeth aduoutry.

Matth 19,13. Luke 18,15.

13 And * they offered to him yong children, that he might touch them. And the disciples threatned those that offered them.

14 Whom when Iesvs saw, he tooke it ill, and said to them, Suffer the little children to come vnto me, and prohibit them not; for the kingdome of God is for such.

15 Amen I say to you: whosoeuer receiueth not the kingdome of God as a little child, shall not enter into it.

‡ Our Saviour gaue the children his blessing.

16 And imbracing them, and imposing hands vpon them, he ‡ blessed them.

17 And when he was gone foorth in the way, a certaine man running, foorth and kneeling

Matth. 19,1.

AND * when he rose from thence, he commeth into the coasts of Iury, through the region that is beyond Iordan: and the people resort vnto him afresh, and as he was wont, he taught them againe.

2 And the Pharisees came, and asked him, *Is it lawfull for a man to put away his wife?* tempting him.

3 *And he answered, and said vnto them, What did Moses command you to doe?*

4 *And they said,* * *Moses suffered to write a booke of diuorcement, and to put her away.*

Deut. 24,1.

5 *And Iesus answered and said vnto them, For the hardnesse of your heart he wrote this precept vnto you.*

6 *But from the beginning of the Creation,*

Gene. 1,27. matth. 19,4. Gene. 2,24. 2 cor. 6,16. ephes. 5,31.

* *God made them male and female,*

7 * *And sayd, For this cause shall a man leaue his father and mother, and bide by his wife.*

8 *And they twaine shalbe one flesh: so then are they no more twaine, but one flesh.*

9 * *Therefore, what God hath coupled together, let no man separate.*

1 Cor. 6,16.

10 *And in the house his Disciples asked him againe of the same matter.*

11 *And he saith vnto them,* * *Whosoeuer shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.*

Matth. 5,32. and 19,9. luke 16,18.

12 *And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.*

13 * *And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his Disciples rebuked those that brought them.*

Matth. 19,13. luke 18,15.

14 *But when Iesus saw it, he was sore displeased, and said vnto them, Suffer the yong children to come vnto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdome of God.*

15 *Verely I say vnto you, Whosoeuer shall not receiue the kingdom of God as a yong child, he shall in no wise enter therein.*

16 *And when he had taken them vp in his armes, putting his hands vpon them, he blessed them.*

17 *And when he was gone foorth into the way,* * *there came one running, and kneeled to him,*

Matth. 19,16. luke 18,18.

Matth. 19,16. Luke 18,18.

ling before him asked him, * Good Master, what shall I doe that I may receiue life euerlasting?

18 And Iesvs said to him, Why calleſt thou me good? || None is good but one, God.

19 Thou knowest the ‡ commandements;

Exod. 20,13.

* *Commit not aduoutrie, Kill not, Steale not, Beare not false witnesse, Doe no fraud, Honour thy father and mother.*

20 But hee answering, said to him, Maister all these things I haue obserued from my youth.

21 And Iesvs beholding him, loued him, and said to him, One thing is wanting vnto thee: ‡ goe, sell whatsoeuer thou hast, and giue to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen: and come, follow me.

22 Who being stroken sad at the word, went away sorrowfull; for he had many possessions.

23 And Iesvs looking about sayth to his Disciples, how hardly shall they that haue money, enter into the kingdome of God!

24 And the Disciples were astonied at his words. But Iesvs againe answering, saith to them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in money to enter into the kingdome of God!

25 It is easier for a Camell to passe thorow a needles eye, then for ||a rich man to enter into the kingdome of God.

26 Who marvelled more, saying to themselues, And who can be saued?

27 And Iesvs beholding them, sayth, With men it is impossible: but not with God; for all things are possible with God.

28 And Peter began to say vnto him; Behold, we haue left all things, and haue followed thee.

‡ Exceeding happy be they that can forsake their temporall things for Religion.

29 Iesvs answering, said, ‡ Amen I say to you, there is no man which hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands for me and for the Gospell:

30 That shall not receiue || an hundred times so much now in this time: houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions: and in the world to come life euerlasting.

Matth. 19,30. Luke 13,30.

31 But * many that are first shall be last: and the last, first.

32 And they were in the way going vp to Hierusalem: and Iesvs went before them, and they were astonied: and following were afraid. And * taking againe the Twelve, he began to tell them the things that should befall him.

Matth. 20,17. Luke 18,31.

33 That, behold we goe vp to Hierusalem, and the Sonne of man shall be betrayed to the chiefe Priests, and to the Scribes and

him, and asked him, Good master, what shall I doe that I may inherit eternall life?

18 *Iesus said vnto him, Why calleſt thou me good? There is none good but one, which is God.*

19 *Thou knowest the Commandements; Doe not commit adultery,* * *Doe not kill, Doe not steale, Doe not beare false witnesse, Defraud no man, Honour thy father and mother.*

Exod. 20,13.

20 *He answered, and said vnto him, Master, all these haue I obserued from my youth.*

21 *Iesus beheld him, and loued him, and said vnto him, One thing thou lackest: Goe thy way, sell whatsoeuer thou hast, and giue to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in heauen, and come follow me, when thou hast taken vp the crosse.*

22 *But he was discomforted because of that saying, and went away mourning: for he had great possessions.*

23 *And when Iesus had looked round about, he saith vnto his disciples, How hardly shall they that haue riches, enter into the kingdome of God?*

24 *And the Disciples were astonied at his words. But Iesus answereth again, and sayth vnto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches, to enter into the kingdome of God?*

25 *It is easier for a Camell to go thorow the eye of a needle, then for the rich to enter into the kingdome of God.*

26 *And they were astonied out of measure, saying among themselues, Who then can be saued?*

27 *Iesus, when he had looked vpon them, sayth, With men it is vnpossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*

28 *And Peter beganne to say vnto him, Loe,* * *we haue forsaken all, and haue followed thee.*

Matth. 29,27. luke 18,28.

29 *Iesus answered, & said, Verely I say vnto you, There is no man that hath forsaken house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake and the Gospels,*

30 *But he shall receiue an hundred folde now at this present, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions: and in the world to come eternall life.*

31 * *But many that are first, shall be last: and the last, first.*

Mat. 19,30. luke 13,30.

32 * *And they were in the way going vp to Hierusalem: and Iesus went before them, and they were amazed, and as they followed were afraid: and when he had againe taken with him the twelve, he beganne to tell them what things should happen vnto him.*

Matt. 20,17. luke 18,31.

33 *Saying, Behold, we go vp to Hierusalem, and the Sonne of man shalbe delivered vnto the high Priests, and vnto the Scribes: and they shal condemne*

and Ancients, and they shall condemne him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles,

34 And they shall mocke him, and spit on him, and scourge him, and kill him, and the third day he shall rise againe.

35 And * there come to him Iames and Iohn the sonnes of Zebedee, saying, Master, we will that what thing soever we shall aske, thou doe it to vs.

36 But he said to them, what will you that I doe to you?

37 And they said, Grant to vs, that wee may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 And IESVS said to them, You wote not what you aske: can you drinke the cup that I drinke? or bee baptized with the baptisme wherewith I am baptized?

39 But they said to him, We can. And IESVS said to them, The cup indeed which I drinke, you shall drinke: and with the baptisme wherewith I am baptized, you shall be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand or on my left, is not mine to give vnto you, but to whom it is prepared.

41 And the ten hearing, began to be displeased at Iames and Iohn.

42 And IESVS calling them, saith to them, * You know that they which seeme to rule over the Gentiles, overrule them: and their princes have power over them.

43 But it is not so in you; but whosoever will be greater, shalbe your minister:

44 And whosoever will be first among you, shalbe the servant of all.

45 For the Sonne of man also is not come to be ministred vnto, but to minister, and to give his life a redemption for many.

46 And * they come to Iethro: and when hee departed from Iericho, and his Disciples, and a very great multitude, the sonne of Timæus, Bar-timæus the blind man, sate by the way side begging.

47 Who when hee had heard, that it is IESVS of Nazareth: hee began to cry and to say, IESVS, sonne of David, have mercy vpon mee.

48 And many threatned him to hold his peace; but he cryed much more, Sonne of David, have mercy vpon me.

49 And IESVS standing still commanded him to be called. And they called the blinde man, saying to him, Be of better comfort, arise, he calleth thee.

50 Who casting off his garment lept vp, and came to him.

51 And IESVS answering, said to him, What wilt thou that I doe vnto thee? And the blinde man said to him, Rabbony, that I may see.

52 And

Mar.20,20.

Mar.20,25. Luke 22,25.

Matt.20,29. Luke 18,35.

condemne him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles.

34 And they shall mocke him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him: and the third day he shall arise.

*35 * And Iames and Iohn the sonnes of Zebedee come vnto him, saying, Master, we will that thou shouldest doe for vs whatsoever wee shall desire.* Matt.20,20.

36 He said vnto them, what will yee that I should doe for you?

37 They said vnto him, Grant vnto vs that we may sit one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand in thy glory.

38 But Iesus said vnto them, Yee wot not what ye aske: Can ye drinke of the cuppe that I drinke of? and bee baptized with the baptisme that I am baptized with?

39 And they said vnto him, That wee can. Iesus said vnto them, Yee shall indeed drinke of the cuppe that I drinke of: and with the baptisme that I am baptised withall, shall ye be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it shall bee given *vnto them for whom it is prepared.*

41 And when the other ten heard it, they began to disdaine at Iames and Iohn.

*42 But Iesus, when he had called them to him, saith to them, * Yee know that they which seeme to beare rule among the Gentiles, reigne as lords over them: and they that bee great among them, exercise authority vpon them.* Luke 22.25.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever of you will be great among you, shalbe your minister.

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shalbe servant of all.

45 For the sonne of man also came not to be ministred vnto, but to minister and to give his life a ransome for many.

*46 * And they came to Iericho: and as hee went out of the city of Iericho with his disciples, and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the sonne of Timæus, sate by the high waies side begging.* Matt.20,29. luke 18.35.

47 And when he heard that it was Iesus of Nazareth, he began to cry, and say, Iesus thou sonne of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cryed the more a great deale, Thou sonne of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Iesus stood still, and commanded him to be called: and they call the blind, saying vnto him, Bee of good comfort, rise, hee calleth thee.

50 And when he had thrown away his cloke, he rose, and came to Iesus.

51 And Iesus answered, and said vnto him, What wilt thou that I doe unto thee? The blind said vnto him, Master, that I might see.

52 Iesus

50 And Iesus said vnto him, Go thy way, thy faith hath saved thee. And straightway he received his sight, and followed Iesus in the way.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 10.

RATH. 1 — 9. Let no man separate.] The bond betwixt man and wife is so great, that during life it cannot be broken.

FVLKE 1 — Except for fornication. Matth. 5,32. 19.9.

RHEM. 2 — 19. Commandements.] Note that the keeping of Gods Commandements procureth life everlasting.

FVLKE 2 — The perfect keeping of Gods Commandements procureth everlasting life: but every breach of them deserveth the curse of God. Galat. 3.10 Therefore no man attaineth to everlasting life by keeping of Gods Commandements, but by the mercy of God in Christ, apprehended by faith without respect of workes or merites.

RHEM. 3. — 21 Goe, sell what thou hast.] This is counsell of perfection (not a precept) which the religious professing and keeping wilfull poverty, doe follow.

FVLKE. 3. — This was a speciall precept to this one person, in observing whereof, hee should have declared in part, that hee had kept the Commandements with true affection, as the law of God requireth. But in neglecting this precept, he declareth that he was a carnall worldly man, farre from the true love of God and his neighbours: preferring temporall things before the reward of eternall life. As for the superstitious profession of Popish Monkes and Friers, with their blasphemous opinion, to merit for themselves and for others that will pay for it: we so farre from the meaning of our Saviour Christ. Beside that, not one among a thousand of them, if they have any goods do adde before their profession, doe sell them, and give them to the poore, but rather to their friends and kinsefolkes, or vnto the Abbeyes, where they know they shall be wealthily and daintily mainteined. The Pope also is good to many, and granteth them capacities to possesse temporall goods and benefices, contrary to their formes vowe. — Popish Monks.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 4 — 4 Permitted.] Some things are permitted, though not approoved, or allowed, to avoid greater inconveniences. No man may doe evill for any cause, but he may permit other mens evils for divers causes: as God himselfe doth, who can doe no evill. So doth the prince and Common-wealth permit lesser evils, to eschew greater, and so may the Holy Church much more (as S. Augustine saith she doth) being placed among such chaffe, and much cockle, tollerate many things, and yet, whatsoever is against faith and good life, she neither approveth, nor dissembleth with silence, nor committeth. — Tolleration and permission of evill. Aug. ep. 180. c. 19.

FVLKE 4 — The Christian Magistrate or Common-wealth, ought to permit no wickednesse, which hee knoweth and can punish: neither doth the holy Church tollerate any thing that is against faith and good life, as S. Augustine saith. Therefore the Church of Rome, and those Princes and Common-wealthes, that permit open whoredome in Stewes, are not the Church of Christ, nor they godly Princes and Common-wealthes, that suffer such grosse wickednesse, openly and daily committed. — Stewes permitted in Popery.

RHEM. 5. — 11 And marieth another.] That which S. Matthew uttered more obscurely, and is mistaken of some, as though he meant that for fornication a man might put away his wife and marry another, is here by this Evangelist (as also by S. Luke) put out of doubt; generally avouching, that whosoever putteth away his wife, and marieth another, committeth adultery. Aug. lib. 1. de adult. conjug. c. 11. & sequentibus. — Mariage after divorce vnlawfull. Luke 16,18.

FVLKE 5 — S. Marke, S. Luke, and S. Matthew did write all by one spirit, therefore the exception expressed in the one, must needs be understood in the other. Else you may aswell say, there can be no separation for any cause as you say, there can be no mariage after divorce for any cause. — Mariage after divorce.

RHEM. — 18 None is good.] None is entirely, substantially, and of himselfe good, but God: though by participation of Gods goodnesse, men are truely also called good.

25 A rich man.] He is here called a rich man that hath his confidence (as here is expressed) in his treasure, and had rather forsake his faith and duty to God, then lose them, as all they which live in schisme or heresie to save their goods.

30 An hundred times so much.] Sometime God doth so blesse men also in worldly sort for that have forsaken all for him, as S. Gregory, S. Augustine, and S. Paulinus: but the principall meaning is, * that he will give to such men in this life abundance of grace and spirituall comfort and contentation, and joy of conscience (as they feele which have experience) the which spirituall gifts exceede the temporall commodities, more then an hundred fold; insomuch that he that hath fully forsaken but small things for religion, would not forsake religion to have all the world. — Their reward in this life that forsake ought for Gods sake. Hiero. in 19. Mat.

CHAP. XI.

Being now come to the place of his passion, he entreth with triumph as their Christ. 12 He curseth that fruitlesse leafie tree. 15 He sheweth his zeale for the house of God: for which the Rulers seeke his destruction. 24 He exhorteth his Disciples to stedfastnesse of faith, and to forgive their enemies. 27 He avoucheth his power by the witnesse of Iohn who was a man sent of God.

The fourth part of this Gospel, the Holy weeke of his passion in Hierusalem. PALME Sunday. Matth. 21,1. luke 19.29. John 12,15.

AND when they came nigh vnto Hierusalem and Bethania to Mount-Olivet, hee sendeth two of his Disciples,

2 And saith to them, Goe into the towne that is against you, and immediatly entring in thither, you shall finde a colt tyed, vpon which no man yet hath sitten: loose him, and bring him.

3 And if any man shall say to you, What doe you? say that he is needfull for our Lord: and incontinent he will send him hither.

4 And going their waies, they found the colt tied before the gate without in the meeting of two wayes: and they loose him.

5 And

*AND when * they came nigh to Hierusalem, vnto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his Disciples,* Matth. 21.1. luke 19.29.

2 And saith vnto them, Go your way into the towne that is over against you, and assoone as ye be entred into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sate, loose him, and bring him hither.

3 And if any man say vnto you, why doe ye so? Say ye that the Lord hath need of him: and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the doore without, in a place where two wayes met: and they loose him.

5 *And*

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5 And certaine of them that stood there, said to them, What doe you loosing the colt?

6 Who said to them as IESVS had commanded them: and they did let him goe with them.

7 And they brought the colt to IESVS: and they lay their garments vpon him, and he sate vpon him.

8 And ‡ many spread their garments in the way: and others did cut boughs from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And they that went before and they that followed, cryed saying, *Hosanna, blessed is he that commeth in the name of our Lord.*

Psal.117.26. 10 *Blessed is the kingdome of our father David that commeth, Hosanna in the highest.*

11 And hee entred Hierusalem into the temple: and having viewed all things round about, when now the evening houre was come, he went forth into Bethania with the Twelue.

MVNDAY. 12 And the next day when they departed from Bethania, he was an hungred,

Matt.21,19. 13 And * when he had seene a farre off a fig tree having leaues, he came if happily hee could find any thing on it. And when he was come to it, he found nothing but leaues; for it was not the time for figs.

14 And answering he said to it, Now no man eat fruit of thee any more for ever. And his Disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Hierusalem. And

Matt.21,12. Luke 19.45. * when hee was entred into the Temple, hee began to cast out them that sold and bought in the Temple, and the tables of the bankers, and the chaires of them that sold pigeons hee ouerthrew.

16 And hee suffered not that any man should cary a || vessell thorow the temple:

Esay.56.7. 17 And hee taught saying to them, Is it not written, *That my house shall bee called the house of prayer to all nations? But you have made it || a den of theeves.*

Iere 7,11. 18 Which when the chiefe Priests and the Scribes had heard, they sought how they might destroy him; for they were afraid of him because the whole multitude was in admiration vpon his doctrine.

19 And when the evening was come, he went forth out of the city.

Matt.21.20. 20 And * when they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.

TVESDAY. The GOSPEL for S. Gregorius Thaumaturgus Novemb. 17. And in a votive Masse for any necessity.

21 And Peter remembring, said to him, Rabbi, behold the fig tree that thou diddest curse, is withered.

† Faith of God is to beleeve that he is able, and that he will doe it if it be expedient, and no impediment on our part.

22 And IESVS answering saith to them, Have † faith of God.

23 Amen I say to you, that whosoeuer shall say to this mountaine, Bee taken vp and be cast into the sea, and shall not stagger in his heart, but beleeve that whatsoever he

7 *And they of them that stood there, said unto them, What doe ye loosing the colt?*

6 *And they said unto them as Iesus had commanded: and they let them goe.*

Iohn 12.14. 7 * *And they brought the colt to Iesus, and cast their garments on him, and he sate upon him.*

8 *And many spread their garments in the way: and other cut downe branches of the trees, and strawed them in the way.*

9 *And they that went before, and they that followed, cryed, saying, Hosanna, blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord.*

10 *Blessed be the kingdome of our father David, that commeth in the name of the Lord.* || Hosanna *in the highest.*

|| Or, O thou which art.

Matt.21.10. luke 19.45. 11 * *And Iesus entred into Hierusalem, and into the Temple, and when hee had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethanie with the twelve.*

12 *And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he hungred.*

Mat.21,19. 13 * *And when he had spied a fig tree afar off, having leaues, he came to see if he might finde any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaues: for the time of figs was not yet.*

14 *And Iesus answered, and said unto the figge tree, Never man eat fruit of thee hereafter while the world standeth. And his Disciples heard it.*

15 *And they come to Hierusalem, and when Iesus went into the Temple, he beganne to cast out them that solde and bought in the Temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seates of them that sold doves,*

16 *And would not suffer that any man should carry any stuffe thorow the Temple.*

Esay 56.7. 17 *And he taught saying unto them, * Is it not written, My house shall be called the house of prayer unto all nations? * but ye have made it a*

Iere.7.11. *den of theeves.*

18 *And the Scribes and high Priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astomed at his doctrine.*

19 *And when even was come, Iesus went out of the citie.*

Matt.21.19. 20 * *And in the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dryed up from the roots.*

21 *And Peter having remembred, saith unto him, Master, behold, the figge tree which thou cursedst is withered away.*

22 *And Iesus answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

23 *For verely I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountaine, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the Sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall beleeve that those things which he saith shall come to passe: whatsoever he*

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faith, shall be done: it shall be done unto him.

24 Therefore I say to you, all things whatsoeuer you aske, praying, beleeve that you shall receiue, & they shall come unto you.

25 And when you shall stand to pray, forgiue if you haue ought against any man: that also your Father which is in heauen, may forgiue you your sinnes.

26 ‡ If so be that you will not forgiue, neither will your Father that is in heauen, forgiue you your sinnes.

27 And they come againe to Hierusalem. And

Matth.21,14. * when he walked in the Temple, there come to him the chiefe Priests and Scribes, and the Ancients,

28 And they say to him, In what power doest thou these things? and who hath giuen thee this power, that thou shouldest doe these things?

29 And IESVS answering, said to them, I also will aske you one word, and answere you me: and I will tell you in what power I doe these things.

30 The Baptisme of Iohn, was it from heauen, or from men? answere me.

31 But they thought with themselues, saying, If we say, From heauen: he will say, Why then did you not beleeue him?

32 If we say, From men, they feared the people: for all accounted Iohn that he was indeed a Prophet.

33 And they answering, say to IESVS, We know not. And IESVS answering, saith to them, Neither do I tell you in what power I doe these things.

shall say, And hee unto him.

24 *Therefore I say unto you, * whatsoever things soeuer yee desire when you pray, beleeve that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Mark 6.1. 25 *And when ye stand praying, * forgive, if ye have ought against any man: that your Father also which is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.*

26 *But if you doe not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive you your trespasses.*

Matth.21.1. luke 20.1. 27 *And they come againe to Hierusalem: and * as he walked in the Temple, there come to him the high Priests and the Scribes, and the Elders,*

28 *And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to doe these things?*

29 *Iesus answered, and said unto them, I will also aske of you one question, and answere me, and I will tell you by what authority I doe these things.*

30 *The Baptisme of Iohn, whether was it from heaven, or of men? Answere me.*

31 *And they reasoned with themselues, saying, If we shall say, From heaven: he will say, Why then did ye not beleeve him?*

32 *But if we shall say, Of men: "we feare the people: for all men counted Iohn that he was a very Prophet.*

"This is the third person in Greeke.

33 *And they answering, say unto Iesus, We cannot tell. And Iesus answering, saith unto them, Neither doe I tell you by what authority I doe these things.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 1 8 Many spred.] *All these voluntary duties were gratefull to our Saviour, and so be the like done to him in the blessed Sacrament.*

FVLKE 1 You must first prove, that Christ is present in your Masse Cake, as he was riding to Ierusalem, in such sort as you affirme. Secondly, if he were so present, seeing he commanded the Sacrament to be eaten; you carrying it about contrary to his commandement, cannot please him with any thing that you doe. For now he is to be worshipped, as the right hand of God in heaven, and not upon earth, *Col.3.1.& 2.*

Abuse of the Sacrament.

RHEM. 2 26 If so be that,] *God never forgiveth sinnes to him that pardoneth not his enemies from his heart. Whereby it is evident that more is required then onely faith.*

FVLKE 2 Though more be required, then onely faith, yet onely faith obtaineth remission of sinnes at Gods hand, *Rom. 4.6. &c.*

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 3 16 Vessell thorow the Temple.] *Hee could not abide to see the Temple of God profaned, no nor suffered those things to be done in it, which otherwise were not unlawfull, but honest, if they had beene done in that place. How much lesse can he abide the profaning of Churches now with heretical Service, and preaching of heresie and blasphemie?*

Profaning of Gods Church.

FVLKE 3 God cannot abide the profaning of the Church with hereticall Service, and preaching of heresie and blasphemie, therefore he abhorreth the Popish Service and preaching, which is full of heresie and blasphemy. As for our Church Service and Preaching, being justified by the word of God expressed in the Scriptures; and referring all honour and glory of our salvation, to God and Christ onely, must needs be farre from blasphemy. But Popery giving part of the honour of God and Christ to creatures, and part to their owne merits, and ceremonies of their owne invention, is both hereticall and blasphemous.

Slander.

RHEM. 4 17 Den of theeves.] *If the Temple was then a den of theeves, because of profane and secular merchandise: how much more now, when the house appointed for the holy Sacrifice and Sacrament of the body of Christ, is made a den for the Ministers of Calvins bread?*

FVLKE 4 The Sacrifice of Christs Body, was performed once by himselfe, to the eternall salvation of all his chosen, *Heb.9.& 10.* And therefore the repetition thereof, supposed in the Popish Masse, is a most horrible blasphemie against the Sacrifice and eternall Priesthood of our Saviour Christ. We minister the Lords Supper, according to his owne institution. We have nothing to doe with *Calvins* bread, or any mans invention in celebration of the blessed Sacrament. *The Bread which we breake is the participation of the Body of Christ, 1 Cor. 10.*

Sacrifice of the Masse.

Slander.

CHAP. XII.

He speaketh to the Iewes in a parable their reprobation most worthy, and the vocation of the Church of the Gentiles in their place, 10 himselfe being the head stone thereof. 13 He defeateth the snare of the pharisees and Herodians about paying tribute to Cæsar: 18 answereth also the invention of the Saducees against the Resurrection: 28 also the opposition of a Scribe. 35 And so having put all the busie Sects to silence, he turneth and poseth them on the other side, because they imagined Christ should be no more but a man. 38 Bidding the people to beware of the Scribes, being ambitious and hypocrites. 41 He commendeth the poore widow for her two mites, above all.

Esay 5.1. Matth.21,33. Luke 20,9.

And he began to speake to them in parables, ‡ A man planted a vineyard and made a hedge about it, and digged a trough, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen: and went forth into a strange countrey.

‡ This man, is God the Father. This vineyard, is (as Esa. saith 5.7.) the house of Israel. The servants sent, are *Moses* and the Prophets who the Iewes did diversly afflict and persecute.

2 And he sent to the husbandmen in season a servant, to receive of the husbandmen, of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 Who apprehending him, beat him: and sent him away empty.

4 And againe he sent to them another servant: and him they wounded in the head, and used him reprochfully.

5 And againe he sent another, and him they killed: and many other, beating certaine, and killing others.

‡ His sonne, is Christ our Saviour, whom the Iewes crucified out of the city of Ierusalem, as it were casting him out of the vineyard.

6 Therefore having yet one sonne most deare: him also he sent unto them last, saying, That they will reverence my sonne.

7 But the husbandmen said one to another, This is the heire: come, let us kill him: and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 And apprehending him, they killed him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard.

9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard doe? ‡ He will come and destroy the husbandmen: and will give the vineyard to others.

‡ The Iewes and their guides to who the vineyard was set, destroyed: and Gods vineyard given to the Apostles and their Successours in the Gentiles.

10 Neither have you read this Scripture, *The ‡ stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the head of the corner:*

Psal.117,22. ‡ Christ is become the corner stone of the Synagogue, and the Church in which the faithfull both of the Iewes and Gentiles are contained.

11 *By our Lord was this done, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

12 And they sought to lay hands on him, and they feared the multitude; for they knew that he spake this parable to them. And leaving him they went their way.

13 *And they send to him certaine of the Pharisees and of the Herodians: that they should intrap him in his word.

* Matt.22,15. Luke 20,20.

14 Who comming, say to him, Master, we know that thou art a true speaker, and carest not for any man: for thou dost not looke upon the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth; is it lawfull to give tribute to Cæsar: or shall we not give it?

15 Who knowing their subtilty, said to them, Why tempt you me? bring me a peny that I may see it.

16 But they brought it him. And he saith to them, Whose is this image and inscription? They say to him, Cæsars.

17 And Iesvs answering, said to them, Render therefore the things that are Cæsars, to Cæsar: and that are Gods, || to God. And they marvelled at him.

18 And

And he began to speake unto them by parables. *A certaine man planted a vineyard, and he set an hedge about it, and digged a winepresse, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a strange countrey.* Matth.21.33. Iuke 20. 9. esay 5. 2. iere.2.21.

2 *And when the time was come, he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive of the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.*

3 *And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.*

4 *And againe he sent unto them another servant: and at him they cast stones, and brake his head, and sent him away all to reviled.*

5 *And againe he sent another, and him they killed: and many other, beating some, and killing some.*

6 *And so when he had yet but one beloved sonne, he sent him also at the last unto them, saying, They will stand in awe of my sonne.*

7 *But the husbandmen said amongst themselves, This is the heire, come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.*

8 *And they tooke him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.*

9 *What shall therefore the Lord of the vineyard do? He shall come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto other.*

10 *Have ye not read this Scripture? *The* Psal.118.22. *stone which the builders disallowed, is become* Matth.21.42, *the chiefe stone of the corner?* act.4.11.

11 *This was the Lords doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

12 *They went about also to take him, and feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.*

13 * *And they sent unto him certaine of the* Matth.22.15. *Pharisees and of the Herodians, to take him in* luke 20,20. *his words.*

14 *And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, wee know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou considerest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawfull to give tribute to Cæsar, or not?*

15 *Shall we give, or shall we not give? But hee knowing their hypocrisie, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Bring me a peny, that I may see it.*

16 *And they brought it: and he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Cæsars.*

17 *And Iesus answering, said unto them, Give to * Cæsar the things that* belong *to Cæsar: and to God, the things which* pertaine *to God. And they marvelled at him.* Rom. 13.7.

18 *There

Host Wisd.1.13. Matth.22,23. Luke 20,27. Act.23,6. Deut.25.5.

19 * Moses wrote unto us, that if any mans brother dye, and leave his wife, and leave no children, ‖ his brother shall take his wife, and raise up seed to his brother.

20 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first tooke a wife, and died, leaving no issue.

21 And the second tooke her, and died: neither left this issue. And the third in like manner.

22 And the seven tooke her in like sort: and did not leave issue. Last of all the woman also died.

Luke 20.27.

23 In the resurrection therefore when they shall rise againe, whose wife shall she be of the seven? for seven had her to wife.

24 And Iesvs answering, said to them, Doe ye not therefore erre, ‖ not knowing the Scriptures, nor ‖ the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise againe from the dead, they shall neither marry nor bee married, but are as the Angels in heaven.

26 And as concerning the dead, that they doe rise againe, have you not read in the booke of Moses, how in the bush God spake to him, saying, *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob?*

Exod.3.6.

27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You therefore are much deceived.

28 And * there came one of the Scribes that had heard them questioning, and seeing that hee had well answered them, asked him which was the first Commandement of all.

Matth.22,36.

29 And Iesvs answered him, That the first Commandement of all is, *Heare Israel, the Lord thy God, is one God.*

30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God from thy whole heart, and with thy whole soule, and with thy whole minde, and with thy whole power.* This is the first Commandement.

Deut.6,5.

31 And the second is like to it, *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy selfe.* Another Commandement greater then these there is not.

Levit.19,18.

32 And the Scribe said to him, Well Master, thou hast said in truth, that there is one God, and there is none other besides him.

33 And that he be loved from the whole heart, and with the whole understanding, and with the whole soule, and with the whole strength: and ‡ to love his neighbour as himselfe: is a greater thing then all holocaustes and sacrifices.

34 And Iesvs seeing that hee had answered wisely, said to him, Thou art not far from the kingdome of God. And no man now durst aske him.

Matth.22,41. Luke 20,41.

35 And * Iesvs answering, said, teaching in the Temple, How doe the Scribes say, that Christ is the Sonne of David?

36 For

18 *There were also some* of the Saducees, *which say there is no resurrection, and they asked him, saying* Matth.22.23. luke 20.27.

19 *Master, *Moses wrote unto us, If any* Deut.25.5. *mans brother die, and leave his wife behinde him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.*

20 *There were seven brethren: and the first tooke a wife, and when he died, left no seed behinde him.*

21 *And the second tooke her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise.*

22 *And seven had her, and left no seed behinde them: last of all the wife died also.*

23 *In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for seven had her to wife.*

24 *And Iesus answering, said unto them, Doe yee not therefore erre, because yee know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God?*

25 *For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage: but are as the Angels which are in heaven.*

26 *As touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the booke of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, * I am the* Exod.3.6. *God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob?*

27 *He is not the God of the dead, but God of the living: ye therefore doe greatly erre.*

28 * *And when there came one of the* Matth.22.36. *Scribes, and had heard them disputing together, and perceived that he had answered them well, he asked him which is the first Commandement of all.*

29 *Iesus answered him, The first of all the Commandements is, Heare, O Israel, the Lord* Deut.6.4. *our God is one Lord:*

30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soule, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first Commandement:*

31 *And the second is like unto this, Thou* Levit.19.18. matth.22.39. rom.13.9. galat.5.14. iames 2.8. *shalt love thy neighbour as thy selfe: there is none other commandement greater than these.*

32 *And the Scribe said unto him, Well, master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God, and there is none other but he.*

33 *And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soule, and with all the strength, and to love a man his neighbour as himselfe, is greater then all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

34 *And when Iesus saw that hee answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not farre from the kingdome of God. And no man after that durst aske him any question.*

35 * *And Iesus answering, said, teaching in* Matth.22.41. luke 20.41. *the Temple, How say the Scribes that Christ is the Sonne of David?*

36 For David himselfe saith by the holy Ghost: *The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand, untill I put thine enemies thy footstoole.* Psal. 109.1.

37 David therefore himselfe calleth him Lord, and whence is hee his sonne? And a great multitude heard him gladly.

38 And he said to them in his Doctrine, Matth. 23.6. Take heed of the Scribes that will walke in long robes, and be saluted in the market-place,

39 And sit in the first chaires in the Synagogues, and love the highest places at suppers:

40 Which devoure widowes houses under the pretence of long prayer: these shall receive larger judgement.

41 * And Iesvs sitting over against the Treasury, beheld how the multitude did cast money into the Treasury, and many rich men did cast in much. Luke 21.1.

42 And when there came a certaine poore widow, shee cast in two mites, which is a farthing.

43 And calling his Disciples together, he saith to them, Amen I say to you, that this poore widow hath cast in ‡ more then all that have cast into the Treasury.

44 For all they of their abundance have cast in: but she of her penury hath cast in all that she had, her whole living.

‡ God doth accept almes that are correspondent to every mans ability, and the more able, the more must a man give.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE. 1

33 To love his.] *This excellencie of charity teacheth us that faith onely is not sufficient.* To the keeping of the Law faith onely is not sufficient, but perfect piety and charity are required. But to Iustification. Iustificatron of a sinner, that hath not kept the Law, faith onely is sufficient, *Rom. 4. & 5.* yet that faith which worketh by charity.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 2

17. To God.] *These men were very circumspect and wary to doe all duties to Cæsar, but of their duty to God they had no regard. So Heretickes to flatter temporall princes, and by them to uphold their heresies, doe not onely inculcate meere duty to the Prince, dissembling that which is due to God: but also give to the Prince more then due, and take from God his right and duty. But Christ allowing Cæsar his right, warneth them also of their duty toward God. And that is it which Catholikes inculcate, Obey God, doe as he commaundeth, Serve him first, and then the Prince.* God first to be served, and then the Prince.

FVLKE 2

This is a meere slander of godly Preachers, who as well teach the Princes duty to God, as the subjects duty to the Prince. But Papists forbid Princes to yeeld that duty to God which they owe to him as Princes, namely, to set forth and maintaine his Religion by their Lawes, and to punish all contemners thereof. *Aug. Ep. ad Bonif.* 50. And the Pope forbiddeth subjects to yeeld their obedience to their Princes if they displease him: not onely those that renounce his heresie, but even them that agree with him in religion: yea hireth devillish Monkes and Friers to murder them, as the example is manifest in France this day. Slander.

RHEM. 3 Levit. 18.16. Deut. 25.5. FVLKE 3

19 His brother shall take.] *Marke well here, that the Law which saith, Thou shalt not marry thy brothers wife, is not such as admitteth no dispensation, as though this marriage were against nature. For here the same Law saith, that in some case, the brother not onely might, but then was bound to marry his brothers wife.* Marrying the brothers wife.

RHEM. 4

24 Not knowing the Scriptures.] *Who would have thought that by this place of Scripture alledged by Christ, the Resurrection were proved? and yet we see that Christ doth hereby deduce it: and chargeth these great Doctours and Maisters (which arrogated to themselves the knowledge of Scriptures) that it is their ignorance, that they knew not so to deduce it. No marvell then if the holy Doctours and Catholike Church make the like deductions sometime and proofes, where the Hereticke doth not nor will not see so much, therefore no doubt, because he knoweth not the Scriptures, whereof he boasteth so much, nor the sense of the holy Ghost in them. For example, when of that place, It shall not be forgiven in this world nor in the World to come, ancient Fathers deduce, that there are sins remitted after this life in purgatory, see Matth. 12.32.* Many truths deduced out of Scripture, which Heretikes see not.

FVLKE 4

Whatsoever the Doctours deduce any argument out of the Scriptures, as rightly as this is deduced by our Saviour Christ, that it may be concluded in true and lawfull syllogismes, out of the words of the Scripture, we acknowledge it to be the word of God, as well as that which is expressed in the text. But not every formale, or unnecessary collection is warranted by this deduction. Neither would the Doctours themselves be otherwise credited in their collections, then if they be consonant to the holy Scriptures. *In my writings* (saith S. Augustine) *I desire not onely a godly Reader, but also a free Corrector,* De Trinit. lib. 3. cap. 7. *Againe, We ought not to account the disputations of any men, though they be Catholike and praise-worthy men, as Canonicall Scriptures, so that we may not, saving the reverence due to those men, disallow or refuse any thing in their writings, if perhaps we finde* The word of God. that

HOLY WEEKE. *that they thought it not meete that the vaile should be broken and rent by God, as it was at the time of Christs death, as I in other places have written, such will I that others may be understood of my writings, Epist. 111.* For the celebration of Pentecost, see the text, *Matth. 12.32.* See our answere in the same place.

RHEM. 5 24 The power of God.] *Even so doe Heretickes erre two wayes: because they know not the Scriptures, when they interpret them contrary to the sense of the whole Church, and of all the ancient Fathers: and because they know not the power of God, that as he is able to raise the selfe same bodies againe, so he can make his body present in many places, but being altogether faithlesse and not beleeving his power, they dispute of all such matters onely by reason and their owne imaginations.* The resurrection and faith.

FVLKE 5 We interpret the Scriptures, according to the analogie of faith, and confirme our interpretation by the authority of the Scriptures themselves, taking the sense of the Scriptures out of the Scriptures themselves, as all true Catholikes ought to doe, by the judgement of *Clemens*, cited in the Decrees, *Dist. 37. ecclesiam.* When the Law of God is read, let it not be read or taught according to the power or understanding of our owne wit. For there are many words in the holy Scriptures, which may be drawne to that sense, which every man shall presume of his owne head: but it may not be so. For you ought not to seeke a forraigne and strange sense without the Scriptures, that you may confirme it by any meanes by authority of the Scriptures; but you must take their sense of truth, or the true sense out of the Scriptures themselves. And in the chiefe matters of controversie betweene us and the Papists, we have the consent of the whole Primitive Church, and the most ancient and approved Fathers of the same, as may appeare in many of our writings, and namely in confutation of these Popish notes. The power of God how great it is, we know; but wee doe not acknowledge that he will doe any thing contrary to his will and his word. Therefore we doe not beleeve, that his body is present in many places at once, for then he should not be like his brethren in all things, except sinne, *Heb. 2. 17.* Hee should not retaine a true body, whereunto our bodies in the resurrection should be made conformable, *Phil. 3. 21.* yea he should have no body at all. *Aug. Ep. 57. Dardano.* Interpretation of the Scriptures. The body of Christ.

CHAP. XIII.

To his Disciples (by occasion of Hierusalem and the Temples destruction) he foretelleth, 5 what things shall be before the consummation of the world, as specially the Churches full preaching unto all nations. 14 Then, what shall be in the very consummation, to wit, Antichrist with his passing great persecution and seduction, but for a short time. 24 then incontinent the day of judgement, 28 to our great comfort in those miseries under Antichrist. 32 As for the moment, to us it pertaineth not to know it; 33 but rather every man to watch, that we be not unprovided when he commeth to each one particularly by death.

Matth 24.1. Luke 21.5. See the Annotations upon S. Matth. c. 24

AND when he went out of the Temple, one of his Disciples saith to him, Master, behold what manner of stones, and what kinde of buildings.

2 And IESVS answering, said to him, Seest thou all these great buildings? There shall not be left a stone upon a stone, that shall not be destroyed.

3 And when he sate in mount Olivet against the Temple, Peter and Iames and Iohn and Andrew asked him apart,

TVESDAY night.

4 Tell us, ‖ when shall these things be? and what shall be the signe when all these things shall begin to be consummate?

5 And IESVS answering, began to say to them, See, that no man seduce you.

Great warres toward the latter end.

6 For many shall come in my Name, saying that ‖ I am he: and they shall seduce many.

7 And when you shall heare of warres and bruits of warres, feare not; for these things must be, but the end is not yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome, and there shall be earthquakes in places, and famines. These things are the beginning of sorrowes.

Much persecution of the faithfull and Catholike men in the latter end.

9 But looke to your selves. For they shal deliver you up in Councels, and in Synagogues shall you be beaten, and you shall stand before Presidents and Kings for my sake, for a testimony unto them.

10 And into all nations first the Gospel must be preached.

11 And when they shall leade you and deliver you, be not carefull before hand what you shall speake: but that which shall be given you in that houre, that speake yee. For

AND * *as he went out of the Temple, one of his Disciples said unto him, Master, see what stones and what buildings are here.* Matth. 24.1. luke 21.5.

*2 And Iesus answering, said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? * there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be throwne downe.* Luke 19.43.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, over against the Temple, Peter and Iames, and Iohn, and Andrew, asked him secretly,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the signe when all these things shall be fulfilled?

*5 And Iesus answering them, began to say: * Take heed lest any man deceive you.* Exod. 5.6. 2 thes. 2.3.

6 For many shall come in my Name, saying I am Christ: *and shall deceive many.*

7 When ye shall heare of warres, and tidings of warres, be ye not troubled: For such things must needs be, but the end shall not be yet.

8 For there shall nation rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and famines shall there be, and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrowes.

9 But take heed to your selves: for they shall deliver you up to Councels; and to Synagogues, and ye shall be whipped, yea and shall be brought before Rulers and Kings for my sake, that this might be *for a witnesse against them.*

*10 * And the Gospel must be first published among all nations.* Matth. 10.19.

*11 * But when they shall leade you, delivering you up, be not carefull aforehand, neither take thought what ye shall speak: but whatsoever shall be given you in the same houre, that speake* Luke 12.11. and 21.14.

For it is not you that speake, but the holy Ghost.

12 And brother shall deliver brother unto death, and the father his sonne: and the children shall rise against the parents, and shall worke their death.

13 And you shall be odious to all men for my Name. But he that shall endure unto the end, he shall be saved.

14 And when you shall see || *the abomination of desolation*, standing where it ought not (he that readeth, let him understand) then they that are in Iewry, let them flee unto the mountaines:

15 And he that is on the house top, let him not goe downe into the house, nor enter in to take any thing out of his house:

16 And he that shall be in the field, let him not returne backe to take his garment.

17 And woe to them that are with childe and that give sucke in those dayes.

18 But pray that the things chance not in the Winter.

19 For those dayes shall be such tribulations as were not from the beginning of the creation that God created untill now, neither shall be.

20 And unlesse the Lord had shortened the dayes, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect which he hath elected, hee hath † shortened the dayes.

21 And then if any man shall say unto you, Loe, here is Christ: loe, there: doe not beleeve.

22 For there shall rise up false Christs, and false prophets, and they shall shew || signes and wonders, to seduce (if it bee possible) the elect also.

23 You therefore take heed: behold I have foretold you all things.

24 But in those dayes after that tribulation * the Sunne shall be darkened, and the Moone shall not give her light,

25 And the Starres of heaven shall be falling downe, and the powers that are in heaven, shall be moved.

26 And then they shall see the * Sonne of man comming in the clouds, with much power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his Angels, and shall gather together his elect from the foure winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 And of the fig tree learne yee a parable. When now the bough thereof is tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that Summer is very nigh.

29 So you also when you shall see these things come to passe, know ye that it is very nigh, at the doores.

30 Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not passe, untill all these things be done.

31 Hea-

yet: for it is not yee that speake, but the holy Ghost.

12 The brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the sonne: and the children shall rise against their fathers and mothers, and shall put them to death.

13 And yee shall be hated of all men for my Names sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be safe.

*14 *Moreover when ye see the abomination of desolation, whereof is spoken by Daniel the Prophet, standing where is ought not (let him that readeth, understand) then let them that be in Iewry flee to the mountaines:* Matth. 24.15. luke 12.21. and 21.24.

15 And let him that is on the house top, not goe downe into the house, neither enter therein, to fetch any thing out of his house.

16 And let him that is in the field, not turne backe againe for to take his garment with him.

17 Woe shall be *then to them that are with childe, and to them that give sucke in those dayes.*

18 But pray ye that your flight be not in the Winter:

19 For there shall be in those dayes such tribulation, as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created, unto this time, neither shall be in any wise.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those dayes, no flesh should be saved: but for the elects sake whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened those dayes.

*21 *And then, if any man shall say to you,* Matth. 24.23. luke 21.8.
Loe here is Christ, or, loe he is there: beleeve him not.

22 For false Christs, and false prophets shall rise, and shal shew signes and wonders, to deceive, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take heed: behold, I have shewed you all things before.

*24 *Moreover, in those dayes, after that tribulation, the Sunne shall be darkened, and the* Ezech. 32.7. esay 13.10. ioel 2.10.
Moone shall not give her light:

25 And the Starres of heaven shall fall, and the powers which are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Sonne of man comming in the clouds, with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his Angels, and shall gather together his elect from the foure winds, from the end of the earth, to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Learne a parable of the fig tree. When her branch is yet tender, and hath brought forth leaves, ye know that Summer is neere:

29 So ye in like maner, when ye shall see these things come to passe, understand that it is nigh, even at the doores.

30 Verely I say unto you, that this generation shall in no wise passe, till all these things be done.

31 *Hea-*

Constancie and perseverance necessary in time of persecution. Dan. 9,27. 2 Thess. 2,4.

Ezech. 32,7. Ioel 3,15.

Dan. 7,13.

HOLY WEEKE.

† Not as though himselfe knew not, as the Heretikes Agnoita held: but because he knew it not for to teach it others, as being not expedient. *Amb. de fide, li. 5. ca. 8.* The Gospell for a Confessor that is a Bishop. And on the Anniversarie of the creation of a Bishop.

31 Heaven and earth shall passe, but my words shall not passe.

32 But of that day or houre no man knoweth, neither the Angels in heaven, nor the † Sonne, but the Father.

33 Take heed, watch, and pray: for you know not when the time is.

34 Even as a man who being gone into a strange countrey, left his house: and gave his servants authority * over each worke, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore (for you know not when the Lord of the house commeth: at even, or at midnight, or at the cocke crowing, or in the morning.)

36 Lest comming ypon a sudden, he finde you sleeping.

37 And that which I say to you, I say to all, watch.

31 Heaven and earth shall passe away: but my words shall in no wise passe away.

32 But of that day and that houre knoweth no man, no not the Angels which are in heaven, neither the Son himselfe, save the Father only.

*33 *Take yee heed, watch and pray: for yee know not when the time is.* Matt. 24.13.

34 As a man which is gone into a strange countrey, and hath left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to every man his worke, and commanded the porter to watch:

35 Watch ye therefore (for ye know not when the master of the house commeth, at even, or at midnight, whether at the cock crowing, or in the dawning.)

36 Lest if he come suddenly, he finde you sleeping.

37 And that I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 13.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1

20 Shortened the dayes.] *Antichrists reigne shall be three yeares and a halfe.* Dan. 7. Apoc. 13.

Neither *Daniel*, nor *Iohn*, tell the certaine time of Antichrists raigne, according to our measure of time. See the notes vpon S. *Matthew. 24. sect. 6. Apoc. 11. sect. 1. Apoc. 12. sect. 1. & 2.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. 13.

RHEM.

4 When shall these things be?] *The miseries which did fall before the destruction of the Temple and City of Hierusalem, were a resemblance of the extreme calamity that shall befall before the latter day at the time of Antichrist: whereupon Christ speaketh indifferently of both.*

6 I am he.] *As before the destruction of Hierusalem, divers Seducers arose, and called themselves Christs, promising the people deliverance from the feares and dangers they were in of forraine soudiers: so shall there come many towards the end of the world, and make themselves Christes and Authors of Sects, and shall gaine many Disciples: as the playne words following in this Chapter, v. 22.* There shall rise false-Christs and false-Prophets, &c. Arch-heretikes be false-Christs & false-Prophets.

RHEM. 2 *Hippolit. l. de Antechrist. Cypr. de Cœna Dom. in. 2.*

14 The abhomination of desolation.] *No heresie doth so properly and purposely tend to this abomination of desolation, * which by Antichrist shalbe atchieved, as this Caluinisme: which taketh away, with other Sacramentes and the externall worship of God, the very sacrifice of Christs body and blood, which being taken away (as S. Cyprian saith) no religion can remaine.* Caluinisme tendeth to the abhomination of desolation.

FVLKE 2

Caluins doctrine tendeth to none other end, but that God and Christ only might stand in the holy places and have all that honour and service, which is due to him alone. The Sacraments of the Church, which be of Christs institution, he acknowledgeth. As for the sacrifice of the Masse, as an horrible blasphemy against the onely sacrifice of Christs death, once offered for ever, he doth worthily abhorre. And more properly is the sacrifice of the Masse, the abhomination of desolation, which overthroweth the effect of Christs onely sacrifice, and maketh it like the sacrifices of the Law, which being often repeated, could never take away sinnes, *Heb.* 10.11. Concerning the testimony of *Hippolitus*, see *Matth. 24. sect. 5. Cyprian*, or whosoever was author of that Treatise, speaketh not a word of the sacrifice of the Masse: but the words you take hold of, be these, against the Capernaites, which thought they should eate the flesh of Christ, sodde, or rosted, and chopped in pieces: *whereas* (saith he) *the flesh of his person, if it were parted in gobbets, could not suffice all mankind, which being once spent, religion might have seemed to have beene lost, seeing he should have nothing left for sacrifice.* His meaning is playne, if the flesh of Christ had bin consumed before his passion, he should not have had his body to be offered in sacrifice, for the redemption of the world, & so the religion of Christ should have come to nothing. For that he knew not your transubstantiation, his words following a little after doe testifie, where hee sayth: *The bread is meat, blood, life, flesh, substance, his body, the Church*, which must needes be vnderstood spiritually and sacramentally, or els you must make more transubstantiations then one. Sacrifice of the Masse.

RHEM. 3.

22 Signes and wonders.) *False-Christs and False-Prophets be Seducers, who in the latter day by the power of the divell shall seeme to worke wonders, and yet men must not beleeve them. Much lesse these, which for their false faith cannot shew so much as one false miracle.*

FVLKE. 3.

We know the ordinary gift of working miracles, is long since ceased in the Church, and wee meane not to counterfeit as you doe, and long have done. Our faith being approved by the Scriptures, is confirmed by all the miracles of Christ and his Apostles. Miracles.

CHAP. XIIII.

*Iudas, by occasion of Mary Magdalens ointment, doth sell him to the Councell of the Iewes. 12 After the Paschall lambe he giveth them the bread of life (Io. 6.) in a mysticall * sacrifice or separation of his body and blood. 27 and eleven for feare: 53 is falsly accused, and impiously condemned of the Iewes Councell, 65 and shamefully abused of them: 66 and thrice denyed of Peter. All even as the Scriptures and himselfe had often foretold.*

* FVLKE { There is no word of Sacrifice in the Text.

The Passion according to S. Mark in these two ch. is the Gospel at Masse upon Tuesday in the Holy weeke. Matth 26.1. Luke 22.1. Tenebre Wednesday.

AND the Pasche was and the Azymes after two dayes: and the chiefe Priests and the Scribes sought how they might by some wile lay hands on him, and kill him.

2 For they said, Not on the festivall day, lest there might be a tumult of the people.

*AFter *two daies was* the feast of *the Passeover, and of vnleavened bread: and the high Priests and the Scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.* Matt. 26.1. luke 22.1.

2 But they said, Not in the feast day, lest any businesse arise among the people.

3 And

3 *And*

LY WEEKE. Matt.26,6. John 12,3.

3 And * when he was at Bethania, in the house of Simon the Leper, and sate at meate, there came a woman having an Alabaster-boxe of oyntment, of precious Spike-nard: and breaking the Alabaster-boxe, she powred it out vpon his head.

4 But there were certaine that had indignation within themselves, and said, Wherefore is || this waste of the oyntment made?

5 For this oyntment might have bin sold for more then three hundred pence, and given to the poore. And they murmured against her.

6 But IESVS said, || Let her alone, why doe you molest her? she hath wrought a good worke upon me.

7 For the poore you have alwayes with you: and when you will, you may doe them good: but ‡ me you have not alwayes.

8 That which she had, she hath done: she hath prevented to anoynt my body to the buriall.

9 Amen I say to you, Whersoever this Gospel shalbe preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done, shall be told for a memory of her.

Matt.26,17. Luke 22,34. 10 And * Iudas Iscariot one of the Twelve went his way to the chiefe Priests, for to betray him to them.

11 Who hearing it, were glad: and they promised him that they would give him money. And hee sought how hee might betray him conveniently.

MYNDAY. Thursday. Luke 22,7. Mat.26,17. 12 And * the first day of the Azymes, when they sacrificed the Pasche, the Disciples say to him, Whither wilt thou that we goe, and prepare for thee to eate the Pasche?

13 And he sendeth two of his Disciples, and saith to them, Goe ye into the City: and there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water, follow him:

14 And whithersoever he entreth, say to the master of the house, that the Master sayth, Where is my refectory, where I may eat the Pasche with my Disciples?

15 And he will shew you a great chamber, adorned: and there prepare for vs.

16 And his Disciples went their wayes, and came into the City: and they found as hee had told them, and they prepared the Pasche.

17 And when even was come, hee commeth with the Twelue.

18 And when they were sitting at the Table, and eating, IESVS said, Amen I say to you, that one of you shall betray me, hee that eateth with me.

19 But they began to be sad, and to say to him severally, Is it I?

20 Who sayd to them, One of the Twelve, he that dippeth with me his hand in the dish.

21 And the Sonne of man indeed goeth, * as

3 And when he was in Bethanie, in the house of Simon the leper, even as he sat at meat, there came a woman, having an Alabaster boxe of very precious ointment, called Narde pistick: and when she had broken the boxe, she powred it on his head. Matt.26.6. iohn 12.3.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and sayd, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have bin sold for more then three hundred pence, and have been given to the poore. And they grudged against her.

6 And Iesus sayd, Let her alone, why trouble ye her? Shee hath done a good worke on me.

7 For ye have poore with you alwayes, and whensoever ye will, ye may doe them good: but me have ye not alwayes.

8 She hath done that she could: she came aforehand to anoynt my body to the burying.

9 Verely I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done, shall be rehearsed in remembrance of her.

*10 * And Iudas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away unto the high Priests, to betray him unto them.* Mat.26.14. luke 22.4.

11 When they heard that, they were glad, and promised that they would give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

*12 * And the first day of vnleavened bread, when they did kill the Passeover, his Disciples sayd unto him, Where wilt thou that we goe and prepare, that thou mayest eate the Passeover?* Matt.26.17. luke 22.7.

13 And he sendeth foorth two of his Disciples, and sayth unto them, Goe ye into the City, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

14 And whithersoever he shall goe in, say yee to the good man of the house, The master sayth, Where is the ghest chamber, where I shall eate the Passeover with my Disciples?

15 And hee will shew you a large vpper chamber paved and prepared: there make ready for vs.

16 And his Disciples went foorth, and came into the City, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passeover.

17 And when it was now even tide, he commeth with the Twelve.

*18 * And as they sate at boord, and did eate, Iesus said, Verily I say unto you, one of you that eateth with me, shall betray me.* Matt.26.20. luke 22.14. john 13.21.

19 And they began to be sorry, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? And another said, Is it I?

20 He answered, and said unto them, It is one of the Twelve, even he that dippeth with me in the platter †.

21 The Sonne of man truely goeth as it is written

† Shall betray me.

HOLY WEEKE. Psal.40,10.

Matt.26,26. Luke 22,19. 1 Cor.11,24.

‡ See Annot. in Mat.c.26,29

THVRSDAY. night.

Zach.13,7.

*[illegible] shalbe betrayed: it were [illegible] for him, if that man had not beene [illegible].

*22 And * whiles they were eating, IESVS tooke || bread: and blessing, brake and gave to them, and said, Take, THIS IS || MY BODY.

23 And taking the || Chalice, giving thanks he gave to them, and they ‡ all drank of it.

24 And he said to them, THIS IS || MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, THAT SHALL BE SHED FOR MANY.

25 Amen I say to you, that now I will not drinke of the fruit ‡ of the Vine vntill that day, when I shall drinke it new in the kingdome of God.

26 And an Hymne being sayd, they went forth into Mount Oliver.

27 And IESVS sayth to them, You shall all be scandalized in me this night: for it is written, I will strike the Pastor, and the sheepe shalbe dispersed.

28 But after that I shall be risen againe, I will goe before you into Galilee.

29 And Peter said to him, Although all shall be scandalized, yee not I.

30 And IESVS sayth to him, Amen I say to thee, that thou this day in this night, before the cocke crowe twise, shalt thrise deny me.

31 But hee spake more vehemently, Although I should die together with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like maner also sayd they all.

32 And they come into a farme-place called Gethsemani. And he saith to his Disciples, Sit you heere, vntill I pray.

33 And he taketh Peter and Iames and Iohn with him: and he began to feare and to be heavy.

34 And hee sayth to them, My soule is sorrowfull even unto death: stay here, & watch.

35 And when hee was gone forward a little, he fell flat vpon the ground: and he prayed that if it might be, the houre might passe from him:

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee, transferre this chalice from me; but not that which I will, but that which thou.

37 And he commeth, and findeth them sleeping. And he saith to Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldst thou not watch one houre?

38 Watch ye, and pray that you enter not into tentation. The spirit in deed is prompt, but the flesh infirme.

39 And going away againe, hee prayed, saying the selfe same word.

40 And returning, againe he found them asleepe (for their eyes were heavy) and they wist not what they should answer him.

41 And he commeth the third time, and saith

22 And as they did eate, Iesus, when he had taken bread, and blessed, he brake it and gave to them, and said, Take, eate: this is my body. Matt.26. 1 cor.11.

23 And when he had taken the cup, and given thankes, he gave it to them: and they all drinke of it.

24 And hee said unto them, This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drinke no more of the fruite of the vine, vntill that day that I drinke it new in the kingdome of God.

26 And when they had prayed God, they went out into the mount of Olives.

*27 * And Iesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: * for it is written, I will smite the sheepeheard, and the sheepe shall be scattered.* John 16.32. Zach.13.7.

28 But after that I am risen, I will goe into Galilee before you.

29 Peter said unto him, Although all men shall be offended, yet will not I.

30 And Iesus sayth unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the Cocke crow twice, thou shalt deny me three times.

31 But he spake more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

*32 * And they came into a place which was named Gethsemani, and he sayth to his disciples, Sit ye heere, while I shall pray.* Matt.26. luke 22.

33 And hee taketh with him Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and began to be sore amazed, and to be in an agony.

34 And sayth unto them, My soule is exceeding heavy, even unto the death: tary ye heere, and watch.

35 And when hee had gone forward a little, hee fell on the ground, and prayed, that if it were possible, the houre might passe from him.

36 And he sayd, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee, take away this cuppe from me: Neverthelesse, not that I will, but that thou wilt be done.

37 And he commeth and findeth them sleeping, and sayth unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldest thou not watch one houre?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation: the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weake.

39 And againe he went aside, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleepe againe (for their eyes were heavy) neither wist they what to answere him.

41 And he commeth the third time, and

saith

saith to them, Sleepe ye now, and take rest, it sufficeth, the houre is come: behold the Sonne of man shalbe betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Arise, let vs goe; behold, he that shall betray me, is at hand.

43 * And as he was yet speaking, commeth Iudas Iscariote one of the Twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chiefe Priests and the Scribes and the Ancients.

44 And the betrayer of him had given them a signe, saying, Whomsoever I shall kisse, it is he, lay hold on him, and leade him warily.

45 And when he was come, immediatly going to him, he sayth, Rabbi, and he kissed him.

46 But they laid hands vpon him: and held him.

47 And one certaine man of the standers about, drawing out a sword, smote the servant of the chiefe Priest, and cut off his eare.

48 And IESVS answering, said to them, As to a thiefe are you come out with swords and clubs to apprehend me?

49 I was daily with you in the Temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on me. But, that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

50 Then his Disciples leaving him, all fled.

51 And a certaine young man followed him clothed with sindon vpon the bare: and they tooke him.

52 But hee casting off the sindon, fled from them naked.

53 And they brought IESVS to the chief Priest: and all the Priests and the Scribes and the Ancients assembled together.

54 And Peter followed him a far off even in vnto the court of the high Priest: and hee sate with the servants at the fire, and warmed himselfe.

55 And the chiefe Priestes and all the Councell sought testimony against IESVS, that they might put him to death, neither found they.

56 For many spake false witnesse against him: & the testimonies were not convenient.

57 And certaine rising vp, bare false witnesse against him, saying,

58 That wee heard him say, * I will dissolve this temple made with hand, & in three dayes will I build another not made with hand.

59 And their testimony was not convenient.

60 And the high Priest rising vp into the middes, asked IESVS, saying, Answerest thou nothing to these things that are objected to thee of these?

61 But he held his peace and answered nothing. Againe the high Priest asked him, and

saith vnto them, Sleepe henceforth, and take your ease: it is inough, the houre is come, behold, the Sonne of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise vp, let vs goe: Lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And immediatly while he yet spake, commeth Iudas, being one of the twelve, and with him a great number of people with swords and staves, from the high Priests, and Scribes, and Elders. Mat.26.47. luke 22.47. john 18.3.

44 And he that betrayed him, had given them a generall token, saying, Whosoever I shall kisse, that same is he: take him and lead him away warily.

45 And as soone as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith vnto him, Rabbi, master, and kissed him.

46 And they layd their hands on him, and tooke him.

47 And one of them that stood by, when he had drawne out his sword, smote a servant of the high Priest, and cut off his eare.

48 And Iesus answered and said vnto them, Ye be come out as vnto a thiefe with swords and with staves for to take me.

49 I was daily with you in the Temple teaching, and yee tooke me not: but these things come to passe that the Scriptures should be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsooke him, and ranne away.

51 And there followed him a certaine young man clothed in linnen vpon the bare: and the young men caught him.

52 And he left his linnen garment, and fled from them naked.

*53 * And they led Iesus away to the high Priest, and with him came all the high Priests, and the Elders, and the Scribes.* Mat.26.57. luke 22.54. john 19.24.

54 And Peter followed him a great way off, even till he was come into the palace of the high Priest: and he sate with the servants, and warmed himselfe at the fire.

*55 * And the high Priests and all the counsell sought for witnesse against Iesus to put him to death, and found none:* Mat.26,59.

56 For many bare false witnesse against him, but their witnesse agreed not together.

57 And there arose certaine, and brought false witnesse against him, saying,

*58 We heard him say, * I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and within three dayes I will build another made without hands.* Iohn 2.19.

59 But yet their witnesse agreed not so together.

60 And the high Priest stood vp in the mids, and asked Iesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? How is it that these beare witnesse against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Againe, the high Priest asked him, and said

HOLY WEEKE.

Dan.7.13.

‡ Heere we may see, that they were worthily reprobated and forsaken, according to our Saviours prediction by the parable (*Mar. 12.*) *The kingdome of God shall be taken from you, &c.*

and said to him, Art thou Christ the Sonne of the blessed God?

62 And IESVS said to him, I am. And you shall see the * Sonne of man sitting on the right hand of power, and comming with the clouds of heaven.

63 And the high Priest renting his garments, sayth, What neede we witnesses any further?

64 You have heard blasphemie: how thinke you? Who all ‡ condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And certaine began to spit vpon him, and to cover his face: and to beat him with buffets, and to say vnto him, Prophecy: and the servants gave him blowes.

66 And when Peter was in the Court beneth, there commeth one of the ‡ woman servants of the high Priest.

67 And when she had seene Peter warming himselfe, beholding him she saith, And thou wast with IESVS of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, Neither know I, neither wote I what thou sayest. And he went forth before the Court: and the Cocke crew.

69 And againe a wench seeing him, began to say to the standers about, That this fellow is of them.

70 But hee denied againe. And after a while againe, they that stood by, said to Peter, Verily thou art of them: for thou art also a Galilean.

71 But he || began to curse and to sweare, That I know not this man whom you speake of.

72 And immediatly the Cocke crew againe. And Peter remembred the word that IESVS had said vnto him, Before the Cocke crow twice, thou shalt thrice deny me. And he began to weepe.

said vnto him, Art thou Christ the Sonne of the Blessed?

*62 * And Iesus said, I am: And ye shall see the Sonne of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and comming in the clouds of heaven.* Mat.

63 Then the high Priest having rent his clothes, saith, What neede we any further witnesses?

64 Yee have heard the blasphemy: what thinke ye? And they all condemned him to bee worthy of death.

65 And some began to spit at him, and to cover his face, and to beat him with fists, and to say vnto him, Prophecie: And the servants did beat him with rods.

*66 * And as Peter was beneath in the Palace, there commeth one of the wenches of the high Priest.* Mat.26.71. luke.22.58. john 18.25.

67 And when she saw Peter warming himselfe, after she had looked vpon him, she saith, And thou also wast with Iesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know him not, neither wote I what thou sayest. And he went out into the Porch, and the Cocke crew.

69 And a damosell, when she saw him, began againe to say to them this stood by, This is one of them.

70 And he denied it againe. And anon after they that stood by, said againe to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art of Galilee, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to sweare, saying, I know not this man of whom yee speake.

*72 * And the second time the Cocke crew: and Peter remembred the word that Iesus said vnto him, Before the Cocke crow twice, thou shalt deny mee three times: And hee began to weepe.* Mat.27.57. john 13.38.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 14.

RHEM. 1 7 Me you have.] *We have not Christ heere needing our almes, as when he conversed vpon the earth.* See Matth. 26. 11.

FVLKE. 1 We have not Christ present in body. *Beda* vpon this Text sayth: *Heere riseth not her question, Why Iesus after his resurrection said to his Disciples, Behold I am with you to the end of the world: and now he sayth, But me you shall not have alwayes. But he seemeth to me in this place to speake of his bodily presence, for that he should not be so present with them after his resurrection, as he was now in all, community of life and familiarity; whereof the Apostle being mindfull, saith: Although we had knowne Christ Iesus according to his flesh: but now we know him not.* See the Notes vpon *Matth. 26. Sect. 4.*

RHEM. 2 23 All dranke of it.] *All dranke, to wit, all the twelve, for mee were not present. Whereby is evident, that the words in S. Matth. (26,27.) Drinke ye all of this, were spoken to all the Apostles only, which heere are said, that they all did drinke. And so it is no generall commandement to all men.*

FVLKE 2 *Clemens constitut. l.8. c.vltimo*, which is good authority against you, because you produce him against vs, saith, that other were present beside the Apostles. See *Matt.26. sect.5.* And if it were true, that none were present but the Apostles, which you say were Priests, yet the commandement and institution is for all men to drinke, as is manifest by S. *Paul*, 1 *Cor.11.* Or else by as great reason, you may say, the commandement to take and eate the bread, pertaineth not to all men, but to the Priests onely, because such onely were present, as you say. The Copy.

RHEM. 3 66 Woman-servants.) *He feareth not afterward Rome, the Lady of the world, that to the house of Caiphas was afraid of the high Priests wench.* Leo in Natiu. Pet. & Pau. ser. 1.

FVLKE. 3 Whether *Peter* came to Rome, or no, it is certaine he feared not all the power of the world that was set against the Gospel.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 4 4 This waste.] *Religious offices done to Christ for signification, devotion, or honor sake, both then in his life, and now in the holy Sacrament, be of some (under pretence of better bestowing such things vpon the poore) condemned vainely.* Cost religiously bestowed vpon Christ and his Church.

FVLKE 4 See this matter answered, *Matth. 26. sect. 2. & 3.*

RHEM. 5. 6 Let her alone.] *Christ answereth for the devout woman, and for defence of her fact, as we must answere against the ignorant and ill men, when they blame good men for giving their goods to the Church.*

Neither

your authority, not your cause, is any thing like to Christs, therefore you ought not to abuse the words of his answere for your private gaine. See *Matth. 26: fol. 3.*

Slander.

22 Bread.] *This is bread before the Sacrament all words, but the Consecration once done, of bread is made the flesh of Christ.* Ambros. li. 4. c. 4. de Sacramentis.

This hath ben ordained by Constitution.

In the same Booke and Chapter, hee hath these words, *Thou hast learned, that of bread it is made the body of Christ, and that wine and water is put into the Cuppe, but by consecration of the heavenly Word it is made blood.* Peradventure thou wilt say, *I see not the forme of blood.* But yet it hath a similitude. For as thou hast received the similitude of his death, so also thou drinkest the similitude of his precious blood, that there be no horror of blood, and yet it may worke the force of redemption. Also cap. 5. of the same booke, hee rehearseth the words of the Priest in the Liturgy vsed in his time, *Diuie iuxerdos, &c. The Priest sayth, Make vnto vs this oblation ascribed, reasonable, acceptable, which is the figure of the body and blood of Christ our Lord Iesus.* Loe what a friend S. *Ambrose* is to your Transubstantiation, corporall Presence, Communion vnder one kind, and the Sacrifice of the very body and blood of Christ in the Masse.

Transubstantiation. Reall presence. Communion in one kinde. Sacrifice of the Masse.

RHEM. 7 23 Chalice.] *Wine and water is put into the Chalice, but is made blood by Consecration of the heavenly Word: though to auoid the lothsomenesse whereof, would be in the sight of blood, thou receiuest that which hath the likenesse and resemblance thereof.* Ambr. ibidem.

Very blood vnder the forme of wine.

FVLKE 7 The wordes of S. *Ambrose* are impudently falsified, which I have set downe truely in the Section next before.

RHEM. 8. 22, 24. My body, my blood.] *Whosoeuer beleeueth it not to be true that is sayd, he falleth from grace and saluation,* Epiphan. in Ancorato. *Let us euer giue credit to God, and neuer resist him, though the thing that he saith, seeme neuer so absurd in our imagination, or farre passe all our sense and vnderstanding. For his words cannot beguile vs, but our sense may easily be deceiued. Seeing therefore that he said, This is my body, let us haue doubt of the matter.* Chrysost. hom. 83. in Matth. fub. finem.

Faith necessary in the B. Sacrament.

FVLKE 8. We doe certainely beleeue the words of Christ to bee true, and his very body and blood to bee giuen vs, so bee receiued spiritually. And yet we hold with *Epiphanius* in the same place, that the Sacrament all bread is neither equall, nor like to Christ, neither to the similitude of his flesh, nor to his inuisible Diety, but is inuisible as concerning power, where as we know, that our Lord is all sense, all sensible, all God, all working, &c. Likewise we say with *Chrysostome*, that *this sacrifice is a token and figure of Christs death*: and that when our Saviour Christ deliuered this mystery, he deliuered wine of the fruit of the Vine. *Chrysostome* therefore was no maintainer of Transubstantiation, but of the truth of our Saviour Christs words, in their right and sacramentall sense and meaning, in *Matth. hom. 83.*

Transubstantiation.

RHEM. 9 71 He began to curse.] *In this our Apostle, Peter, the first and chiefe in the order of Apostles, in whom the Church was figured, both sorts were to be figured, to wit, the strong and the weake, because without both, the Church is not.* Aug. Ser. 13. de verb. Dom. *Against, our Saviour would shew by the example of the chiefe Apostle, that no man ought to presume of himselfe, when neither S. Peter could auoyd the danger of mutability.* Aug. 66. in Evang. Ioan. Leo Ser. 6. de Pass. Dom.

Peter.

FVLKE 9 Marke, that in S. *Augustines* wordes, *Peters* primacy and preferment is in order of the Apostles, not in degree, honour, dignity, or authority. *Ambr. de incarn. Dom. c. 4. Cypr. de unitate Ecclesiæ. Hieron. contr. Iou. lib. 1.*

Peters Primacy.

CHAP. XV.

The chiefe of the Iewes accuse him to Pilate the Gentile. 6 And (he seeking to deliuer him) they perswade the common people (who hitherto were alwayes ready to defend him) not only to preferre the murderer Barabbas, but also to cry CRVCIFIGE *(to the reprobation of the whole nation.) 16 After many illusions, 20 he is trusted by the Gentiles. 29 Which the Iewes seeing, doe triumph as if they had now the victory. 33 But euen then by many wonderfull workes he declareth his might, 42 and finally, is buried honourably.*

GOOD FRIDAY. Matth. 27, 1. Luke 23, 1. John 18, 28.

AND foorthwith in the morning the chiefe Priests with the ancients and the Scribes and the whole Councell, consulting together, binding IESVS led and deliuered him to Pilate.

And anon in the dawning, when the high Priests had held a counsell with the elders, and the Scribes, and the whole Congregation, and had bound Iesus, they caried him away, and deliuered him to Pilate. Matth. 27. 1. luke 22. 66.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Iewes? but he answering, said to him, thou sayest.

2 *And Pilate asked him, Art thou the king of the Iewes? And he answering, sayd vnto him, Thou sayest it.*

3 And the chiefe Priests accused him in many things.

3 *And the high Priests accused him of many things, but he answered nothing.*

4 And Pilate againe asked him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? see in how many things they accuse thee.

4 * *So Pilate asked him againe saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witnesse against thee.* Matth. 27. 12. luke 23. 3. john 18. 33.

5 But IESVS answered nothing more: so that Pilate marveled.

5 *Iesus yet answered nothing at all, so that Pilate marveled.*

6 And vpon the festivall day hee was wont to release vnto them one of the prisoners whomsoever they had demanded.

6 *At that feast Pilate did deliuer vnto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.*

7 And there was one called Barabbas, which was put in prison with seditious persons, who in a sedition had cómitted murder.

7 *And there was one that was named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that made insurrection with him, which men had committed murder also in the insurrection.*

8 And when the multitude was come vp, they began to require according as alwaies he did vnto them.

8 *And the people crying aloud, began to desire that he would doe according as he had ever done vnto them.*

9 And Pilate answered them, and said, Will you that I release to you the King of the Iewes?

9 *Pilate answered them, saying, Will you that I let loose vnto you the King of the Iewes?*

10 For

10 (*For*

HOLY WEEKE. for enuy [illegible] ed him.

And Pilate againe answering, said to them: What will you then that I doe vnto the King of the Iewes?

13 But they againe cryed, Crucifie him.

14 And Pilate said to them, Why, what euill hath he done? But they cryed the more, Crucifie him.

15 And Pilate willing ‖ to satisfie the people, released to them Barabbas, and deliuered IESVS, hauing whipped him, to be crucified.

John 19, 2. 16 And * the souldiers led him into the court of the Palace, and they call together the whole band:

17 And they clothe him in purple, and platting a crowne of thornes, they put it vpon him.

18 And they began to salute him, Haile King of the Iewes.

19 And they smote his head with a reed: and they did spit on him, and bowing the knees, they adored him.

20 And after they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple, and put on him his owne garments, and they led him forth to crucifie him.

21 And they forced a certaine man that passed by, Simon a Cyrenean comming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to take up his Crosse.

22 And they bring him into the place Golgotha, which being interpreted is, *The place of Caluarie.*

23 And they gaue him to drinke wine mingled with myrrhe: and he tooke it not.

24 And crucifying him, they diuided his garments, casting lots vpon them, who should take which.

25 And it was the third houre, and they crucified him.

26 And the title of his cause was superscribed, KING OF THE IEWES.

27 And with him they crucifie two theeves: one on the right hand, and another on his left.

Esa. 53, 12. 28 And the Scripture was fulfilled that saith, *And with the wicked he was reputed.*

29 And they that passed by, blasphemed him, wagging their heads, and saying, Vah, † he that destroyeth the Temple, and in three dayes † buildeth it:

† Thou that destroyest. † buildest.

30 ‡Saue thy selfe, comming downe from the crosse.

31 In like maner also the chiefe Priests mocking, said with the Scribes one to another, He saued others, himselfe he cannot saue.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel come downe now from the Crosse: that we may see

and

delivered him for enuy.)

11 But the high Priests moued the people, that he should rather deliuer Barabbas vnto them.

12 Pilate answering again, said vnto them, What will ye then that I shall do vnto him whom ye call the King of the Iewes?

13 And they cryed again, Crucifie him.

14 Pilate said vnto them, What euill hath he done? And they cryed the more vehemently, Crucifie him.

15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, did loose Barabbas vnto them, and deliuered up Iesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the souldiers led him away into the hall, called Prætorium, and they call together the whole band.

†Of, souldiers.

17 *And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crowne of thornes, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, saying, Haile King of the Iewes.

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit vpon him, and bowing their knees, worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they tooke off the purple from him, and put his owne clothes on him, and led him out to crucifie him.

21 * And they compell one that passed by, Matth. 27. 32. luke 23. 26. called Simon of Cyrene (comming out of the field, the father of Alexander and Rufus) to beare his Crosse.

22 * And they bring him to a place named Matth. 27. 33. Golgotha, which is of a man interpreted, a place luke 23. 33. of a skull. john 19. 7.

23 And they gaue him to drinke wine, mingled with myrrhe: but he receiued it not.

24 * And when they had crucified him, Matth. 27. 35. they parted his garments, casting lots vpon them, what euery man should take.

25 And it was the third houre, † and they crucified him. † Or, when.

26 And the title of his accusation was written ouer, THE KING OF THE IEWES.

27 And they crucified with him two theeues, the one on the right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, * He was counted among the wicked. Esa. 53. 12.

29 And they that went by, railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, * Aha, thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three dayes, John 2. 19.

30 Saue thy selfe, and come downe from the Crosse.

31 Likewise also the high Priests mocking him among themselues, with the Scribes, said, He saued others, himselfe he cannot saue.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the crosse, that we may see & beleeue:

And

sel and Parleve. And they that were crucified with him railed at him.

33 And when it was the sixth houre, there was darkenesse upon the whole earth until the ninth houre.

34 And at the ninth houre IESVS cryed out with a mighty voyce, saying, *Eloi, Eloi, lamma sabacthani?* Which is being interpreted, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

35 And certaine of the standers about, hearing, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one running and filling a spunge with vinegre, and putting it about reede, gave him drinke, saying, Let be: let us see if Elias come to take him downe.

37 And IESVS putting forth a mighty voyce, gave up the ghost.

38 And the vaile of the Temple was rent in two, from the top to the bottome.

39 And the Centurion that stood over against him, seeing that so crying he had given up the ghost, said, Indeed this man was the Sonne of God.

40 And there were also women looking on afarre off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Iames the lesse and of Ioseph, and Salome.

41 And when hee was in Galilee, they followed him, and ministred to him, and many other women that came up together with him to Hierusalem.

42 And when evening was come (because it was the Parasceve, which is the Sabbath-eve)

43 Came Ioseph of Arimathea a noble Senator, who himselfe also was expecting the kingdom of God: and he went in boldly to Pilate, and asked the body of IESVS.

44 But Pilate marvelled if he were now dead. And sending for the Centurion, asked him if he were now dead.

45 And when he understood by the Centurion, he gave the body to Ioseph.

46 And Ioseph ‖ buying sindon, and taking him downe, wrapped him in the sindon, and laid him in a monument, that was hewed out of a rocke. And hee rolled a stone to the doore of the monument.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary of Ioseph beheld where he was laid.

And when they were crucified with him, they checked him also.

38 *And when the first houre was come, darknes was over all the earth until the ninth houre.*

34 *And at the ninth houre, Iesus cryed with a loud voyce, saying,* * *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani? which is, if one interpret it, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* Matth. 27. 46. Psal. 21. 2.

35 *And some of them that stood by, when they heard, that, said: Behold, hee calleth for Elias.*

36 *And one ran,* * *and after he had filled a spunge full of vinegre, and put it on a reed, he gave him to drinke, saying, Let him alone, let us see, whether Elias commeth to take him downe.* * Psal. 69. 22.

37 *But when Iesus had cryed with a loude voyce, he gave up the ghost.*

38 *And the vaile of the Temple was rent into two pieces, from the top to the bottome.*

39 *And when the Centurion, which stood over against him, saw, that when he had so cryed, hee gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Sonne of God.*

40 *There were also women a good way off, beholding him, among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the little, and Ioses, and Salome:*

41 *Which also when he was in Galilee,* * *followed him and ministred unto him, and many other women which came up with him unto Hierusalem.* * Luke 8. 1.

42 * *And now when the Even was come, (because it was the day of preparing, that goeth before the Sabbath,)* Matth. 27. 57. luke 23. 50. john 19. 38.

43 *Ioseph of the city of Arimathea, a noble Counseller, which also looked for the kingdome of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilat, and begged of him the body of Iesus.*

44 *And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead, and when he had called unto him the Centurion, asked of him whether he had beene any while dead.*

45 *And when he knew the truth of the Centurion, he gave the body to Ioseph.*

46 *And when he had bought a linnen cloth, and taken him downe, he wrapped him in the linnen cloth, and laid him in a Sepulchre, that was hewen out of the rock, and rolled a stone unto the doore of the Sepulchre.*

47 *And Mary Magdalene, and Mary* * *Ioses beheld where he was laid.* * The mother of.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XV.

RHEM. 1 30 Save thy selfe.] *So heretickes say of the blessed Sacrament, If it be Christ, let him save himselfe from all injuries.*

FVLKE 1 True Christians say not so, but rather thus: The naturall body of Christ can suffer no hurt or contumelie: the Popish Masse-Cake, can suffer hurt or contumelie: *Ergo*, the naturall body of Christ is not the Popish Masse-Cake, or the Popish Masse-Cake is not the naturall body of Christ. Slander.

RHEM. 2 34 Forsaken me?] *See* (Mat. c. 27. 46.) *the blasphemous exposition of* Calvin *and his followers, and take heed thereof.*

FVLKE 2 See the instrure there, and thou shalt plainely perceive, that *Calvin* hath written nothing that foundeth against the honour of God, and Christ our onely Redeemer. Slander.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XV.

RHEM. 3 11 Chiefe Priests.] *Heretikes abuse the ignorant people with these naughty Priests of the old Testament, to make them odious, and to discredit the Priests of Christ in the new Testament. But for these Priests, thou maist not marvell that* The Priests of the old Testament.

partly ... Luke ... The Papistes of the ... Romane.

FVLKE 3 When the Pope and his Prelates, follow the tyranny of the Jewish high Priests, in persecuting Christ in his ... they are rightly compared unto them. And yet the name and office remaineth honourable, as of Gods institution. For we acknowledge the singular sacrificing Priesthood of our Saviour Christ, and the spirituall Priesthood of all true Christians. And according to right *Etymologie*, the Priesthood of the Law of Christ, and of his members, should have another name then that which in the new Testament, is given to the Ministers of the Church: as in Hebrew, Greeke and Latine it hath. But seeing vse hath otherwise gotten the upper hand, we contend not about the ... But where you say, the new Priesthood after the order of *Melchisedec*, was begun when the old Priesthood of *Aaron* ceased, it is true: if you understand it rightly; of the singular Priesthood of our Saviour Christ, which never passeth from his person, and of which order there is no more, but he *Heb. 7.* But when you meane thereby, your Popish sacrificing Priesthood, and that every Popish Priest, is a Priest after the order of *Melchisedec*, it is most horrible blasphemie against the Sonne of God, who onely is a Priest after the order of *Melchisedec*. Because as he onely is the King of peace, and King of righteousnesse, so onely is without father of his manhood, and mother of his Godhead, without genealogie of his Godhead, having neither beginning of his dayes nor end of his life, and therefore continueth a Priest for ever, and hath no successours in this Priesthood, being confirmed to him by oath of the Lord himselfe; after he hath said unto him: *Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy foot-stoole.* Reade the whole seventh Chapter of the Epistle to the *Hebrewes*, and the 110. *Psalme*, and I marvell if you will not spit in the face of every Popish Priest, that dare open his blasphemous mouth, and say he is a Priest after the order of *Melchisedec*. That the Ministery, Eldership, or Priesthood of the new Testament shall continue to the end of the world, we doe acknowledge, and shall have the assistance of the holy Ghost to teach it all truth, as every true Christian man hath the same promise, *Iob.* 16. 13. also *Iob.* 14. 16. and *Iob.* 15. 26. But thereof it followeth not that every Priest shall alwayes hold the truth, nor that every one that is called a Christian shall continue in true Doctrine. The name of Priests. The Popish Priesthood.

The prayer of Christ was performed in *Peter*, that in his great and grievous fall, his faith failed not, but brought him to repentance. Our Saviour Christ prayed for all his Apostles, that God would sanctifie them in his truth, and for all that should believe in him through their preaching, *Iob.* 17. Yet no man gathereth thereof, that every successour of the Apostles, and every true Christian hath a priviledge hereby, that he cannot erre, as you would insinuate by Christs prayer for *Peter* that the Pope hath as *Peters* successours. Whereas that prayer specially concerneth *Peters* person, in respect of his particular danger through his fall: and by analogie all Christians, as well as *Peters* successours, who by Christs intercession are holden, that their faith faileth not in temptation. *See Luke 22. Stef. 11.* And that Christ saith to all the Apostles, and in them to all true Preachers: *He that heareth you, heareth me:* it is true while they preach nothing but that they have learned of Christ. For otherwise Christ speaketh not in them, nor by them. The Pope not priviledged from erring.

RHEM. 4 15 To satisfie the people.] Pilate *should have suffered death, rather then by other meanes provocation or commandement have executed an innocent: as a Christian Iudge should rather suffer all extremity, then give sentence of death against a Catholike man for his faith.* Executing lawes against innocents.

FVLKE 4 If it be the faith of Popish Catholikes (for all Christian Catholikes abhorre it) to conspire to murder their Prince, to invade their countrey with forraine power, to acknowledge the authority of an Italian Priest, that hath set forth his Antichristian Bull, to deprive their naturall and most lawfull Prince of her royall estate, crowne and dignity, life and allegiance of her subjects: No Christian Iudge need to feare, to give sentence against such Popish Catholikes, for their hereticall and traiterous faith.

RHEM. 5 46 Buying sindon.] *This duty done to Christs body after his departure, was exceeding meritorious, and is therefore by holy Writ so often commended for an example to faithfull men, to use all honour and devotion towards the bodies of Saints and holy persons.* Religious duty toward the bodies of Christ and his Saints.

FVLK. 5 This duty was acceptable before God, as proceeding from faith, and love towards our Saviour Christ, but not meritorious. Neither is it commended as an example to faithfull men, *to use all honour and devotion towards the bodies of Saints, and holy persons*, for that were horrible idolatry, to use all honour and devotion, (which is due onely to God) towards dead mens bodies. But it is an example to use such reverent handling and laying of them up, as is a duty of charity towards the departed, and of faith in the Resurrection, without any superstitious worshipping of the bodies. From which *Ioseph* and *Nicodemus* abstained, though they buried the body of Christ himselfe, infinitely much more precious then the body of any other holy person. By this simple buriall of our Lord (saith *Beda*) the ambition of rich men is condemned which cannot be without their riches, no nor in their grave. Honour of Saints bodies.

CHAP. XVI.

HOLY WEEKE. *The third day, to three women at his Sepulchre, an Angel telleth that he is risen, and will (as he promised Mat. 14. 28.) shew himselfe in Galilee. 9 The same day he appeareth to Mary Magdalene, afterward to two Disciples: yet the eleven will not believe it, until to them also he appeareth. 15 To whom having given commission into all nations, with power also of miracles, he ascendeth, and they plant his Church every where.*

The Gospel upon Easter day. Matth. 28, 1. Luke 24, 1. John 20, 1. EASTER DAY

AND when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Iames, and Salôme ‖ bought spices, that comming they might annoint IESVS.

2 And very early the first of the Sabbaths, they come to the monument: the Sunne being now risen.

AND *when the Sabbath day was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary* the mother *of Iames and Salome, bought sweet smelling* † *ointments, that they might come and anoint him.*

† Or, spices.

2 * *And very early in the morning the first day of the Sabbaths, they come unto the Sepulchre, when the Sunne was risen:* Luke 24. 1. Iohn 20. 1.

3 And

3 And they sayd one to another, who shall roll us away the stone from the doore of the sepulcher?

4 And looking, they saw the stone rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entring into the monument, they saw a young man sitting on the right hand, covered with a white robe: and they were astonied.

6 Who saith to them, Be not dismayed: you seeke IESVS of Nazareth, that was crucified: he is risen, he is not heere, behold the place where they layd him.

7 But goe, tell his Disciples and ‡ Peter that hee goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see him, * as hee told you. ☞

8 But they going foorth, fled from the monument; for trembling and feare had invaded them: and they sayd nothing to any body; for they were afraid.

9 And he rising early the first of the Sabboth, * appeared first to Mary Magdalene, * out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 She went and told them that had beene with him, that were mourning and weeping.

11 And they hearing that he was alive, and had beene seene of her, did not beleeve.

12 And * after this he appeared in an ‖ other shape to two of them walking, as they were going into the countrey.

13 And they going told the rest: neither them did they beleeve.

14 Last * he appeared to those eleven as they sate at the table: and hee exprobrated their incredulity and hardnesse of heart, because they did not beleeve them that had seene him risen againe.

15 And he said to them, * Going into the whole world preach the Gospel to all creatures.

16 He that ‖ beleeveth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that beleeveth not, shall be condemned.

17 And them that beleeve ‖ these signes shall follow: In my Name shall they cast out devils, They shall speake with new tongues,

18 Serpents shall they take away, And if they drinke any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them, They shall impose hands upon the sicke: and they shall be whole.

19 And so our Lord IESVS after he spake unto them, was assumpted into heaven, and sate on the right hand of God.

20 But they going forth preached every where: our Lord working withall, and confirming the word with signes that followed.

Marke 14,28.

Ioh. 20,16. Luke 8,2.

Luke 24,13.

The Gospel upon the Ascension day. Luke 24,36. John 20,19.

Matth. 28,15.

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The Ascension.

Luke 25,51.

3 *And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the doore of the Sepulchre?*

4 *(And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away) for it was very great.*

5 *And when they went into the Sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment, and they were greatly amazed.* Matth. 28. 1. john 20, 12.

6 *And he saith unto them, Be not greatly amazed, ye seeke Iesus of Nazareth, which was crucified, he is risen, he is not here, behold the place where they had put him.*

7 *But goe your way and tell his Disciples and Peter, that he goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him, * as he said unto you.* Matth. 26. 32. marke 14. 28.

8 *And they went out quickly and fled from the Sepulchre, for they trembled and were amazed, neither said they any thing to any man, for they were afraid.*

9 *When Iesus was risen early, the first day after the Sabbath, * he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, * out of whom hee had cast seven devils.* Iohn 20. 16. Luke 8. 2.

10 *And she went and told them that were with him, as they mourned and wept.*

11 *And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had beene seene of her, beleeved it not.*

12 *After that, hee appeared in another forme unto * two of them, as they walked, and went into the countrey.* Luke 24. 13.

13 *And they went and told it unto the residue: and they beleeved not these also.*

14 * *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sate at meat, and cast in their teeth their unbeleefe and hardnesse of heart, because they beleeved not them, which had seene that he was risen.* Luke 24. 36, john 20. 19.

15 * *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to all creatures.* Matth. 28. 19.

16 *He that shall beleeve, and be baptized, shall be saved, * but hee that shall not beleeve, shall be damned.* Iohn 14. 48.

17 *And these tokens shall follow them that beleeve, * In my Name shall they cast out devils, * they shall speake with new tongues,* Act. 16. 18. Act. 2. 4.

18 * *They shall drive away Serpents, and if they drinke any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them, * they shall lay hands on the sicke, and they shall recover.* Act. 28. 5. Act. 18. 8.

19 *So then when the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received into heaven, * and sate him downe on the right hand of God.* Luke 24. 51.

20 *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, * and confirming the word with signes following.* Heb. 2. 4.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1

7 Peter is named.] Peter *is named in speciall (as often elsewhere) for prerogative.*

A poore prerogative in naming Peter, to build up the kingdome of Antichrist. Although Peter bee here named specially, not in respect of dignity, but in respect of his infirmity, because he having most shamefully fallen, was now especially to rejoyce at the resurrection of his Master, by whom he obtained recovery from his fall.

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ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 2

1 *bought spices.*] *Not the did before and confume a ceffly ointment upon his body being yet alive (cap. 14. 3.) Christ* [illegible] *and high in commending the fact against Iudas and others who accounted it to be superfluous cost. Neither is it* [illegible] *(although Heretickes or other simple people may pretend such things to be better bestowed upon the poore) to be compared to that first before all other,* * *and they went soone after his Resurrection.*

FVLKE 2

pleade for Christ; your offering here upon which cannot come your Church in holinesse. Those women approoued well with commendable, but void of merite. And their faith had become vtterly damnable, if they had not beleeved this cofe: as upon coole that was dead, but had wanted for his returne from the third day, according to his promise. Those were other confes as like appearing fault unto the women; then their changes followed in those for his Resurrection.

RHEM. 3

12 *In another shape.*] *Christ he taught he hatte but one proper shape, not vnlike to his proper, yet by his omnipotencie he may be in whatsoeuer shape, and appeare in the likenesse of any other man in the world, as he did. Therefore he was seene diuerly in the end, that he may be vnder the forme of bread in the blessed Sacrament.*

FVLKE 3

Christ spoke vpon him some other shape, but his Disciples eyes were holden, that they did not know him, as it is manifest, Luke 24. 16. so that the alteration of shape, was but in their eyes, not in his body, Looke in Mar. 16. & Luc. 24. When Christ can doe in altering his shape, was double not, but what he will doe or hath done, we shall learne out of his word.

RHEM. 4

16 *He that beleeveth.*] *Note well, that whereas this Euangelist maketh onely faith and Baptisme, as though to beleeve and to be baptized were enough, S. Matthew addeth those matters also of our Sauiour, teaching them to obserue all things whatsoeuer I haue commanded you, which containeth all good workes and the whole iustice of a Christian man.*

FVLKE 4

A fond argument against iustification by faith onely, for although faith be the onely instrument that iustifieth only in iustifying the vngodly man, is afterward fruitfull of good workes, which as S. Augustine saith, goe not before iustification, but follow him that is iustified. De Fid. & Oper. c. 14.

RHEM. 5

17 *These signes shall follow.*] *Ie is the meane, that all Christians & true beleeuers should doe miracles: but that same for the proofe of the faith of all should serue that gift. The which is the grace or gift of the whole Church, executed by certaine, for the edification and profit of the whole.*

FVLK. 5

You are in hope to delude the world againe with fained miracles, and therefore you speake of the gift of miracles, as though it were still executed by certaine. But if you will obtaine credit by working of miracles, you must not bring in counterfeit crankes, out of whom you have cast out devils, or whom you have made whole, as of late *Margaret Iesop*, an honest woman of your religion: But you must bring them, that speake with new tongues, that take away Serpents, that drinke any deadly thing and it shall not hurt them, so shall you declare, that your former workes are not fained and lying miracles, but such as Christ gave power to his Disciples to worke in his name. And yet if you could doe these things indeed, except your doctrine were agreeable to the holy Scriptures, we would hold you accursed.

THE ARGVMENT OF S. LVKE'S GOSPEL.

RHEM.

The Gospel of S. Luke may be deuided into fiue parts.

The first part is of the inchoatiue birth of the Precursor, and of Christ himselfe. Chap. 1. and 2.

The second, of the preparation that was made to the manifestation of Christ. Chap. 3. and a peece of the 4.

The third, of Christs manifesting himselfe, by preaching and miracles, specially in Galilee: the other peece of Chap. 4. vnto the ende of the 17.

The fourth, of his comming into Iewry towards his Passion: the other peece of Chap. 17. vnto the ende of the 19.

The fift, of the holy seruice of his manifold in Hierusalem: the other part of Chap. 19. vnto the end of the booke.

S. Luke, was Scholler (saith S. Hierome) first a disciple of the Apostle Paul, and a companion of all his peregrination. And the same we see in the Acts of the Apostles: Where from the 16. chapter S. Luke putteth himselfe in the traine of S. Paul, inuiting them in the same Egeus with we sought to goe into Macedonia: and in the 20. part, to the first person, continually thorow the rest of that booke. Of him and in Gospel S. Hierom saith, as he doth this saying of S. Paul: We haue sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the Gospel thorow all Churches; where also he addeth: Some suppose (so often as I read in his Epistles saith) according to my Gospel, that he meaneth of Luke booke. And againe, Luke learned the Gospel not only of the Apostle Paul, who had not become with vs Lord in flesh, but of the other Apostles: which himselfe also in the beginning of his booke declareth, saying, As they delivered to us who themselves from the beginning saw, and were Ministers of the word. It followeth S. Hierome: Therefore he wrote the Gospell, as he had heard: but the Acts of the Apostles he compiled as he had seene. S. Paul writeth of him by name to the Colossians: Luke the Physician salueth you; and to Timothy: Luke alone is with me. Finally of his end thus doth S. Hier. write: He lived fourescore and foure yeres, having no wife.

Hier. in Catalog.

2 Cor. 8. 18.

Luke 1. 2.

Col. 4. 14. 2 Tim. 4. 11.

RHEM. 1

*He is buried at Constantinople: to which city his bones with the Reliques of Andrew the Apostle were translated out of Achaia the twentieth yeere of Constantius. And of the same translation also in another place against Vigilantius the Heretike: It grieveth him that the Reliques of the Martyrs are covered with precious covering, and that they are not either tied in clouts, or throwne to the dunghill: why, are we then * Sacrilegious, when we enter the Churches of the Apostles? was † Constantius the Emperour Sacrilegious, who translated to Constantinople the holy Reliques of Andrew, Luke, and Timothe: at which the deuils roare, and the inhabiters of Vigilantius confesse that they feele their presence? His sacred body is now at Padua in Italie, whither it was againe translated from Constantinople.*

Hier. in Catalogo.

Hier. cont. Vigil. 2

The Heretickes lo counted the Catholikes for their honouring of Saints & Reliques.

The estimation of Saints Reliques, in S. *Hieromes* time, though it was somewhat excessive, yet it was far from the idolatry, and superstition of the Papists. For this he writeth *ad Ripar. contra Vigilant. Nos autem non* [illegible] *but we doe not worship and adore, I say not the Reliques of Martyrs, but neither the Sunne and Moone, nor* [illegible] *Archangels, not Cherubins, not Seraphins, or any name that is named in this world or in the world to come, lest we* [illegible] *the creature, rather then the Creator which is blessed for ever. But we honour the Reliques of the Martyrs, that we might worship him, whose Martyrs they are.* You see by these words that he alloweth honor, that is, a religious veneration, but no worship, adoration or service, to be done to the bodies or Reliques of Saints: when yet it is to be thought, they had the true Reliques of the Saints. Whereas yours are for the most part, false, and counterfeit, to deceive the people, &c. to procure full offerings. And where you say S. *Lukes* body is now at Padua, whither it was againe translated from Constantinople, how are you able to prove it? or how is it like, the Emperors of Constantinople, would suffer it to be brought into Italie? The first Lesson upon S. *Lukes* day in your Popish Portuis, saith it is still working miracles at Constantinople. But *Blondus* saith it is at Padua, with S. *Mathias* body, and at like time one at the other. For S. *Mathias* hath another body at Rome, *ad S. Maria majoris*, and a third at Trers, besides parts in other places. And a little to touch the report of *Hierome*, concerning S. *Lukes* bones? *Gaudentius* Bishop of Brixia, somewhat elder then he, was perswaded that they were in a Church which he dedicated at Fundi, (as appeareth by his sermon made at the dedication) and so was *Paulinus* Bishop of Nola, &c. He saith they were brought out of Achaia, where *Gaudentius* saith, he ended his life with *Andrew* in the city of Patre: your Portuis saith, he was buried in Bithinia: *Hierom* saith this translation was in the 20. yeere of *Constantius*, you say of *Constantius*. And although in his second invective against *Vigilantius*, *Constantius* is named in stead of *Constantius*, through the Printers fault, yet the error is easily discovered, by the ancient Chronicle, that goeth under the name of S. *Hierome*: referring this translation plainly, to the time of *Constantius*, though not agreeing with S. *Hierome* in the 20. yeere, but noting it in the 24. yeere of *Constantius*. And might not *Vigilantius* have replied that *Constantius* was a sacrilegious Arian? of whose translation, *Hierome* taketh so great authority, whatsoever the Reliques were, and whether the devils did roare at their presence or no.

Reliques

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF IESVS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LVKE.

CHAP. I.

The Annunciation and Conception first of the Precursor: 26 and six moneths after, of Christ also himselfe. 39 The Visitation of our Lady, where both the mothers doe prophesie. 57 The Nativity and Circumcision of the Precursor, where his father doth prophesie. 80 The Precursor is from a childe an * *Eremite.*

The first part of the Infancie both of the Precursor and of Christ himselfe.

* PVLKE. No Popish Evesque.

The Translation of Arabia.

The Translation of the Church of England.

FOrasmuch as many haue taken in hand to set forth in order the declaration of those things which are most surely beleeved among † Or, proved. us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning saw them themselves with their eyes, and were ministers of the word:

3 It seemed good to me also having perfect understanding of all things from the beginning, to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainety of those things whereof thou hast beene taught by mouth.

5 THere was in the dayes of Herod the king of Iewrie, a certaine Priest, name Zacharias, * of the course of Abia, and his wife was 1 Chr. 24, 10. of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 They were both righteous before God, walking in all the Commandements and Ordinances of the Lord, blamelesse.

7 And they had no childe, because that Elizabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in age.

8 And it came to passe, that when Zacharias executed the Priests office before God, as his course came,

9 Ac-

BEcause many have gone about to compile a narration of the things that have been accomplished among us:

2 According as they have delivered unto us, who from the beginning themselves saw and were Ministers of the word:

3 It seemed good also unto me || having diligently attained to all things from the beginning, to write to thee in order, good * Theophilus,

Act. 1, 1.

4 That thou mayest know the verity of those words whereof thou hast beene instructed.

The Gospel upon the eve of S. *Iohn Baptist.*

5 There was in the dayes of Herod the King of Iewrie, a certaine Priest named Zacharie, of the * course of Abia: and his wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name Elizabeth.

1 Par. 24, 10.

7 And they were both || just before God, walking || in all the Commandements || and justifications of our Lord without blame.

7 And they had no son: for that Elizabeth was barren, and both were well stricken in their dayes.

8 And it came to passe: when he executed the Priestly function in the order of his course before God,

9 Ac-

Exod. 30, 7.

Lev. 16, 16.

9 According to the custome of the Priestly office, his lot was to burne incense, when he entered into the Temple of the Lord.

10 * And the whole multitude of the people was praying without at the houre of the incense.

Levit. 16, 17. Exod. 30, 7.

11 And there appeared to him an Angel of our Lord, standing on the right hand of the altar of incense.

11 *And there appeared unto him an Angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.*

12 And Zachary was troubled, seeing him: and feare fell upon him.

12 *And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and feare fell upon him.*

13 But the Angel sayd to him, Feare not Zachary, for thy prayer is heard: and thy wife Elizabeth shall beare thee a sonne, and thou shalt call his name Iohn:

13 *But the Angel sayd unto him, feare not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall beare thee a sonne, and thou shalt call his name Iohn.*

14 And thou shalt have || joy and exultation, and many shall rejoyce in his nativity.

14 *And thou shalt have joy and gladnesse, and many shall rejoyce at his birth.*

15 For he shalbe great before our Lord: ‡ and wine and sicer he shall not drinke: and he shall be replenished with the holy Ghost even from his mothers wombe.

‡ This abstinence forsold and prescribed by the Angel, sheweth that it is a worthy thing, and an act of religion in S. Iohn, as it was in the Nazarites. Mal. 4, 6. Matt. 11, 14.

15 *And he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither drinke wine nor strong drinke, and he shall be filled with the holy Ghost, even from his mothers wombe.*

16 And hee shall * convert many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

Mala 4, 5. Matt. 11, 14.

16 **For many of the children of Israel shall he turne to their Lord God.*

17 And he shall goe before him * in the spirit and vertue of Elias: that hee may convert the hearts of the fathers unto the children; and the incredulous to the wisedome of the just, to prepare unto the Lord a perfect people.

17 *And he shall goe before him with the spirit and power of Elias, to turne the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisedome of the just men, to make ready a perfect people for the Lord.*

18 And Zachary sayd to the Angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am olde: and my wife is well stricken in her dayes.

18 *And Zacharias sayd unto the Angel, By what token shall I know this? For I am old, and my wife well stricken in yeares.*

19 And the Angel answering, sayd to him, I am Gabriel that assist before God: and am sent to speake to thee, and to evangelize these things to thee.

19 *And the Angel answering, sayd unto him, I am Gabriel that stand in the presence of God, and was sent to speake unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.*

‡ Zachary punished for doubting of the Angels word.

20 And behold, ‡ thou shalt be dumme, and shalt not be able to speake untill the day wherein these things shall be done: for because thou hast not beleeved my wordes, which shalbe fulfilled in their time.

20 *And behold, thou shalt be dumbe, and not be able to speake, untill the day that these things shall be performed, because thou beleevest not my words, which shalbe fulfilled in their season.*

21 And the people was expecting Zacherie: and they marveled that he made tarriance in the temple.

21 *And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveiled that he tarried so long in the Temple.*

22 And comming foorth hee could not speake to them, and they knew that he had seene a vision in the Temple. And he made signes to them, and remained dumme.

22 *And when he came out, he could not speake unto them: and they perceived that hee had seene a vision in the Temple: for he beckened unto them, and remayned speechlesse.*

23 And it came to passe, after the dayes of his office were expired, || he departed into his house.

23 *And it came to passe, that assoone as the dayes of his office were out, he departed into his owne house.*

The Gospel upon the Annunciation of our Lady, *March* 25. And on the Wednesday of Imber weeke in Advent. And for a Votive Masse of our Lady in Advent. Mat. 1, 18.

24 And after these dayes Elizabeth his wife conceived: and hid her selfe five moneths, saying,

24 *And after these dayes, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and hid her selfe five moneths, saying,*

25 For thus hath our Lord done to me in the daies wherein he had respect to take away my reproch among men.

25 *Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the dayes wherein he looked on me, to take from me my rebuke among men.*

26 And in the sixt moneth, the Angel Gabriel was sent of God into a city of Galilee called Nazareth,

26 *And in the sixth moneth, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God, unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*

27 * To a Virgine espoused to a man whose name was Ioseph, of the house of David: and the virgins name was MARIE.

27 *To a Virgin, espoused to a man whose name was Ioseph, of the house of David, and the Virgins name was Mary.*

28 And

28 And the Angell being entred in, sayd unto her, ‖ HAIL to thee ‖ full of grace, our Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the Angel sayd to her, Feare not Mary, for thou hast found grace with God.

31 * Behold thou shalt conceive in thy wombe, and shalt beare a sonne, and thou shalt call his name Iesvs. Isa 7.14.

32 He shall bee great, and shall bee called the sonne of the most High, and our Lord God shall give him the seat of David his father.

33 * And he shall reigne in the house of Iacob for ever, and of his kingdome there shall be no end. Dan.7.14.27.

34 And MARY sayd to the Angel, ‡ How shall this be done? ‖ because I know not man? ‡ She doubted not of the thing as Zacharie, but enquired of the meanes.

35 And the Angel answering, sayd to her, The holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also that which of thee shalbe borne Holy, shalbe called the son of God.

36 And behold ‖ Elizabeth thy cosin, she also hath conceived a sonne in her old age: and this moneth, is the first to her that is called barren.

37 Because there shall not be impossible with God any word. ‡ At this very moment when the Blessed Virgin gave consent, she conceived him perfect God & perfect man. The Gospel upon the visitation of our Lady, Iul. 2. And upon the Imber friday in Advent.

38 And MARY sayd, ‡ BEHOLD the handmaid of our Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. And the Angel departed from her. ‡ Iohn the Baptist being yet in his mothers wombe, rejoyced and acknowledged the presence of Christ and his mother.

39 And MARY rising up in those dayes, went unto the hill country with speed, into a city of Iuda.

40 And she entred into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth.

41 And it came to passe: as Elizabeth heard the salutation of MARY, the ‡ infant did leape in her wombe, and Elizabeth was replenished with the holy Ghost:

42 And she cryed out with a loud voyce, and sayd, ‖ BLESSED art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy wombe.

43 And whence is this to mee, that the ‖ mother of my Lord doth come to me?

44 For behold as the voyce of thy salutation sounded in mine eares, the infant in my wombe did leape for joy.

45 And blessed is she that beleeved, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken unto her by our Lord.

46 And MARY sayd, My Sovle doth magnifie our Lord. Magnificat at Evensong.

47 And my spirit hath rejoyced in God my Saviour.

48 Because he hath regarded the humility of his

28 And when the Angel came in unto her, he sayd, Hayle thou that art highly graced, the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she sawe him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her minde what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the Angel sayd unto her, Feare not Mary, for thou hast found favour with God.

31 * For behold, thou shalt conceive in thy wombe, and bring forth a sonne, and shalt call his name Iesvs. Esa.7.14.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the sonne of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the seat of his father David.

33 * And he shall reigne over the house of Iacob for ever: and of his kingdome there shall be none end. Dan.7.14. ‡ Daniel 7.27.

34 Then sayd Mary unto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the Angel answering, sayd unto her, The holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore also, that holy thing which shall be borne of thee, shall be called the sonne of God.

36 And behold, thy cosin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a sonne in her old age, and this is her sixth moneth, which was called barren.

37 For with God shall no word be impossible.

38 And Mary sayd, Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word: and the Angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in those dayes, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Iuda,

40 And entred into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth.

41 And it came to passe, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe sprang in her wombe, and Elizabeth was filled with the holy Ghost.

42 And she spake out with a loud voyce, and sayd, blessed art thou among women, and the fruit of thy wombe is blessed.

43 And whence commeth this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For lo, assoone as the voyce of thy salutation sounded in mine eares, the babe sprang in my wombe for joy.

45 And blessed is she that beleeved, for those things shall be performed which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary sayd, My soule magnifieth the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoyced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath looked on the lowlinesse of his

handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that feare him, from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arme: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put downe the mighty from their seates, and exalted the lowly.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, being mindfull of his mercy,

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed for ever.

56 And MARY tarried with her about three moneths: and she returned into her house. The Gospel upon the Nativity of S. Iohn Baptist, Iun. 24. called Midsommer day.

57 And Elizabeths full time was come to be delivered, and she bare a sonne.

58 And her neighbours and kinsfolke heard that our Lord did magnifie his mercy with her, and they did congratulate her.

59 And it came to passe: on the eight day they came to circumcise the child, and they called him by his fathers name, Zacharie.

60 And his mother answering sayd, Not so but he shalbe called Iohn.

61 And they sayd to her, That there is none in thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signes to his father, what he would have him called.

63 And demanding a writing table, hee wrote, saying, ‖ * Iohn is his name. And they all marvelled. Luke 1,13.

64 And foorthwith his mouth was opened, and his tongue, and he spake blessing God.

65 And feare came upon all their neighbours: and all these things were bruited over all the hill-countrey of Iewry:

66 And all that had heard, layd them up in their heart, saying, What an one trow ye, shall this child be? For the hand of our Lord was with him.

67 And Zacharie his father was replenished with the holy Ghost: and he prophecied, saying, Benedictvs ex Laudes.

68 BLESSED BE OVR LORD God of Israel: because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people: 69

69 And hath erected the horne of salvation to us, in the house of David his servant.

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, that are from the beginning.

71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us:

72 To worke mercy with our fathers: and to remember his holy testament,

73 * The

handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that feare him, from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arme, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. Esay 51. psal.33.10.

52 He hath put downe the mighty from their seates, and exalted the lowly.

53 * He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent away empty. 1 King.2.6. psal.34.11.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy. Esa.30.18.

55 (* Even as he spake to our fathers Abraham, and his seed) for ever. Ierc.31.3. psal.132.11.

56 And Mary abode with her about three moneths, and returned to her owne house.

57 Elizabeths time came that she should bee delivered, and she brought forth a sonne.

58 And her neighbours and her cosins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her, and they rejoyced with her.

59 And it came to passe that on the eight day they came to circumcise the childe, and called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answering, said, Not so, but he shalbe called Iohn.

61 And they sayd unto her, There is none in thy kindred that is called by that name.

62 And they made signes to his father, what he would have him called.

63 And asked him writing tables, he wrote, saying, His name is Iohn: And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediatly, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, praising God.

65 And feare came on all them that dwelt round about them, and all these sayings were noysed abroad throughout all the hill countrey of Iury.

66 And all they that heard them, layd them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be? And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the holy Ghost, and prophecied saying,

68 * Praysed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people, Matth.1.21.

69 * And hath raysed up an horne of salvation unto us in the house of his servant David: Psal.132.17.

70 * Even as he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which were since the world began. Psal.132.28. ierc.23.6. & 30.20.

71 That he would save us from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

72 That he would deale mercifully with our fathers, and remember his holy covenant.

73 * And

73 * Thatsoly which he sware to Abraham our father,

74 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

75 In holinesse and ‖ justice before him, all our dayes.

76 And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for * thou shalt goe before the face of our Lord to prepare his wayes,

77 To give knowledge of salvation to his people, unto remission of their sinnes.

78 Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which ‖ the * Orient, from on high hath visited us.

79 To illuminate them that sit in darknesse, and in the shaddow of death: to direct our feete into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and was strengthned in spirit, and was ‡ in the deserts untill the day of his manifestation to Israel.

73 * That sware to our father Abraham, that he would give us, Gen.22.16.

74 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

75 * In holinesse and righteousnesse before him all the dayes of our life. 1 Pet.1.15.

76 And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the highest: for thou shalt goe before the face of the Lord, to prepare his wayes.

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sinnes,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the day spring * from on high hath visited us, Mal.4.2.

79 To give light to them that sit in darknesse, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in wildernesse till the day came of his shewing unto the Israelites.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. I.

RHEM. 1 10 Praying without.] *We see heere that the Priest did his duety within, the people in the meane time praying without: and that the Priests functions did passe them, though they neither heard, nor saw his doings.*

FVLKE. 1 The condition of the Church of Christ is otherwise, then it was then under the Law. For now all things must be done in the congregation to the understanding and edifying of the people; in so much, as if a man had the miraculous gift of tongues, he might not speake in the Church without an interpretor. 1 Cor.14. Vnknown tongues.

RHEM. 2 28 HAILE.] *The beginning of the AVE MARIA. See the rest.* v. 42.

FVLKE 2 The holy words of the Angel, are prophanely, superstitiously, and Idolatrously abused by the ignorant Papists, as a prayer when they are none, mumbled in Latine, whereof they know not the sense, saying unto stocks and stones, yea to God himselfe: the learned sort, if not approving, yet wincking at such shamefull absurdities. The Ave Marie.

RHEM. 3 48 All generations.] *How the primitants had always generations to fulfill this prophecie? or do they call her blessed, that derogate what they can from her graces, blessings, and all her honour?*

FVLKE 3 The Church of God, whereof we are members, hath alwaies had, and alwaies shal have generations, in which the Virgine *Mary* hath beene and shall be called blessed: Neither doe we derogate from her graces, blessings, or honour that is due unto her, when we cannot abide, that of a most blessed and holy Virgine, the honourable mother of our Lord and Saviour Christ, she should be made an Idole, as the vvas of your forefathers the *Collyridian* heretikes; and as evill, if not worse, of you Papists. For the *Collyridians* never defiled her so grossely and horribly, as you doe, when you make her sonne, now sitting at the right hand of God the Father, as your blasphemous prayer doth. The perpetuity of the Church. Idolatry.

RHEM. 4 80. In the desert.] *Marke, that he was a voluntary Eremite, and chose to be solitary from a child, till he was to preach to the people, in so much that antiquity counted him the first Eremite.* Hiero. in vit. Paul. Honour of the Blessed virgin Mary.

FVLKE 4. The office of *Iohn* the Baptist was singular, and therefore his living in the desert is no example for other men, least of all for Popish Eremites, who live not at all in the desert, but nearer to cities and places frequented, then many husbandmen in the country. Neither doth *Hierom* allow the opinion of them that counted *Iohn* to be the first Eremite. See the note upon S. *Marke*, chap.9. sect.3. Eremites.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. I.

RHEM. 5 3 Having diligently attained.] *Hereby we see, that though the holy Ghost ruled the penne of holy writers that they might not erre, yet did they use humane meanes to search out and find the truth of the things they wrote of. Even so doe Councels, and the president of them, Gods vicar, discusse and examine all causes by humane meanes, the assistance of the holy Ghost conturing and directing them into all truth, according to Christs promise.* Iohn 16.13. *as in the very first Councell of the Apostles themselves at Hierusalem, is manifest,* Acts 15.7. *and 28. Against, some wee have a familiar preface of the Author, as to his friend, or to every godly Reader. (Signified by Theophilus) concerning the cause, and purpose, and manner of his writing, and yet the very same is confessed Scripture, with the whole booke following. Marvell not then if the Author of the second booke of the Maccabees * use the like humane speeches both at the beginning and in the latter end, neither doe thou therefore reiect the booke for no Scripture, as our heretikes doe: or not thinke him a sacred writer.* Sacred writers and holy Counsels. 2 Mach.2.& 15. The second booke of the Machabees

FVLKE. 5. Ordinary meanes are not to be neglected, but used for the discussing of controversies in Councels, but the holy Scripture is the rule whereby the definition must be made, if it bee true, as in the Councell of the Apostles, *Acts* 15. But that the Pope is Gods vicar, or president of generall Councels, or hath any promise, that he cannot erre, or any speciall direction of Gods spirit, as the holy men of God had, which did indite the Scriptures, it is never able to be proved. Neither is the preface, nor conclusion of the author of the second booke of *Maccabes*, any thing like to this preface of S. *Luke*. Which though it be directed to one speciall person, yet it conteineth nothing unworthy of the majesty of the holy Ghost, as those of the *Maccabees* doe. Where the author acknowledgeth his infirmity, asketh pardon if he have not done sufficiently, writeth to serue the vaine delight of men by variety of Story. Whereas S. *Luke* as the pen of the holy Ghost, doubteth not to say, that he hath exactly attened to the truth of all things, and set foorth the same to the certaine confirmation of the faith, wherein *Theophilus* had beene instructed, which is necessary for every Christian, though it was first written vnto *Theophilus*. Beside, that second booke of stories hath many things false, that are disproved by the first booke of the *Maccabees*, and by *Iosephus*, but specially matter contrary to the canonicall Scriptures, as a commendation of *Razis* for killing The Popes authority in Councels. The booke of Maccabees.

RHEM. 6 6. [illegible] *these ordinances, because it is evident that holy men be iust, not only by the affirmation of conscience to doe good before God.* Two sorts of iustification.

FVLKE. 6 [illegible] *all in deed before God, although not by their owne merite, but by the iustice of Christ imputed vnto them by faith. Quis quæso iustificatus est unquam, nisi qui ad hanc iustitiam transierit, tam diligenter ante* [illegible] *de pecc. merit. & remiss. lib.2. c.13.*

RHEM. 7 6. In all the commandements.] *These things to be vnderstood directly against the Heretikes of our time: first, that good men doe keepe all Gods Commandements; which (they say) are impossible to be kept. Against, that may be iustified not by onely imputation of Christs iustice, nor by faith alone, but by working in the Commandements. Against, that this keeping and doing of the Commandements is properly our iustification.*

FVLKE 7 Neither of these three things can be proved out of the text. For good men may walke in all the commandements of God, though they can keepe never a one perfectly. And faith onely in the merits of Christ, is imputed for righteousnesse to all those that are justified by God without respect of workes. Rom.4. Therefore keeping and doing of Gods commandements, is not the cause of our justification before God, but the effect and fruite thereof, *Gaudent. Brixi. epist. ad Paulum. Nemo fastuosum meritum Christi pro indigno, cum fastus sine vita nihil fides sine operibus.* So were *Zacharie* and *Elizabeth* justified before God by faith, as *Abraham* was, and so a frute of true justification, walked in all the commandements of God, in the sight of men blameleslie. For otherwise no man can say, his heart is cleane. If God should examine our iustification, who were able to abide it? *Zachary* and *Elizabeth* were holy, and iust persons, yet not free from sinne. For *Zachary* as one of Gods people looked to have remission of his sinnes, and salvation by Christ and not by his workes. Luc.1.77. *Quod de Zacharia & eius coniuge scriptum est, in omnibus mandatis & iustificationibus Domini sine ulla (paulus) brevitate dixit in lege. Non a re alia scribit, nisi quia non erat euidens quam legimus per singulos patres dictum esse iustos, secundum quam etiam sacerdos erat Zacharias & uxor eius sacrificabat: Et tamen Apostolus qui simili modo iustitias prædicat iustificatorum, sequitur & dicit: Quæ nihil horum fuerunt, hoc propter Christum dominum dicit esse sua stercora duxisse, & eum etiam & ambitum omnia dominum esse propter eminentem scientiam Domini nostri Iesu Christi, propter quem omnia sua solum detrimenta credidit, verum etiam & stercora esse iudicat, ut Christum lucrifaciat, & inveniat, &c. in resurrectione mortuorum. Tantum ergo hinc est ut propter illa verba Zachariæ & Elizabeth sine ullo peccato, eosdem perfectos habuisse iustitias, ut nec ipsum Apostolum ad eiusdem regulæ summitatem arbitremur fuisse perfectum, nisi talem illa legis iustitiam, quam similem istis habuit, quæ inter damna & stercora deputat in comparatione cognitionis Christi iustitiæ quæ in fide Christi est: Verum etiam ex ipsis quoque evangeliis, ubi & tanti apostoli tantum meruit præconium, quod diverso non audierint nisi ei non credere non ducerem. Aug. de pecc. mer. & remiss. lib.2. cap.13.*

RHEM. 8 6 Iustifications.] *This word is so usuall in the Scriptures (namely in roe Psal. 118.) to signifie the Commandements of God, because the keeping of them is justification, and the Greeke is alwaies so fully correspondent to the same, that the heretickes in this place (otherwise pretending to esteeme much of the Greeke) might not so say, that they would this word of purpose against the justification of the People. And therefore one of the Tolets word so saith, in Latine confitmea: and his children in their English Bibles say, Ordinances.* Catholique translations. *Augustinus. Beza in annotat. Test. 1556.* Iustifications.

FVLKE 8 The word used by the Prophet in the 119. *Psalme* is ▭חקים, Chukim which signifieth properly ordinances and statutes, as all that are meanely learned in the Hebrew, doe know. And although the Greeke interpreter in that Psalme, translated it *δικαιώματα*, your vulgar Latine interpreter, doth most commonly in the law, translate it *Ceremonias*, ceremonies, *Deut.4.5.6.7.* and so commonly almost in every Chapter. The Greeke interpreter, not always *δικαιώματα*, but sometimes *πόροι, ἐντολαὶ, νόμοι*, that is, the Lawe, Ordinances, Commandements. And in the same Chapter he translateth it both *δικαιώματα* and *ἐντολὰς*. *Deut.11.* ver. 32. by which it is evident, that the one word signifieth no more then the other. And that in *δικαιώματα*, we must seeke no greater mystery of justification, then in *ἐντολὰς*, which signifieth Ordinances, Commandements, Decrees, or Statutes. Saving that the Hebrew word is many times referred to precepts which be of Ceremonies, as the vulgar Latine interpreter doth commonly translate it. And so it is most like, that Saint *Luke* useth the word *δικαιώματα*, as it is commonly used in the Greeke text of the Law. Therefore seeing you cavill about the sound of a word, contrary to the use thereof; our interpreters did well to avoyde the verie justificatoris, whereabout you quarrell, and so translate it according to the meaning of the Greeke writer, and the vsuall acception of the Greeke word. And why should not a Latine interpreter use *Tullies* word (forsooth) being apt for the Greeke, rather then any barbarous terme, not so fit or agreeable unto it? But this matter you may (see more at large discussed in the defence against *Martines discovery*, c.8. *sect.* 1.2.4.& 3. Exod.18.20. Num.9.3. 1 Reg.2.3.

RHEM. 9 14 Joy and exultation.] *This was fulfilled not onely when he was borne, but now also through the whole Church for ever, as joyfull celebrating of his Nativity.*

FVLKE 9. Belike Saint *Iohn* is borne againe with you every Midsommer day. The joy that was at the birth of *Iohn*, (though it were great) yet it was obscured by the glorious birth of Christ. And seeing Christ is not onely borne, but also hath suffered death, is risen againe, and ascended into heaven: The joy of *Iohns* birth in the Catholike Church of Christ, is hidden and obscured, as the light of a star, by the Sunne shining at noone dayes. *Iohn* himselfe acknowledged, that he was to diminish, as Christ encreased, *Iohn* 3.30. The Angell therefore did not prophecy of your Popish celebrating of his Nativity, but of the joy that many should have, which looked for the redemption of Israel which was at hand, when *Iohn* the forerunner of Christ was borne. Otherwise the Church of God communicateth with the joy of Gods Saints at that time, not onely, nor chiefly, in celebration of the memory of *Iohns* Nativity, but in contemplation of the performance of Gods promise, at all times of the yeere. The following of S. Iohn Baptist.

RHEM. 10 23 He departed.] *In the old Law (saith Saint Hierome) they that offred hoste for the people, were not onely, not in their houses, but were purified for the time, being separated from their wives, and they drunke neither wine nor any strong drinke, which are wont to provoke concupiscence. Much more the Priests of the new Law that must alwayes offer sacrifices, must alwayes be free from Matrimony.* Lib.2. cap.19. adversus Iovin. *and epist.50. ca.3. See Saint Ambrose in 1. Tim.3. And therefore if there were any religion in Calvins Communion, they would at the least give as much reverence in this poynt, as they in the old Law did to their sacrifices, and to the leaves of proposition.* 1. Reg.21. The continuancy of Priests.

FVLKE. 10 Saint *Paul*, who alloweth a Bishop and Elder to be the husband of one wife, is to be understood, what is meete for the Ministers of the Church, rather then Saint *Hierome* and Saint *Ambrose*. Against whom I oppose *Clements Alexandrinus* and *Epiphanius*, with the whole generall Councell of Nice, who thought it not expedient that the Ministers of the Church should abstaine from their lawfull wives. See the notes upon *Matth.c.8. sect.* 14. And seeing the holy Ghost hath made no such law for them, that receive the Communion, to abstaine from 1 Tim.3.2.& 12.& 4.3. Titum 1.6.7. The marriage of Ministers of the Church.

...wives, we take our upon us to be wiser then God. Otherwise all must not be ... orderly, and temperatly: but not to separate themselves one from another, except it be ... they may be more fitt for fasting and prayer, and there to come together again, lest Satan ... for their incontinency. 1. Cor. 7. 5.

CHEM. 11. 28 Hale full of grace.] Holy Church and all true Christians have ever much and often ... words of the first glad tidings of Christs incarnation, and our Salvation by the same, and to the very ... salutation of the whole Gospel. In so much that the Greeke Church vseth it daily in the Masse.

Annunciation of the Aue Maria.

FVLKE 11. Papists in their repetition of these words (although it be their good will that they should ... seing they say them not, nor can say them so as that the Angel was moved by ... they doe so often, and so vainely repeat them upon their ... of Christ and the Blessed Virgine, Matth. 6. 7.) And what ... Gospell sooner be vnderstood in them, the ignorant people ... words in their mother tongue. If the Greekes vse them well in their Masse, why doe not you vse them in yours? If they vse them superstitiously, why doe you allledge their example? The ... vnder the names of Iames and Chrysostome. And the vse of them is a good ... Greeke Church had a Liturgie written by Iames the Apostle, who would thinke that Chrysostome would make a ... new? Againe, if Chrysostome had made a Liturgy, he would not have made a prayer for Pope Innocentius, that ... lived almost five hundred yeeres after him, nor for the Emperour Arcadius, who lived seven hundred yeeres after him: This stuffe therefore is much later then the Apostle Iames, or Chrysostomes age.

The shall of the Angels salutation.

RHEM. 12 28 Full of grace.] Note the excellent prerogatives of our Blessed Lady, and abhorre those heresies which make ... her no better then other vulgar women, and therefore to take from her fulnesse of grace, it boy say some, Maple freely ... beloved, contrary to all significations of the Greeke word, which is at the least, endued with grace, as Saint Paul ... vseth it Ephes. 1. by Saint Chrysostomes interpretation, or rather, full of grace, as both Greeke and Latine fathers ... have alwayes here understood it, and the Latines also reade it, namely, Saint Ambrose thus, Well is she called ... full of grace, who onely obteyned the grace, which no other woman deserved, to be replenished with the ... of Grace. And if they did as well know the nature of these kind of Greeke words, as they would seeme very skilfull, ... they might easily observe that they signifie fulnesse, as when themselves translate the like word (Luc. 16. 20.) full of ... sores Being vlcerous.

Corrupt translation of heretikes.

ἐχαριτωμένη κεχαριτωμένη.

ἀπαρθένος.

FVLKE 12. First, it is a slander, that we make the virgine Mary no better then other vulgar women. For we ... that she was blessed above all other women, in that she was chosen to be the mother of our Saviour Christ, and ... that she was full of the graces of the holy Ghost, but yet a woman, no goddesse, a sinner, no Saviour, and yet as ... free from sinne, as the infirmity of mans nature could be. Secondly, concerning our translation, we say, the ... Greeke word signifieth, freely beloved, not full of grace: both in this place, and in the Ephesians the first: by the ... testimony of all Greeke Dictionaries: by Chrysostomes judgement, whose wordes are these: τὸ ἐστὶν, he ... saith not ἐχαρίτωσεν, which he hath given, but ἐκεχαρίτωκεν, but whereby he hath made us freely beloved, that is, he ... hath not onely delivered us from our sins, but also hath made us his beloved friends. as if one had gotten a certaine ... stabled ... sorrow through pestilent sicknesse, age, poverty, and famine, and should by and by make him a beautifull young ... man, which shall exceede all other in beauty, &c, what clearer testimony can we have, that the Greeke word doth ... signifie, freely beloved? And yet it is true, that the virgine Mary especially, and all other Christians generally, ... we stand are endued with excellent gifts of Gods grace: as Chrysostome saith of all, and the rest of the Fathers, ... whom you quote, say of the virgine Mary. But our question is, whether the virgine Mary had these graces of her ... selfe, or of the free gift and love of God, without her merits. And what the Greeke word signifieth properly, ... not how it hath of some heeretofore beene unperfectly translated into Latine. Chrysostome Ex Luc. cap. 1. De ... nativitate Iohannis Baptistæ, rehearseth these words of the Angel in this sort: Pax tecum, quæ invenisti gratiam ... apud Dominum: Peace be to thee, which hast found favour with the Lord. That is, ἐκεχαρίτωσαι. Luk. 1. 6. It translated, ... full of sores, it prooveth not, that all such Participles derived of such Verbes, must signifie such a plaistre as you ... imagine, whereof I referre the Reader to the answer of your Preface fol. 53. and to the defence against Martines ... discovery c. 1. sect. 43. and chap. 18. sect. 4. 5. 6.

Greeke Annotations.

RHEM. 13 34 I know not man.] These words declare (saith Saint Augustine) that shee had now vowed virginity to ... God. For otherwise, neither would shee say, How shall this bee done? nor have added, because I know ... not man. Yea, if shee had sayd onely the first words, How shall this be done? it is evident, that shee ... would not have asked such a question, How a woman should beare a sonne promised her, if shee had ... married, meaning to have carnall copulation. cap. 4. de virgin. As if he should say, If she might have hoped a man ... and so have had a childe, shee would never have asked, How shall this bee done? but because that ordinary ... way was excluded by her vow of virginity, therefore shee asketh, How? and in asking, How? shee plainly ... declareth that she might not have a child by knowing man, because of her vow. See Saint Grego. Nissene de sancta ... Christi Nativitate.

Our Blessed Lady vowed virginity.

FVLKE 13 Though Saint Augustine gather that she had vowed virginity; yet it followeth not of the words of the text ... Therefore Saint Ambrose bringeth another cause, why she asked how shall this be? &c. She had read (saith hee) ... the prophecy of Esay. Behold a Virgine shall conceive, and bring forth a sonne; therefore she beleeved that it should ... be, but she had not read how it should be. For, how it should be, it was not revealed to that great Prophet. For so great ... a mystery of message was not to be uttered by the mouth of a man, but of an Angell. Therefore now it is first heard: ... The holy Ghost shall come upon thee. It is both heard and beleeved. The like sayings are in Euthymius and Theo-phylact: Euch. Non est virginis Mariæ diffidentia quod ait: Quomodo fiet istud quoniam virum non cognosco? Quod enim futurum erat, certa erat: modum qui fieret inquirebat, & hoc cum quæsisset, audivit. In Gen. lib. 2. cap. 20. Euseb. Emiss. Non dubitat fieri quod angelus fari promittit, interrogat tantum quomodo fiat, quoniam quamvis virginem aliquando parturum audierat, quomodo tamen pareret, non audierat. Dixit enim Esaias. Ecce virgo concipiet & pariet filium: quomodo tamen pariet non dicit: Quia igitur virgo est, & virum non cognovit, quomodo pariet & virgo manet, interrogat, quia nulla adhuc revelatione erat. Although Gregory Nyssen be of Saint Augustines opinion concerning her purpose of virginity: which is not like, seeing she promised to marry with Ioseph, as it is playne by the text.

Whether the Blessed Virgine vowed virginity.

RHEM. 36 Elizabeth thy Cosin.] By this that Elizabeth and our Lady were cosins, she one of the tribe of Levi, the other of Iuda, it gathered that Christ came of both tribes, Iuda and Levi, of the Kings, and the Priests: Manifest both a king ... and a priest, and she annointed (so wee) by grace spiritually, as they were with oyle materially and corporally. Augustin. de Consens. Evang. cap. 3.

Christ came of both tribes, Iuda and Levi.

RHEM. 42 Blessed art thou.] At the very hearing of our Ladies voyce, the infant and she were replenished with the holy Ghost, giue Mary.

The Blessed Virgine Mary.

FVLKE 14

RHEM.

RHEM. 15

FVLKE 15 The Blessed Virgine Mary is never mentioned, ... before upon that warranty the rites of thanksgiving and ... Almighty, Father of ... the Blessed Mother of ... Mother, Handmaid of the Lord, Temple, Tabernacle, Throne ... Queene, Lady, Mistresse, Patronesse, Protectresse, Aduocate, Mediatresse, Reconciliatresse, Sanctuary, Sanctification, Redemption, Glorification, Exaltation, Coronation, Assumption, Ascension, Nativity, Purification, Annunciation, Visitation, Salutation, Conception, Name, Commendation, Compassion, Miracles, Prayers, Psalter, Rosaries, Crownes, Beades, Primer, Houres, Dirige, Masse, Requiem, Exequies, Obsequies, Anniversaries, Trentals, Chaplets, Te Deum, Quicunque vult, all prayers, Laus to the Innocents, Laus to the Confessours, Laus to the Virgines, Laus to the Martyrs, Laus to the Apostles, Laus to the Patriarkes, Laus to the Prophets, Laus to the Angels, Laus to the Trinity, Laus to God, Laus to the Lambe, Laus to the whole Psalter, Benedicite

...that is come, let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to passe, which the Lord hath shewed unto us.

16 And they came with speed: and they found Mary and Ioseph, and the infant laid in the manger.

17 And when they had seene it, they published abroad the saying, which was told them of this childe.

18 And all they that heard it, wondred at those things which were told them of the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these sayings, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things that they had heard and seene, even as it was told unto them.

21 ¶ And when the eight day was come, that the childe should bee circumcised, his name was called Iesus, which was so named of the Angel before he was conceived in the wombe.

22 And when the dayes of her purification, after the Law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought him to Hierusalem, to present him to the Lord.

23 (As it is written in the Law of the Lord, That every male childe that first openeth the wombe, shall bee called holy to the Lord.)

24 And to offer, (as it is said in the Law of the

it is written in the Law of the Lord, a paire of turtles, or two young pigeons.

25 And behold, there was a man in Hierusalem, named Simeon, and this man was just and religious, expecting the consolation of Israel: and the holy Ghost was in him.

26 And hee had received an answere of the holy Ghost, that he should not see death, unlesse he saw first the ‡ CHRIST of the Lord.

‡ See Ioh. 1, 20. & 41.

27 And he came in Spirit into the Temple. And when his parents brought in the childe IESVS, to doe according to the custome of the Law for him:

28 He also tooke him into his armes, and blessed God, and said,

Nunc Dimittis or Compline.

29 *Now thou dost dismisse thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace.*

30 *Because mine eyes have seene thy salvation,*

31 *Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples:*

32 *A light to the revelation of the Gentils, and the glory of thy people Israel.*

33 And his father and mother were marvelling upon those things which were spoken concerning him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to MARY his mother, Behold this is set || unto the ruine, and into the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a signe which shall be contradicted,

35 And ‡ thine owne soule shall a sword peirce, that out of many hearts cogitations may be revealed.

36 And there was Anne a Prophetesse, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was farre stricken in dayes, and had lived with her husband seven yeeres from her virginity.

37 And she was || a widow untill eighty and foure yeeres: who departed not from the Temple, || by fasting and prayers ‡ serving night and day.

‡ λατρεύουσα.

38 And shee at the same houre suddenly comming in, confessed to our Lord: and spake of him to all that expected the redemption of Israel.

39 And after they had wholly done all things according to the Law of our Lord, they returned into Galilee, into their city Nazareth.

40 And the childe grew, and waxed † strong: full of wisdome, and the grace of God was in him.

† strong in Spirit.

41 And his parents went every yeere unto Hierusalem, * at the solemne day of Pasche.

Exod. 23, 15. 34, 17. The Gospel upon the first Sunday after the Epiphanie. Deut. 16, 1.

42 And when he was twelve yeeres old, they going up into Hierusalem according to the custome of the festivall day,

43 And having ended the dayes, when they returned, the childe IESVS remained in Hierusalem: and his parents knew it not.

44 And

the Lord, a paire of turtle doves, or two young pigeons.

25 *And behold, there was a man in Hierusalem, whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and godly, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the holy Ghost was upon him.*

26 *And a revelation was given him of the holy Ghost, not to see death, before he had seene the Lords Christ.*

27 *And he came by inspiration into the Temple: and when the parents brought in the childe Iesus, to doe for him after the custome of the Law,*

28 *Then tooke he him up in his armes, and praised God, and said,*

29 *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy promise.*

30 *For mine eyes have seene thy salvation.*

31 *Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.*

32 *A light to be revealed to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.*

33 *And his father and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.*

34 *And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this childe is set to be the fall and uprising againe of many in Israel, and for a signe which is spoken against.*

35 *(And moreover, the sword shall pierce thy soule) that the thoughts of many hearts may be opened.*

36 *And there was a Prophetesse, one Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser, which was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven yeeres from her virginity.*

37 *And she had beene a widow about foure score and foure yeeres, which departed not from the Temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.*

38 *And she comming at the same instant upon them, gave thankes likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Hierusalem.*

39 *And when they had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their owne city Nazareth.*

40 *And the childe grew, and waxed strong in Spirit, and was filled with wisdome, and the grace of God was upon him.*

41 *Now his parents went to Hierusalem every yeere, at the feast of the Passeover.* Deut. 16. 1.

42 *And when he was twelve yeeres old, they ascended up to Hierusalem, after the custome of the feast day.*

43 *And when they had fulfilled the dayes, as they returned home, the childe Iesus abode still in Hierusalem, and Ioseph and his mother knew not of it.*

44 *But*

49 And thinking that he was in the company, they came a dayes iourney, and sought him among their kinsfolke and acquaintance.

45 And not finding him, they returned into Hierusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to passe, after three dayes they found him in the temple sitting in the middes of the Doctors, hearing them, and asking them.

47 And all were astonied that heard him, upon his wisdome and answeres.

48 And seeing him, they wondered: And his mother said to him, Sonne, why hast thou so done to us? behold thy father and I sorrowing did seeke thee.

49 And hee said to them, What is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must bee about those things which are my fathers?

50 And they understood not the word that he spake unto them.

51 And he went downe with them, and came to Nazareth: and was ‖ subiect to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart.

52 And IESVS proceeded in wisdome and age, and grace with God and men.

44 *But they supposing him to haue been in the companie, came a dayes iourney, and sought him among their kinsfolke and acquaintance.*

45 *And when they found him not, they turned backe againe to Hierusalem, seeking him.*

46 *And it came to passe, that after three dayes, they found him in the Temple, sitting in the middes of the Doctors, hearing them, and posing them.*

47 *And all that heard him, were astonied at his understanding and answeres.*

48 *And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said vnto him, Sonne, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I haue sought thee sorrowing.*

49 *And he said vnto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must goe about my fathers businesse?*

50 *And they vnderstood not that saying which he spake vnto them.*

51 *And he went downe with them, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient vnto them: But his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.*

52 *And Iesus increased in wisdome and stature, and in fauour with God and man.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. II.

RHEM. 1 FVLKE 1 — 35 Thine owne soule.] Simeon *prophecied not onely of Christ, but of our blessed Lady, of all her sorrowes: wherein she was alwaies partaker with our Saviour, from his flight into Aegypt euen to his death.*

The Virgin Mary *suffered of greate sorrowes with our Saviour Christ, but not to the same end nor effect: for his sorrowes and sufferings, wrought our ioy: her sorrow was partly a naturall compassion of motherly affection, partly a conformation vnto the suffering of Christ, which is required of all the members vnto the head.* — The sorrowes of the B. Virgine.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. II.

RHEM. 2 — 14 Men of good will.] *The birth of Christ giveth not peace of mind or saluation but to such as be of good will, because he worketh not our good against our wils, but our wils concurring. Aug. quæst. ad Simplic. l. 1. q. 2. tom. 4.* — Free-will.

FVLKE 2 — S. *Augustine* in the same place citeth the text: *Deus est, &c. It is God who worketh in you, both to will and to worke, according to his good will:* where he sheweth sufficiently, that euen the same good will is made in vs, by the working of God. Againe in the same place, *Deus præstat vt velimus, &c. God bringeth to passe that we be willing.* Therefore man hath no free will to accept Gods benefits before God of unwilling, by his onely grace maketh him willing. *Without me, saith Christ, you can do nothing.* Ergo, not so much as to be of good will to receive him, when he offereth himselfe; but haue that good will wrought by his grace in vs. — Free-will. Ioh. 15. 5.

RHEM. 3 — 19 Kept all.] *Our Lady though little be spoken of her concerning such matters in the Scriptures, because she was a woman, and not admitted to teach or dispute in publike of high mysteries: yet she knew all those mysteries, and wisely pondred and contemplated of all those things that were done and said about Christ, from the first houre of his conception till the end of his life and his assension.* — Our B. Lady full of deepe contemplations.

FVLKE 3 — The Virgin *Mary*, though she had great understanding, yet she did not perfectly understand all the mysteries of Christ, as it is plaine by the 50. verse of this chapter, *They understood not the word that he spake vnto them.* Therefore either mend your note, or mend your Anthem: *Virgo puella Iudæa, secreta quæ non noverat: The mayden Iewesse did beare, the secrets which she did not know.*

RHEM. — 34 To the ruine.] *Therefore to the ruine of some, because they would not beleeue in him, and so were the cause of their owne ruine, as he is elsewere called,* A stumbling stone, *because many would stumble at him, and so fall by their owne fault: otherwise he raised by the grace from sinne to iustice, and so he was the resurrection of many. The Apostle vseth the like speech, saying:* We are to some the odour of life, vnto life: to others, the odour of death, vnto death. *Not that their preaching was to cause death, but because they that would not beleeue their preaching, wilfully incurred deadly sinne and damnation.* — 1 Pet. 2. 2. Mans ruine and damnation is of themselues. 2 Cor. 2, 16.

RHEM. — 37 A widow.] *Vnder this title also is here mentioned to the commendation thereof euen in the old Testament also, such as that was in Iudith here mentioned, to wit: fasting, praying, being continually in the Temple: cites also S. Paul more at large for the state of the new Testament speaketh of: with whom vowed virginity, as being professions more apt and commodious for the seruice of God.* — Holy Widowhood. 1 Cor. 7.

RHEM. 4 — 37 By fasting and prayers serving.] Seruing, *in the Greeke is λατρεύων, that is, doing diuine worship vnto God, as by prayer, so also by fasting; so that fasting is λατρεία, that is, an act of religion whereby we doe worship God, as words by prayer; and not of duty to punish the flesh, much lesse (as Heretikes would haue it) as a matter of policie.* — Fasting an act of Religion.

FVLKE 4 — There is no doubt, but fasting though of it selfe it be not a part of Gods worship, which consisteth in spirit & truth, being also, as *Hierome* saith, not a perfect vertue, but a foundation of vertues, yet it may, and ought to be exercised to the glory and seruice of God, while by humbling our flesh, wee are made more apt to worship him in spirit. That fasting is a matter of policie we neuer held. But that abstinence from flesh may bee commanded — Ioh. 4. Ad Demetr. Fastings. Slander.

RHEM. — *...stipulated for publike vse, was forbidden. And to commaund it for Religious sake, &c., is to the doctrine of deuils and ...Timoth. 4. ...worship God with such meates, which he hath created to be receiued of the faithfull and them that know the truth. But if ...thing or ...worship God with such meates, chosen by your owne deuotion, you are idolaters, whose ...worship creatures ...with fasting and prayers, which Idolatry is a great part of your Antichristian religion.*

RHEM. — *51 Was subiect to them.] All children may learne hereby, that great ought to be their subiection and obedience to parents ...duty pertaines, when Christ himselfe, being God, would be subiect to his parents being but his creatures.* — ...ence to parents

CHAP. III.

The second part: The preparations that were made to the manifestation of Christ. — *Iohn, to prepare all to Christ (as Esay had propheſied of him) baptiseth them to penance. 7 Inueighing their reprobating, and the Gentiles vocation, 10 teaching also and exhorting each sort to doe their duty. 15 That himselfe is not Christ, he sheweth by the difference of their two Baptismes: 17 and saith that Christ will also iudge his people. 19 Iohn imprisoned. 21 Christ being himselfe also baptized of Iohn, hath testimony from heauen, 23 as he whose generation reacheth vp euen to God.*

The Gospel vpon Ember Saturday in Aduent. And on the 4. Sunday in Aduent.

NOw in the fifteenth yeere of the reigne of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being Gouernour of Iewry, and Herod being Tetrach of Galilee, and Philip his brother Tetrach of Iturea and the countrey Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrach of Abilene,

2 *When Annas and Caiphas were the high Priests, the word of the Lord came vnto Iohn, the sonne of Zacharias, in the wildernesse.* Acts 4. 6.

3 *And he came into all the coast about Iordane, preaching the Baptisme of repentance for the remission of sinnes,*

4 *As it is written in the booke of the words of Esaias the Prophet, saying,* *The voyce of a Esay 40. 3. *Cryer in the wildernesse, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his pathes straight.*

5 *Euery valley shalbe filled, and every mountaine and hill shalbe brought low, and things that be crooked, shall be made straight, and the rough wayes shall be made plaine.*

6 *And all flesh shall see the saluation of God.*

7 *Then said he to the people that were come forth to be baptized of him,* *O generation of Matth. 3. 7. *vipers, who hath forewarned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

8 *Bring forth therefore due fruits of repentance, and begin not to say within your selues, We haue Abraham to our Father: For I say vnto you, that God is able of these stones to raise vp children vnto Abraham.*

9 *Now also is the axe laid vnto the root of the trees: Every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewen downe, and cast into the fire.*

10 *And the people asked him, saying, What shall we doe then?*

11 *He answereth, and saith vnto them,* *He Iames 2. 15. *that hath two coats, let him part with him that 1 Iohn 3. 17. hath none, and he that hath meate, let him doe likewise.*

12 *Then came Publicanes also to be baptized, and said vnto him, Master, what shall we doe?*

13 *And he said vnto them, Require no more then that which is appointed vnto you.*

14 *The souldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we doe? And he said vnto them, Doe violence to no man, neither accuse any falsly, and be content with your wages.*

Matth. 3. 7. — Now in the fifteenth yeere of the reigne of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being Lieutenant of Iewry, and Herod being Tetrach of Galilee, and his brother Philip Tetrach of Iturea, and the region of the Trachonites, and Lysanias the Tetrach of Abilene,

2 When Annas and Caiphas were the high Priests, the word of the Lord came vnto Iohn, the sonne of Zacharias, in the wildernesse.

3 And he came into all the countrey of Iordan, preaching the Baptisme of ‡ penance vnto remission of sinnes: as it is written in the booke of the sayings of Esay the Prophet:

Esay 40, 3. — 4 A voyce of one crying in the desert: prepare the way of our Lord, make straight his pathes.

5 Every valley shall bee filled: and every mountaine and hill shall be made low, and crooked things shall become straight: and rough wayes, plaine:

6 And all flesh shall see the saluation of God.

7 Hee said therefore to the multitudes that went forth to be baptised of him, *Ye vipers broods, who hath shewed you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Yeeld therefore ‡fruits worthy of penance; and doe ye not begin to say, We have Abraham to our Father. For I tell you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

9 And now the axe is put to the root of the trees. ‡Every tree therfore that yeeldeth not good fruit, † shall be cut downe, and cast into fire.

‡ A man without good workes is unfruitfull, and shall be cast into eeuerlasting fire. — † is.

10 And the multitudes asked him, saying, What shall we doe then?

11 And hee answering, said vnto them: ‡He that hath two coats, let him giue to him that hath not: and he that hath meat, let him doe likewise.

12 And the Publicanes also came to bee baptized, and said to him, Master, what shall we doe?

13 But he said to them, Doe nothing more then that which is appointed you.

14 And the souldiers also asked him, saying, What shall we also doe? And he said to them, Vex not, neither calumniate any man: and be content with your stipends.

15 And

33 And ‡ the people imagining, and all men thinking in their hearts of Iohn, leſt perhaps he were Chriſt:

16 Iohn anſwered, ſaying vnto all, * I indeed baptize you with water: ‡ but there † ſhall come a mightier then I, whoſe latchet of his ſhoes I am not worthy to vnlooſe, hee ſhall baptize you in the holy Ghoſt and fire.

17 Whoſe fanne is in his hand, and hee will purge his floore: and will gather the wheat into his barne, but the chaffe he will burne with vnquenchable fire.

18 Many other things alſo exhorting did he evangelize to the people.

19 * And Herod the Tetrach, when hee was rebuked of him for Herodias his † brothers wife, and for all the evils which Herod did:

20 || He added this alſo above all, and ſhut vp Iohn into priſon.

21 * And it came to paſſe when all the people was baptized, IESVS alſo being baptized and praying, heaven was opened:

22 And the holy Ghoſt deſcended in corporall ſhape as a dove vpon him: and a voyce from heaven was made: Thou art my beloved Sonne, in thee I am well pleaſed.

23 And IESVS himſelfe was beginning to bee about thirty yeeres old: as it was thought, the ſonne of Ioſeph, who was || of Heli,

24 Who was of Matthat, who was of Levi, who was of Melchi, who was of Ianne, who was of Ioſeph,

25 Who was of Matthathias, who was of Amos, who was of Naum, who was of Hesli, who was of Nagge,

26 Who was of Mahath, who was of Matthathias, who was of Semei, who was of Ioſeph, who was of Iuda,

27 Who was of Iohanna, who was of Reſa, who was of Zorobabel, who was of Salathiel, who was of Neri,

28 Who was of Melchi, who was of Addi, who was of Coſam, who was of Elmadan, who was of Her,

29 Who was of Ieſus, who was of Eliezer, who was of Iorim, who was of Matthat, who was of Levi,

30 Who was of Simeon, who was of Judas, who was of Ioſeph, who was of Iona, who was of Eliacim,

31 Who was of Melcha, who was of Menna, who was of Matthatha, who was of Nathan, who was of David,

32 * Who

Matt.3.11. marke 1.8. john 1.26. Matth.3.12. Matt.14.3. marke 6.17. Matt.3.13. marke 1.9. john 1.32.

15 *And as the people waited, and all men muſed in their hearts of Iohn, whether he were, very Chriſt:*

16 *Iohn anſwered, ſaying vnto them all, * Indeed I baptize you with water, but one ſtronger then I commeth, whoſe ſhoes latchet I am not worthy to vnlooſe, hee ſhall baptize you with the holy Ghoſt, and with fire.*

17 *Which hath his fanne in his hand, and will thoroughly purge his floore, and will gather the wheate into his barne, but the chaffe will be burne with fire vnquenchable.*

18 *And many other things in his exhortation preached he vnto the people.*

19 *Then Herod the Tetrarch, when hee was rebuked of him for Herodias his brother Philips wife, and for all the evils which Herod did,*

20 *Added this above all, and ſhut vp Iohn in priſon.*

21 *Now it came to paſſe, as all the people were baptized, and * when Ieſus was baptized, and did pray, that the heaven was opened:*

22 *And the holy Ghoſt came downe in a bodily ſhape like a dove vpon him, and a voice came from heaven, which ſayd, Thou art my beloved ſonne, in thee I am well pleaſed.*

23 *And Ieſus himſelfe began to be about thirty yeares of age, being (as he was ſuppoſed) the ſonne of Ioſeph, which was the ſonne of Heli,*

24 *Which was the ſonne of Matthat, which was the ſonne of Levi, which was the ſonne of Melchi, which was the ſonne of Ianna, which was the ſonne of Ioſeph,*

25 *Which was the ſonne of Matthathias, which was the ſonne of Amos, which was the ſonne of Naum, which was the ſonne of Hesly which was the ſonne of Nagge,*

26 *Which was the ſonne of Maath, which was the ſonne of Matthathias, which was the ſonne of Semei, which was the ſonne of Ioſeph, which was the ſonne of Iuda,*

27 *Which was the ſonne of Ioanna, which was the ſonne of Rheſa, which was the ſonne of Zorobabel, which was the ſon of Salathiel, which was the ſonne of Neri,*

28 *Which was the ſonne of Melchi, which was the ſonne of Addi, which was the ſonne of Coſam, which was the ſonne of Elmodam, which was the ſonne of Er,*

29 *Which was the ſonne of Ioſe, which was the ſonne of Eliezer, which was the ſonne of Iorim, which was the ſon of Matthat, which was the ſonne of Levi,*

30 *Which was the ſonne of Simeon, which was the ſonne of Iuda, which was the ſonne of Ioſeph, which was the ſonne of Ionam, which was the ſonne of Eliacim,*

31 *Which was the ſon of Melea, which was the ſonne of Menam, which was the ſonne of Mattathiab, which was the ſonne of Nathan, which was the ſonne of David,*

32 *Which*

Matt.14.3. Mar.6,17. † brother Philips.

Matt.3.13. Mar.1,9. Iohn 1,32.

3,11. 1,8. commeth hn 1,26. cts 1,5. 1,16.19,4.

32 * Who was of Iaſſe, who was of Obed, who was of Booz, who was of Salmon, who was of Naaſſon,

33 Who was of Aminadab, who was of Aram, who was of Efron, who was of Phares, who was of Iuda,

34 Who was of Iacob, who was of Iſaac, who was of Abraham, who was of Thare, who was of Nachor,

35 Who was of Sarug, who was of Ragau, who was of Phaleg, who was of Heber, who was of Sale,

36 ‡ Who was of Cainan, who was of Arphaxad, who was of Sem, who was of Noe, who was of Lamech,

37 Who was of Mathuſale, who was of Henoch, who was of Iared, who was of Maleel, who was of Cainan,

38 Who was of Henos, who was of Seth, who was of Adam, who was of God.

32 *Which was the ſonne of Iaſſe, which was the ſonne of Obed, which was the ſonne of Booz, which was the ſonne of Salmon, which was the ſonne of Naaſſon,*

33 *Which was the ſonne of Aminadab, which was the ſonne of Aram, which was the ſonne of Efron, which was the ſon of Phares, which was the ſonne of Iuda,*

34 *Which was the ſonne of Iacob, which was the ſonne of Iſaac, which was the ſonne of Abraham, which was the ſonne of Thare, which was the ſonne of Nachor,*

35 *Which was the ſon of Sarug, which was the ſon of Ragau, which was the ſon of Phaleg, which was the ſon of Heber, which was the ſon of Sale,*

36 *Which was the ſonne of Arphaxad, which was the ſonne of Sem, which was the ſonne of Noe, which was the ſonne of Lamech,*

37 *Which was the ſon of Mathuſale, which was the ſonne of Enoch, which was the ſonne of Iared, which was the ſonne of Malaleel, which was the ſonne of Cainan,*

38 *Which was the ſonne of Henos, which was the ſonne of Seth, which was the ſonne of Adam, which was the ſonne of God.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. 3.

RHEM. 1 3 Penance vnto remiſſion.] *Penance prepareth the way to Chriſt.*
FVLKE 1 *Iohn* by preaching repentance, prepared a way to Chriſt.
RHEM. 2 8 Fruites worthy of penance.] *Fruites of penance be workes ſatisfactory.*
FVLKE 2 The fruites of repentance, being good workes, declare the repentance to be true and vnfained: If the repentance be true, the ſinnes are forgiven, therefore the workes are not ſatisfactory: for ſatisfaction pertaineth to juſtice, forgiveneſſe to mercy. Satisfaction.
RHEM. 3 11 He that hath two coates.] *Almes commended or enioyned for ſinners, and to avoyde damnation.*
FVLKE 3 Almes commanded as a true fruit of repentance, which he that is able, and will not give, ſhall not avoyde damnation. Counſels and Precepts.
RHEM. 4. 15 The people imagining.] *Iohn was ſo holy, that many might by error eaſily thinke he was Chriſt.*
FVLKE 4. There was infinite difference betweene the holineſſe of *Iohn* and of Chriſt, therefore *Iohns* holineſſe was no occaſion of mens error, but their owne negligence, which did not know the Scriptures concerning Chriſt. But this is your manner, to make ſmall difference betweene the Lord and his ſervants. Yet it was moſt certainely knowne (ſayth *Beda*) to the Iewes by the Scriptures, that the time of our Lords incarnation was at hand. But it was manifeſtly blindneſſe, that they beleeved of *him* of their owne accord, not to beleeve of our Saviour, who was approoved by ſo great figures and wonders, and teſtified by *Iohn* himſelfe alſo.
RHEM. 5 16 But there ſhall come.] *How ſay they that the Heretiques, that the Baptiſme of Chriſt is of no greater vertue then Iohns?*
FVLKE. 5. Onely Chriſts office and power it is, to baptize with the holy Ghoſt and with fire, now, in the baptiſme miniſtred by his ſervants in the Church: and then, in the baptiſme that was miniſtred by *Iohn*. The baptiſme in both, is from heaven, as Gods inſtitution. Baptiſme.
RHEM. 6. 36 Who was of Cainan.] *Beza baldly wipeth out of this Goſpell, theſe words, who was of Cainan: though all the Greeke Copies, both of the Old Teſtament and of the New, have the words with full conſent: whereby we learne the intolerable ſawcineſſe of the Caluiniſts, and their contempt of holy Scripture, that dare ſo deale with the very Goſpell it ſelfe.*
FVLKE 6 That which is a manifeſt error, none of the Evangeliſt, but of ſome writer that would correct the Evangeliſt, according to the error of the Greeke tranſlation of Geneſis, being contrary to the truth of the Hebrew text, and an ancient copy of S. *Luke* in Greeke, why ſhould he doubte to come? But of this manner, ſee more at large in the defence againſt *Martines* diſcovery, and vere to the Preface, Sect. 18, 19, 20, 22, 22. Slanders Gualt.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. 3.

RHEM. 20 He addeth this above all.] *The faults of Princes, and other great men, that cannot onely not abide to heare their faultes, but alſo puniſh by death or impriſonment ſuch as reproched them for the ſame (eſpecially if they warne them, as Prophets and Prieſts doe, from God) is exceeding great.*
RHEM. 7 23 Of Heli.] *Whereas in* S. Matthew, Iacob *is father to* Ioſeph, *and heere* Heli, *the caſe was thus.* Mathan (*named in* S. Matthew) *of his wife called* Eſcha *begate* Iacob: *and after his death,* Melchi (*named heere in* S. Luke) *of the ſame woman begate* Heli: *ſo that* Iacob *and* Heli *were brethren of one mother. This* Heli *therefore marrying and dying without iſſue:* Iacob *his brother, according to the Law married his wife, and begate* Ioſeph, *and ſo raiſed vp ſeed to his brother* Heli; *whereby it came to paſſe, that* Iacob *was the naturall father of* Ioſeph, *which (as ſome* Matthew *ſayth) begate him: and* Heli *was his legall father accordeing to the Law, as* S. Luke *ſignifieth* Euſeb. li. 1. Ec. Hiſt. c. 7. Hiero. in c. 1. Mat. Aug. li. 2. c. 2. 3. de conſ. Evang. The reconciliation of Matthew and Luke in our Saviours pedigree.
FVLKE 7 Saint *Auguſtine* ſaith not that *Iacob* and *Heli* were brethren by the mother, but that *Heli* deſcending from *Nathan*, adopted *Ioſeph*, being not his ſonne by nature. Saint *Hierom* citeth the Law, Deut. 25. that the brother Mariage with the brothers wife.

ther or kinſman ſhould marry the wife of him that dyed without iſſue, whereby is appeareth that by the brother, he underſtandeth not the naturall brother, but according to the Hebrew cuſtome, ſuch kinſman, as was not forbidden by the Law, *Levit.*18. Onely *Euſebius* out of *Africanus* an Hiſtoriographer, ſuppoſeth that *Iacob* and *Heli* were brethren by the mother, and married both the mother of *Ioſeph*: which is not like, but alſo ſuch marying, is inceſtuous by the Law, *Levit.*18.16. Except we ſhould ſay, that their marriage was like the inceſt of *Iuda* with *Thamar*, which is alſo in the genealogie of Chriſt.

CHAP. IIII.

Chriſt going into the Deſert to prepare himſelfe before his manifeſtation, overcommeth the tentation of the devill. 14 Then beginning glorioufly in Galilee, 16 he ſheweth up them of Nazareth his commiſſion out of Eſay the prophet, 23 inſinuating by occaſion the lewes his countriemens reprobation. 31 In Capharnaum his doctrine is admired, 33 ſpecially for his miracle in the Synagogie. 38 From which, going to Peters houſe, he ſheweth there much more power. 42 Then retiring into the wilderneſſe, he preacheth afterwards in the other cities of Galilee.

Mat.4,1. Mar.1,12. AND Iesvs full of the Holy Ghoſt, returned from Iordan, and was driven in the ſpirit into the deſert,

2 ‡ Fourty dayes, and was tempted of the devill. And he did eate nothing in thoſe dayes: and when they were ended, he was an hungred.

3 And the devill ſaid to him, If thou be the ſonne of God, ſay to this ſtone that it be made bread.

4 And Iesvs made anſwere vnto him, It is written, *That not in bread alone ſhall man live, but in every word of God.* Deut.8,3.

5 And the devill brought him into an high mountaine, and ſhewed him all the kingdomes of the whole world in a moment of time:

6 And he ſaid to him, To thee will I give this whole power, and the glory of them: for to me they are delivered, and to whom I will, I doe give them:

7 Thou therefore if thou wilt adore before me, they ſhall all be thine.

8 And Iesvs anſwering ſaid to him, It is written, ‡ *Thou ſhalt adore the Lord thy God and him only ſhalt thou c ſerve.* ‡ See the Annot. in S. Matthew c.4,11. Deut.6,13. 10,20. c λατρεύσεις.

9 And he brought him into Hieruſalem, and ſet him vpon the pinacle of the Temple: and he ſaid to him, If thou be the ſon of God, caſt thy ſelfe from hence downeward.

Pſal.90,12. 10 For ‡ it is written, that *He hath given his Angels charge of thee, that they preſerve thee:*

11 And that *in their hands they ſhall beare thee up, leſt perhaps thou knock thy foot againſt a ſtone.*

Deut.6.16. The Third part of Chriſts manifeſting himſelfe by preaching and miracles ſpecially in Galilee. ‡ Our Saviour vſed to preach in their Synagogues. Matt.4,12. Mar.1,14. Matt 13,54. marke 6,1. Iohn 4,43. 12 And Iesvs anſwering ſaid to him, It is ſaid, *Thou ſhalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

13 And all the tentation being ended, the devill ‖ departed from him vntill a time.

14 * And Iesvs returned in the force of the ſpirit into Galilee, and the fame went forth through the whole country of him.

15 And he taught in their Synogogues, and was magnified of all.

16 * And he came to Nazareth where he was brought vp: and he entred ‡ according to his cuſtome on the Sabboth day, into the Synagogue: and he roſe vp to reade.

17 And

Iesus * *being full of the holy Ghoſt, returned from Iordane, and was led by the ſame ſpirit into wilderneſſe,* Mat.4.1. Mar.1.12.

2 Being fourty dayes tempted of the devill, and in thoſe dayes did hee eate nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungred.

3 And the devill ſaid unto him, If thou be the ſonne of God, command this ſtone that it bee made bread.

*4 And Ieſus anſwered him, ſaying, * It is written, that man ſhall not live by bread onely, but by every word of God.* Deut.8.3. mat.4.4.

5 And when the devill had taken him up into an high mountaine, he ſhewed him all the Kingdomes of the worlde in a moment of time.

6 And the devill ſayd unto him, All this power will I give thee every whit, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, and to whomſoever I will, I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worſhip me, it ſhalbe all thine.

*8 Ieſus anſwering, ſayd unto him, Get thee hence behind me, Satan: for it is written, * Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him onely ſhalt thou ſerve.* Deut.6.13. and 10.20.

9 And he caried him to Hieruſalem, and ſet him on a pinacle of the Temple, and ſaid unto him; If thou be the ſonne of God, caſt thy ſelfe downe from hence.

*10 For it is written, * that he ſhall give his angels charge over thee, to keepe thee.* Pſal.91.12.

11 And in their hands they ſhall beare thee up, that thou daſh not thy foote at any time againſt a ſtone.

*12 And Ieſus anſwering, ſaid unto him, It is ſayd, * Thou ſhalt not tempt the Lord thy God.* Deut.6.16.

13 And when the devill had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a ſeaſon.

14 And Ieſus returned by the power of the ſpirit into Galilee, and there went a fame of him throughout all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their Synagogues, being glorified of all men.

*16 * And he came to Nazareth, where he was nurſed, and as his cuſtome was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabboth day, and ſtood up for to reade.* Matt.13.54. mar.6.1. iohn 4.43.

17 And

17 And there was deliuered vnto him the booke of the Prophet Eſaias: and when he had opened the booke, he found the place where it is written,

Eſa.61,1. 18 *The Spirit of the Lord upon me, for which he anointed me to evangelize unto the poore, he ſent me, to heale the contrite of heart,*

19 *To preach to the captives remiſſion, and ſight to the blind, to diminiſſe the bruiſed unto remiſſion, to preach the acceptable yeare of the Lord, and the day of retribution.*

20 And when he had folded the booke, he rendred it to the miniſter, and ſate downe. And the eyes of all in the Synagogue were bent upon him.

21 And he began to ſay unto them: That this day is fulfilled this Scripture in your eares.

‡ He had a marvelous grace and an extraordinary force in moving the hearts of his hearers. The GOSPEL vpon Munday in the third weeke of Lent. 22 And all gave teſtimony to him: and they ‡ marveiled in the wordes of grace that proceeded from his mouth, and they ſayd, Is not this Ioſephs ſonne?

3. Reg.17.9. 23 And he ſayd to them, Certes you will ſay to me this ſimilitude, *Phyſician, cure thy ſelfe:* as great things as we have heard ‖ done in Capharnaum, doe alſo heere in thy countrey.

24 And he ſayd, Amen I ſay to you, that no Prophet is accepted in his owne countrey.

25 In truth I ſay to you, † there were many widowes in the dayes of Elias in Israel, when the heaven was ſhut three yeeres and ſixe moneths, when there was a great famine made in the whole earth:

26 And to none of them was Elias ſent, but into Sarepta of Sidon, to a widow woman.

4. Reg.5,14. 27 * And there were many Lepers in Iſrael under Elizæus the Prophet: and none of them was made cleane but Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all in the ſynagogue were filled with anger, hearing theſe things.

29 And they roſe, and caſt him out of the city: and they brought him to the edge of the hill, whereupon their city was built, that they might throw him downe headlong.

Mat.4,13. 6,28. Mar.1,21. 30 But he ‖ paſſing through the middes of them, went his way.

31 * And he went downe into Capharnaum a city of Galilee: and there hee taught them on the Sabboths.

32 And they were aſtonied at his doctrine: becauſe his talke was in power.

33 And in the Synagogue there was a man having an uncleane devill, and he cryed out with a loud voyce,

34 Saying, Let bee, what to us and thee Iesvs of Nazareth? art thou come to deſtroy us? I know thee who thou art? *the* SAINT *of God.*

35 And Iesvs rebuked him, ſaying, Hold thy peace, and go out of him. And when the

17 *And there was deliuered vnto him the booke of the Prophet Eſaias: and when he had opened the booke, he found the place where it is written.*

18 * *The ſpirit of the Lord upon me, becauſe he hath anointed me to preach the Goſpel to the poore he hath ſent me, to heale the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, and recovering of ſight to the blinde, freely to ſet at liberty them that are bruiſed:* Eſay 61.1.

19 *And to preach the acceptable yeare of the Lord.*

20 *And when he had cloſed the booke, and given it againe to the miniſter, he ſate downe: and the eyes of all them that were in the Synagogue were faſtened on him.*

21 *And he began to ſay unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your eares.*

22 *And all bare him witneſſe, and wondred at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they ſayd, Is not this Ioſephs ſonne?*

23 *And he ſaid unto them, Tee will utterly ſay unto me this proverbe, Phyſician, heale thy ſelfe: Whatſoever we have heard done in Capernaum, doe the ſame heere likewiſe in thine owne country.*

24 *And he ſayd, * Verely I ſay unto you, no Prophet is accepted in his owne country.* John 4.44.

25 *But I tell you of a truth, * many widowes were in Iſrael in the dayes of Elias, when the heaven was ſhut three yeares and ſixe moneths, when great famiſhment was throughout all the land:* 1. Reg.17.9. iacob.5.27.

26 *And unto none of them was Elias ſent, ſave unto Sarepta a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.*

27 * *And many Lepers were in Iſrael in the time of Elizæus the Prophet: and none of them was cleanſed, ſaving Naaman the Syrian.* 2. Reg.5.14.

28 *And all they in the ſynagogue, when they heard theſe things, were filled with wrath.*

29 *And roſe up, and thruſt him out of the city, and led him even unto the † toppe of the hill (whereon their city was built) that they might caſt him downe headlong.* † The Greeke readeth brow of the hill.

30 *But hee paſſing thorow the middes of them, went his way:*

31 *And came downe to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, * and there taught them on the Sabboth dayes.* Matth.4.13. mar. 1.21.

32 * *And they were aſtonied at his doctrine: for his preaching was with power.* Matth.7.24. mar. 1.22.

33 * *And in the Synagogue there was a man which had a ſpirit of a foule devill, and cryed out with a loud voyce,* Mar.1.23.

34 *Saying, Let us alone, what have we to do with thee, thou Ieſus of Nazareth? art thou come to deſtroy us? I know who thou art, even the holy one of God.*

35 *And Ieſus rebuked him, ſaying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devill had*

the deuill had throwne him into the middes, he went out of him, and hurted him nothing.

36 And there came feare upon all, and they talked together one with another, saying, What word is this, that in power and vertue he commandeth the uncleane spirits, and they goe out?

37 And the fame of him was published into every place of the countrey.

38 And IESVS rising vp out of the Synagogue, entred into Simons house. * And || Simons wives mother was holden with a great fever: and they besought him for her.

39 And standing over her, he commanded the fever, and it left her. And incontinent rising, she ministred to them.

40 And when the Sunne was downe, all that had diseased of sundry maladies, brought them to him. But hee imposing hands upon every one, cured them.

41 And devils went out from many, crying and saying, That thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speake, that they knew he was Christ.

42 And when it was day, going foorth, he went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought him, and came even unto him: and they held him, that he should not depart from them.

43 To whom he sayd, That to other cities also must I evangelize the kingdome of God: because therefore I was sent.

44 And he was preaching in the Synagogues of Galilee.

Matth.8,14. Mar.1,30. The Gospell vpon Thursday ot the 3. weeke in Lent. And vpon Saturday in Whitson weeke.

had throwne him in the middes, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And feare came on them all, and they spake among themselves, saying, What manner of saying is this? for with authority and power he commandeth the foule spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

*38 * And when he was risen out of the Synagogue, he entred into Simons house: and Simons wives mother was taken with a great fever, and they made intercession to him for her.* Matth.8.14. marke 1.29.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediatly she arose, and ministred unto them.

40 When the Sunne was downe, all they that had any sicke with divers diseases, brought them unto him: and when he had layd his hands on every one of them, he healed them.

*41 * And devils also came out of many, crying and saying, Thou art that Christ the sonne of God. And he rebuking them, suffered them not to speake: for they knew that hee was Christ.* Marke 1.33.

42 And when it was day, he departed, and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came to him, and kept him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he sayd unto them, I must preach the kingdome of God to other Cities also: For therefore am I sent.

44 And he was preaching in the Synagogues of Galilee.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 1 — 2 Forty dayes.] *The Churches fast of 40. dayes (called Lent) commeth of this, and is an Apostolicall Tradition.* Clem. Constitut. Apost. li. 5. cap. 13. Hier. ep. ad Marcell. adu. trro. Montani. Leo. ser. 6. & 9. de Quadragef.

FVLKE 1 — For Lent fast, see the Notes upon *Matth. cap. 4. sect. 2.* except *Clemens* constitution, which is a counterfeit booke, lately brought to light, rejected of the ancient Fathers of the Primitive Church, as containing many things heretically, false, and frivolous, and yet altered since the ancient Fathers age. For example, let these suffice. — Lent. Counterfeit authority.

6 That he bringeth in *Iames* the brother of *Iohn*, writing and speaking with the rest of the Apostles, many yeares after his death, *Lib. 6. cap. 14.* And in the 18. chapter of the fifth booke, the celebration of Easter is prescribed, cleane contrary to that, which *Epiphanius* testifieth to have beene the constitution of *Clemens*, the pretended author of this booke; *Contra Aerian. Her. 70.* The same counterfeit *Clement*, *lib. 6. cap. 7.* calleth *Philip* spoken of *Act. 8.* an Apostle, but *lib. 8. cap. 32.* he maketh him but a Deacon. These few reasons, among a great number, shew the vanity and falsehood of that *Apocryphall* booke.

RHEM. 2 — 8 Thou shalt adore.] *If the devill himselfe alledge Scripture against Christ, no marvell that Heretikes the seducing Christs Church.*

FVLKE 2 — If Heretikes alledge the Scripture against Christs Church, as the devill did against Christ, the Church must confound them by the Scriptures, as Christ confounded the devill. But in this verse, Christ alledgeth Scripture against the devill, not the devill against Christ. And this Scripture is as rightly alledged against the Church of Antichrist for adoring of creatures, as it was by Christ against the devill himselfe. — Authority of the Scriptures.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. — 13 Departed until a time.] *No marvell if the devill be often or alwayes busie with Christian men, seeing after he was plainely overcome by Christ, yet did he not give him over altogether, but for a time.* — The devils assaultes.

RHEM. 3 — 23 Done in Capharnaum.] *God worketh chiefly of persons and places, where he worketh miracles or doth benefits, though he might doe the same elsewhere if it liked his wisedome. So doth he in doing miracles by Saints, not in all places, nor towards all persons, but as it pleaseth him.* Aug. ep. 137. — Miracles in one place, and not in another.

FVLKE 3 — This prooveth not, that the gift of miracles continueth unto this day. But when God doth worke miracles, either by himselfe or by his servants, he chuseth the time, place, and persons, most convenient for shewing his glory, and confirming the faith of his Disciples. — Miracles.

RHEM. 4 — 30 Passing through the middes of them.) *Either by making himselfe invisible, or else more wonderfully, penetrating the multitude, and passing through them, as he did through the doore, his body either being without space of place, or with other bodies in one place. By all which and the like his doings mentioned in the Gospell, it is evident that he can alter and order his body as he list, above the naturall conditions of a body.* — Christs body contained in place above nature.

There

FVLKE 4

RHEM. 5. — 38 Simons wives mother.] *It is evident that Peter had a wife, but after his calling to be an Apostle, he left her, as S. Hierome writeth in many places, ep. 34. c. 2. ad Iulian. Li. 1. adu. Iovin. See the Annot. Matth. 8. 14.* — The Apostles had their wives.

RHEM. 5 — That *Peter* left not his wife, see prooved *Matth. 8. sect. 5.*

CHAP. V.

Healing taught the people out of Peters ship, 4 he foreseeth his miraculous taking of Fishes, how he will make him the fisher of men. 12 He cureth a leper by touching him, and sendeth him to the Priest to offer for that is in the Law of Moses. 15 The people flocking more him, he retireth into the wilderness. 17 To the paralitike in a swoune of body he proveth by a miracle his power to remit sinnes in earth. 27 He calleth his owne Disciple, Matthew, exchanging the Phisition of soules, 33. and his not profiting as yet of any sight in his Disciples.

The Gospel upon the 4. Sunday after Pentecost. — Mat.4,18. Mar.1,16.

AND it came to passe, when the multitudes pressed upon him to heare the word of God, and himselfe stood beside the lake of Genesareth:

2 * And hee saw two ships standing by the lake: and the fishers were gone downe, and washed their nets.

3 And he going up into || one ship that was Simons, desired him to bring it backe a little from the land. And sitting, hee taught the multitudes out of the ship.

4 And as he ceased to speake, he sayd to Simon, Launch foorth into the deepe, and let loose your nets to make a draught.

5 And Simon answering, sayd to him, Master, labouring all the night, we have taken nothing: but in thy word I will let loose the nette.

6 And when they had done this, they inclosed || a very great multitude of fishes, and their net was broken.

7 And they || beckened to their fellowes that were in the other ship, that they should come and helpe them. And they came and filled both ships, so that they did sinke.

8 Which when Simon Peter did see, he fell downe at Iesvs knees, saying, Goe forth from me, because I am a sinfull man, O Lord.

9 For he was wholly astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken.

10 In like manner also Iames and Iohn the sons of Zebedee, who were Simons fellowes. And IESVS said to Simon: Feare not: from this time now, || thou shalt be catching men.

11 And having brought their ships to land, leaving al things they followed him.

Mat.8,2. Mar.1,40. — 12 * And it came to passe, when he was in one of the Cities, and behold a man full of leprosie, and seeing IESVS, and falling on his face, besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me cleane.

13 And stretching forth the hand, he touched

Mat.4.18. marke 1.16.

*IT * came to passe, that when the people pressed upon him, to heare the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Genesareth.*

2 And he saw two ships stand by the lakes side: but the fishers were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And when he was entred into one of the ships which pertained to Simon, he prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land: and he sate downe, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 When he had left speaking, he sayd unto Simon, Launch out into the deepe, and let slip your nets to take.

5 And Simon answering, sayd unto him, Master, we have laboured all night, and have taken nothing: neverthelesse, at thy commandement I will loose fourth the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, but their net brake.

7 And they beckened unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and helpe them. And they came, and filled both the ships, that they sanke almost.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell downe at Iesus knees, saying, Goe out from me, for I am a sinfull man, O Lord.

9 For he was utterly astonied, and all that were with him, at the taking of the fishes which they had taken together.

10 And so was also Iames and Iohn the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Iesus sayd unto Simon, Feare not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought up their boates to the land, they forsooke all, and followed him.

Mouth is marke 1.40. — *12 * And it came to passe, that when he was in a certaine City, behold, there was a man full of leprosie: and when he had spyed Iesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me cleane.*

13 And when he had stretched forth his hand,

15 But the fame of him went abroad the more; and great multitudes came together to heare, and to be cured of their infirmities.

16 And he retyred into the desert, and prayed.

17 * And it came to passe one day, and he sate teaching. And there were Pharisees sitting and Doctors of Law that were come out of every towne of Galilee and Iewry and Hierusalem: and the vertue of our Lord was to heale them.

18 And behold, men carrying in a bed a man that had the palsie: and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And not finding on which side they might bring him in for the multitude, they ‖ went up upon the roofe, and through the tiles let him downe with the bed into the middes, before IESVS.

20 ‖ Whose faith when he saw, he sayd, Man, thy sinnes are forgiven thee.

21 And the Scribes and Pharisees began to thinke, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sinnes, but onely God?

22 And when IESVS knew their cogitations, answering he sayd to them, What doe you thinke in your hearts?

23 Which is easier to say, Thy sinnes are forgiven thee: or to say, Arise, and walke?

24 But that you may know, that ‖ the Sonne of man hath power in earth to forgive sinnes (he sayd to the sicke of the palsie) I say to thee, Arise, take vp thy bed, and goe into thy house.

25 And forthwith rising vp before them, he tooke that wherein he lay: and he went into his house, magnifying God.

26 And all were astonied: and they magnified God. And they were replenished with feare, saying, That we have seene marvelous things to day.

27 *And after these things he went forth, and saw a Publican called Levi, sitting at the custome-house, and he sayd to him, Follow me.

28 And ‖ leaving all things, he rose and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of Publicans, and of others that were sitting at

30 And

Matth. 9,2. mar. 2,3. The Gospel vpon Friday in Whitsonweek.

Mauth 9,9. Mar. 2,14. The Gospel vpon S. Matthewes eve, September 20.

Levi. 14.4.

16 *And he kept himself apart in the wildernesse, and prayed.*

17 *And it came to passe on a certaine day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees, and Doctors of the Law sitting by, which were come out of all the Townes of Galilee, and Iury, and Hierusalem: and the power of the Lord was present, to heale them.*

18 * *And behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsie: and they sought meanes to bring him in, and to lay him before him.*

Matt. 9.2. mar. 2.3.

19 *And when they could not finde on what side they might bring him in, because of the presse, they went vpon the top of the house, and let him downe through the tyling with his couch, even into the middest, before Iesus.*

20 *When he saw their faith, he sayd unto him, Man, thy sinnes are forgiven thee.*

21 *And the Scribes and the Pharisees began to thinke, saying, What fellow is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sinnes, but God onely?*

† Or, reason.

22 *But when Iesus perceived their thoughts, he answering, said unto them, What thinke ye in your hearts?*

23 *Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee: or to say, Rise up and walke?*

24 *But that ye may know that the Sonne of man hath power to forgive sinnes in earth (he said unto the sicke of the Palsie) I say unto thee, Arise, and take thy bed, and get thee into thine house.*

25 *And immediately he rose up before them, and when he had taken up his couch, whereon he lay, he departed to his owne house, glorifying God.*

26 *And they were all amazed, and they gave the glory unto God, and were filled with feare, saying, Doubtlesse we have seene strange things to day.*

27 *And after these things he went forth, and saw a Publican, named Levi, sitting at the receit of custome: and he said unto him, Follow me.*

Matt. 9.9. mar. 2.14.

28 *And when he had left all, he rose up, and followed him.*

29 *And Levi made him a great feast in his owne house: and there was a great company of Publicans, and of others that sate at meate with them.*

30 *But*

30 And the Scribes and Pharisees murmured, saying to his disciples, Why doe you eat and drinke with Publicanes and sinners?

31 And IESVS answering said to them, They that are whole, need not the Physician: but they that are ill at ease.

‡ Christ came not to call those, who presume of their owne iustice, and thinke themselves to have no need of Christ. Matth. 9,14. Marke 2,18. Luke 5,33. ‡ See S. Matt. Aunt. 6.9. 14.

32 ‡ I came not to call the just, but sinners to penitence.

33 But they said to him, * Why doe the Disciples of Iohn ‡ fast often, and make obsecrations, and of the Pharisees in like maner: but thine doe eat and drinke?

34 To whom he said, Why, can you make the children of the Bridegroome fast whiles the Bridegroome is with them?

35 But the dayes will come: and when the Bridegroome shall be taken away from them, then shall they fast in those dayes.

36 And hee said a similitude also unto them, That no man putteth a piece from a new garment into an old garment: otherwise both hee breaketh the new, and the piece from the new agreeth not with the old.

37 And no body putteth new wine into old bottels: otherwise the new wine will breake the bottels, and it selfe will bee shed, and the bottels will be lost.

38 But new wine is to be put into new bottels: and both are preserved together.

39 And no man drinking old, will new by and by; for he saith, The old is better.

30 *But they that were Scribes and Pharisees among them murmured against his Disciples, saying, Why doe ye eat and drinke with Publicanes and sinners?*

31 *And Iesus answering, said unto them, They that are whole need not a Physician: but they that are sicke.*

32 * *I came not to call the righteous: but sinners to repentance.* 1 Tim. 1.15.

33 *And they said unto him, Why do the Disciples of Iohn fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the Disciples of the Pharisees: but thine eat and drinke?*

34 * *He said unto them, Can ye make the children of the wedding chamber fast, while the Bridegroome is with them?* Matth. 9.14. marke 2.18.

35 *But the dayes will come: and when the Bridegroome shall be taken away from them, then shall they fast in those dayes.*

36 *He spake also unto them a similitude, No man putteth a piece of a new garment into an old vesture: for then the new rendeth the old, and the piece that was taken out of the new, agreeth not with the old.*

37 *And no man poureth new wine into old vessels: for if he doe, the new wine will burst the vessels, and runne out it selfe, and the vessels shall perish.*

38 *But new wine must be put into new vessels, and both are preserved.*

39 *No man also having drunke old wine, will straightway have new: for he saith, the old is better.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 1 — 3 One ship Simons.] *It is purposely expressed that there were two ships, and that one of them was Peters, and that Christ went into that one, and sate downe in it, and that sitting he taught out of that ship: no doubt to signifie the Church resembled by Peters ship, and that in it is the chaire of Christ, and onely true preaching.* — Peters ship.

FVLKE 1 — Although it be true, that Christs chaire is in the Church, yet this is a fond collection. For if the ship were here the Church, then all to whom Christ preached that were on the shore and in the other ship, were out of the Church. — The Church.

RHEM. 2 — 6 A great multitude of fishes.] *Likewise by this significative miracle wrought about Peters fishing, is evidently foreshewed what wonderfull successe Peter should have in converting men to Christ, both Iewes and Gentiles; as when at one draught, that is to say, * at one Sermon he drew into his ship, which is Christs Church, a great number of men, as he did now fishes: and so continually by himselfe and his successors unto the worlds end.* — Peters fishing. AB. 2.41. 4.4. 9

FVLKE 2 — Peters successors be true preachers of the Gospel, as for the Pope that never preacheth the Gospel, never casteth out Peters net, to fish for men as he did. — Successors of Peter.

RHEM. — 7 Beckened to their fellowes.] *Peter had so much worke that he called for helpe and joyned unto him the other ship, representing unto us, his Copartners in the preaching of the Gospel, and the conjunction of the Synagogue and the people of Gentility unto Peters ship, that is, to the Church of Christ,* Ambros. l. 4. in Luc. calc. — Peters copartners.

RHEM. 3 — 10 Thou shalt be taking men.] *That all this aforesaid did properly meane Peters travailes to come, in the conversion of the world to Christ, and his prerogative before all men therein, it is evident by Christs speciall promise made to him severally and apart in this place, that he should be made the taker of men; though to other he giveth also, as to Peters cooperators and coadjutors, the like office.* Mat. 4.19. — Peters prerogative in fishing for mans soules.

FVLKE 3 — By S. *Matthew* and S. *Marke*, it is evident, that Christ spake joynely to *Peter* and *Andrew*, *I will make you fishers of men Matth.* 4.19. *Mark.* 1.17. Therefore it is a brutish collection, to gather *Peters* prerogative, before all men in the office of fishing. — Peters primacie.

RHEM. — 19 Went up upon the roofe.] *A strange diligence in procuring corporall health of soul by Christ: and an example for us of the like or greater, to obtaine salvation of him either for our selves or our friends, and to seeke to his Church and Sacraments with what extraordinary paine soever.* — Zeale of soules.

RHEM. 4 — 20 Whose faith.] *Great is God (saith S. Ambrose) and pardoneth one sort through the merits of others, therefore if thou doubt to obtaine forgivenesse of thy great offences, joyne unto thy selfe intercessors, use the Churches helpe, which may pray for thee and obtaine for thee that which our Lord might deny to thy selfe,* Amb. l. 5. in Luc. — The intercession of others.

FVLKE 4 — The words of *Ambrose* be otherwise then you cite them, *Magnus Dominus, qui aliorum meritis ignoscit alijs, &c.* *The Lord is great, which for other mens sake forgiveth other men: and while he alloweth some, he reiecteth the faults of other, why should not a man thy fellow prevaile with thee, when with God the servant hath the meane of intercession and the right of obtaining? Leave thou that judge ill, to forgive; leave thou that art sicke, to obtaine forgivenesse. If thou doubtest to obtaine pardon of grievous sinnes: take to thee intreaters, take to thee the Church which may pray for thee, by contemplation whereof, the Lord forgiveth that which he might deny thee.* There is nothing hard in this speech, but the name of merit, which the Fathers use oftentimes, when they signifie any — Merits.

means of beginning, and not as Papists take it, for deserts. And the argument that he draweth from hence, that one man cannot be intreated by another to forgive, declareth that he meaneth not worthiness, as merit of works, to prevaile with God: as he expresseth most plainely in other places, where he saith, *Whence should I have so great merit, seeing mercy is my crowne? Exhort. ad Virgin.* Affirming also, that a man is justified and saved by faith alone, very oftentimes, *In ep. ad Rom. c. 2. & 3. 4. 9. 10. 11. 1 Cor. 1. Gal. c. 3. 5.* and elsewhere.

M. 5 24 The Sonne of man in earth.] *By which all* (*saith Cyril) *it is cleere that the Sonne of man hath power in earth to remit sinnes: which he said both for himselfe and us. For he, as God being made man and Lord of the Law, forgiveth sinnes: And we also have obtained by him that wonderfull grace; for it is said to his Disciples, Whose sinnes you shall remit, they are remitted to them. And how should not he be able to remit sinnes, who gave other power to do the same.*

Faith only.

Priests do remit sinnes. *In caten. S. Thom. 1. a. 20, 23.*

FVLKE 5 Christ as God forgiveth sinnes properly, here to the icke of the Papist. But *Matth. 9. Sect. 6.* you hold, that Christ is man, forgave sinnes to this man. The power that Christ gave to his Disciples to forgive sinnes, is to declare them to be forgiven by God. *S. Hieron. in Matth. 16.*

Forgiveness of sinnes.

RHEM. 6 28 Leaving all followed him.] *The* profane Iulian *charged Matthew of too much lightnesse, to leave all and follow a stranger, at one word; but indeed hereby is seene the marvellous efficacie of Christs word and internall motion, that in a moment can alter the heart of man, and cause him nothing to esteeme the things that there unto hee was wont before. Which he did not onely then in presence, but also daily doth in the Church. For (e.g.) Anthony, S. Francis, and others, by hearing onely the word of our Saviour read in the Church, forsooke all and followed him.*

Hier. in Mat. 9. *Aphr. in vita S. Anton.* *S. Aug. tract. 15. Aug. lib. 1. de cap. 12. Tanner. in vita S. Francisc.*

Forsaking all and following Christ.

FVLKE 6 *Francis* followed not Christ in preaching the Gospel, but did set up a new Sect of his owne religion, of whom they be called Franciscanes, as of Christ Christians have their names. Yea *Francis* was crucified for his Sect, if we may beleeve his disciples writings and paintings of him. Who also with the teft of begging Peters goe about to abolish the Gospel of Christ, and therefore did write a new Gospel, and called it *the Gospel of the [eternall] the spirit*, which was expounded openly in Paris, and had beene preached 15. yeeres without controlment; till at last it was burnt secretly, at the importunate request and outcrying of *Guil. de sancto Amore*, and others of Paris: *Guil. de sanct. Amor. de pericul. noviss. temp. c. 8. Math. Paris: Anno Dom. 1256.*

Liber conformitatum Francis.

CHAP. VI.

For reproving by Scripture and miracle (as also by reason) the Pharisees blindnesse about the observation of the Sabbath, 11 they seeke his death: 12 Having in the mountaine prayed all night, he chuseth twelve Apostles, 17 and after many miracles upon the diseased, 20 he maketh a Sermon to his Disciples before the people: proposing blessednesse to such as will suffer for him, 24 and woe to such as will not. 27 Yet without exhorting to doe good even to our enemies also. 39 And that the masters must first mend themselves. 46 Finally, to the good workes, because onely faith will not suffice.

Matth. 12, 1. Marke 2, 23. AND it came to passe on the ‡ Sabbath second-first, when he passed thorow the corne, his Disciples did plucke the eares, and did eat rubbing them with their hands.

2 And certaine of the Pharisees said to them, Why doe you that which is not lawfull on the Sabbaths?

2 And IESVS answering them, said, ‖ Neither this have you read which David did, when himselfe was an hungred and they that were with him:

1 King. 21, 4. 4 * How he entred into the house of God, and tooke the loaves of the Proposition, and did eat, and gave to them that were with him, which is not lawfull to eat * but onely for Priests?

Levit. 24, 9.

5 And he said to them, That the Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath also.

6 And it came to passe on another Sabbath also, that he entred into the Synagogue, and taught. * And there was a man, and his right hand was withered.

Matth. 12, 10. Marke 3, 1.

7 And the Scribes and Pharisees watched if he would cure on the Sabbath: that they might finde how to accuse him.

8 But he knew their cogitations: and he said to the man that had the withered hand, Arise, and stand forth into the mids. And rising he stood.

9 And IESVS said to them, I aske you, if it be lawfull on the Sabbath to do well or ill: to ‖ save a soule or to destroy?

10 And looking about upon them all, he said to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth: and his hand was restored.

11 And

Matth. 12, 1. marke 2, 23. *AND it * came to passe on the second Sabbath after the first, that he went thorow the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the eares of corne, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.*

2 *And certaine of the Pharisees said unto them, Why doe ye that which is not lawfull to doe on the Sabbath dayes?*

3 *And Iesus answering them, said, * Have ye not read so much as this that David did, when hee himselfe was an hungred, and they which were with him:* 1 Sam. 21, 6.

4 *How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the Shew-bread, and gave also to them that were with him, which is not lawfull to eat * but for the Priests only.* Levit. 24, 9.

5 *And he said unto them, That the Sonne of man is Lord also of the Sabbath day.*

6 *And it came to passe also in another Sabbath, that he entred into the Synagogue, and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was dried up.* Matth. 12, 10. marke 3, 1.

7 *And the Scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heale on the Sabbath day: that they might finde how to accuse him.*

8 *But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the mids. And he arose, and stood forth.*

9 *Then said Iesus unto them, I will aske you a question, Whether is it lawfull on the Sabbath dayes to doe good, or to doe evill? to save ones life, or to destroy it?*

10 *And when hee had beheld them all in compasse, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored againe as whole as the other.*

11 *And*

11 And they were filled with madnesse: and they communed one with another what they might doe to Iesvs.

The Gospel upon S. Bartholmewes day.

12 And it came to passe in those dayes, he went out into the mountaine to pray, and he passed ‖ the whole night in the prayer of God.

Matth. 4, 18. Mar. 3, 13, 16, 17. Luke 9, 1.

13 * And when day was come, he called his Disciples: and he chose twelve of them (‖ whom also he named *Apostles.*)

14 ‖ Simon whom he surnamed Peter, and Andrew his brother, James and Iohn, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James of Alphaeus, and Simon that is called Zelotes,

16 And Iude of James, and Iudas Iscariote which was the traitour.

The Gospel upon *Alhallowes eve.* And for many martyrs.

17 And descending with them he stood in a plaine place, and the multitude of his Disciples, and a very great company of people from all Iewry and Hierusalem: and the Sea coast both of Tyre and Sidon,

18 Which were come to heare him, and to be healed of their maladies. And they that were vexed of uncleane spirits, were cured.

19 And all the multitude sought to touch him, because vertue went forth from him, and healed all.

Mat. 5, 2. 6, 1.

20 And he lifting up his eyes upon his Disciples, said, * Blessed are ye poore: for yours is the kingdome of God.

21 Blessed are you that now are hungred: because you shall be filled. Blessed are you that now weepe: because you shall laugh.

22 Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you, and upbraid you, and abandon your name as evill, for the Sonne of mans sake.

23 ‖ Be glad in that day and rejoyce; for behold, your reward is much in heaven. For according to these things did their fathers unto the Prophets.

24 But woe to you that are rich, because you have your consolation.

25 Woe to you that are filled: because you shall bee hungry. Woe to you that now doe laugh: because you shall mourne and weepe.

26 Woe, when all men ‖ shall blesse you; for according to these things did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 But to you I say that doe heare, Love your enemies, doe good to them that hate you.

28 Blesse them that curse you, and pray for them that calumniate you.

29 And hee that striketh thee on the cheeke, offer also the other. And from him that taketh away from thee thy robe, prohibite not thy coat also.

‡ That is, to every one justly asking. For that which is unjustly asked, may be justly denied, *Aug. li. 2. c. 40. de Ser. Dom. in monte.*

30 And ‡ to every one that asketh thee, give: and of him that taketh away the things that are thine, aske not againe.

31 And according as you will that men doe

11 *And they were filled with madnesse: and they communed one with another what they might doe to Iesvs.*

12 *And it came to passe in those dayes, that he went out into a mountaine to pray, and continued all night in the prayer of God.*

13 *And when it was day, he called his Disciples: * and of them he chose twelve, whom also he called Apostles:* Matth. 10. 1. marke 3. 13.

14 *(Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; Iames and Iohn, Philip, and Bartholomew,*

15 *Matthew, and Thomas, Iames the sonne of Alphaeus, and Simon, which is called Zelotes,*

16 *And Iudas, Iames brother, and Iudas Iscariot, which also was the traitour.)*

17 *And when he came downe with them, he stood in the plaine field, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people, out of all Iurie and Hierusalem, and from the Sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to heare him, and to be healed of their diseases;*

18 *And they that were vexed with foule spirits: and they were healed.*

19 *And all the people pressed to touch him: for there went vertue out of him, and healed them all.*

20 *And when he had lifted up his eyes upon his Disciples, he said, * Blessed be ye poore: for yours is the kingdome of God.* Matth. 5. 2.

21 *Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be satisfied. * Blessed are ye that weepe now, for ye shall laugh.* Esa 65. 13. Esa. 61. 3.

22 *Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall revile you, and cast out your name as evill for the Sonne of mans sake.* Matth. 5. 3.

23 *Rejoyce ye in that day, and leape for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner did their fathers unto the Prophets.*

24 *But woe unto you that are rich: for ye have your consolation.* Amos 6. 1. eccles. 31. 8.

25 *Woe unto you that are full: for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that now laugh: for ye shall mourne and waile.* Esa. 65. 13.

26 *Woe unto you when men shall praise you: for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

27 *But I say unto you which heare, * Love your enemies, doe good to them which hate you.* Matth. 5. 44.

28 *Blesse them that curse you, and pray for them which wrongfully trouble you.*

29 *And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheeke, offer also the other: * and him that taketh away thy cloake, forbid not to take thy coat also.* Matth. 5. 39. 1 Cor. 6. 7.

30 *Give to every man that asketh of thee, and of him that taketh away thy goods aske them not againe.*

31 *And as ye would that men should doe* Matth. 7. 12.

doe you, doe you the like to them in like manner.

32 And if you love them that love you, what thanke is it to you? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye doe good to them that doe you good: what thanke is to you? for sinners also doe this.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive: what thanke is to you? for sinners also lend unto sinners, for to receive as much.

35 But love ye your enemies: doe good and lend, hoping for nothing thereby, and your reward shall be much, and you shall be the sonnes of the Highest, because himselfe is beneficiall upon the unkinde and the evill.

36 Be ye therefore mercifull as also your Father is mercifull.

37 I judge not, and you shall not be judged; condemne not, and you shall not be condemned; forgive, and you shall be forgiven.

38 Give, and there shall be given to you; good measure and pressed downe and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosome. For with the same measure that you doe mete, it shall be measured to you againe.

39 And he said to them a similitude also: Can the blinde leade the blinde? doe not both fall into the ditch?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one shall be perfect, if he be as his master.

41 And why seest thou the more in thy brothers eye: but the beame that is in thine owne eye thou considerest not?

42 Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the more out of thine eye: thy selfe not seeing the beame in thine owne eye? Hypocrite, cast first the beame out of thine owne eye; and then shalt thou see cleerely to take forth the more out of thy brothers eye.

43 For there is no good tree that yeeldeth evill fruits: nor evill tree, that yeeldeth good fruit.

44 For every tree is knowne by his fruit. For neither doe they gather figs of thornes: neither of a bush doe they gather the grape.

45 The good man of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good: and the evill man of the ill treasure bringeth forth evill: for of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

46 And why call you me, Lord, Lord: and doe not the things which I say?

47 Every one that commeth to me, and heareth my words, and doth them, I will shew you to whom he is like.

48 He is like to a man building a house, that digged deepe, and laid the foundation upon a rocke. And when an inundation rose, the

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Tob.4.16.

32 * For if you love them which love you, what thanke have ye? for sinners also love their lovers.

33 And if you doe good for them which doe good for you, what thanke have ye? for sinners also doe even the same.

34 * And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thanke have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and doe good, and lend looking for nothing againe: and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kinde unto the unthankfull, and to the evill.

36 Be ye therefore mercifull, as also your Father is mercifull.

Matth.7.1. 37 * Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemne not, and ye shall not be condemned: loose, and ye shall be loosed.

Matth.7.2. 38 * Give, and it shall be given unto you: good marke 4.24. measure, pressed downe, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosome: for with the same measure that ye mete withall, it shall be measured to you againe.

Matth.15.14. 39 And he put forth a similitude unto them, * Can the blinde leade the blinde? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

Matth.10.24. 40 The disciple is not above his master: but John 13.16. whosoever will be a perfect disciple, shall be as his master is.

Matth.7.3. 41 * And why seest thou the mote that is in thy brothers eye, but considerest not the beame that is in thine owne eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thy selfe seest not the beame that is in thine owne eye? Thou Hypocrite, first cast out the beame out of thine owne eye, and then shalt thou see perfectly to pull out the mote that is in thy brothers eye.

Matth.7.17. 43 * For it is not a good tree that bringeth forth evill fruit: neither is that an evill tree that bringeth forth good fruit.

Matth.12.33. marke 7.16. 44 * For every tree is known by his owne fruit: for of thornes men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grape.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is good: and an evill man out of the evill treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evill: For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Matth.7.21. tom.13.2. 46 * Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and doe not as I bid you?

47 Whosoever commeth to me, and heareth my sayings, and doth the same, I will shew you to whom he is like.

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deepe, and laid the foundation upon the rocke: And when the waters arose, the flood beat

house upon the earth: against which the flood beat vehemently, and it fell immediately; and the fall of that house was great.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 1 1 Sabbath second first.] S. Hierome (ep. 121. ad Negotiam) writeth of himselfe, that being at Constantinople, he asked his maister Gregorie Nazianzene, the famous Doctour, then Bishop there, what Sabbath this was, who by the Holy Ghost answered that it was very hard to tell, neither is it any harme to the best learned. The like Protestants are wont to say, All is easy enough.

FULKE 1 All is easie: we say not, that all things in the Scripture are very easie: But we say with S. Augustine, that God hath graciously, and wholesomely so tempered the Scriptures, that by diligent or plaine places, he might provide for hunger, and diligent places, where one or two is sufficient. For we bring almost in matters out of those obscurities, which in our sense of things ordained most plainely, De Doct. Christ. l. 2. c. 6. And as for this Sabbath second principall, Epiphanius sheweth plainely, that it was the 15. full of the moone day of the feast of unleavened bread, by confession of the Law, Levit. 23. Exod. 12. Matt. 26.

RHEM. 2 48 Building an house.] He buildeth right and surely, that hath both faith and good workes: he buildeth on sand, that trusteth to his faith, or reading, or knowledge of the Scripture, and doth not worke or live accordingly.

FULKE 2 If faith be taken for bare knowledge, so is James 2. he that trusteth to such a faith buildeth in the sand. Yet true faith onely sufficeth unto justification, and bringeth forth good workes as the fruites of a justified man: as also Salomon sheweth plentifully, De Fid. & Oper. 2. 24. & 32. & 23.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 3 3 Neither this have you read.] The Scribes and Phariseis boasted much of their [mistakes of the Scriptures: but our Saviour often sheweth their great ignorance. Even so the Heretikes that now adayes vaunte much of the Scriptures, turne end of their understanding of them, may soone be proved to understand little or nothing in the Scriptures, but thereof let our preachings, writings and conferences bear witnesse. Yet we vaunt not of our understanding, but humbly thanke the Author thereof. Heraclitus understood not the Scriptures himselfe.

FULKE 3 It is enough for you to call us Heraclitans, and say that we understand little or nothing in the Scriptures, but humbly thanke the Author thereof.

RHEM. 4 9 Save a soule.] Hereby is ment by what Christ (as we of his grace rightly always) did not only heale the sicke in body, but of some cured malitious disease in his soule.

RHEM. 4 12 The whole night.] Our Saviour instantly prayed, alone in the mount with long deare, all night long, as a preparation to the dispensation of his Apostles: like as they after did give example to the Church of praying instantly when Prelates are to be ordered, and a lesson to us all what we should doe for our owne necessities, when Christ did so for other mens. The Churches prayers at the times of giving holy Orders.

FULKE 4 The Church ought to follow our Saviour Christ in praying earnestly, when ministers of the word and Sacraments are ordained. But this example is little followed in Popery, as continuall experience teacheth, where simonie so greatly prevaileth in this matter, and most of all at Rome.

RHEM. 5 13 Whom he named Apostles.] Here it is to be noted against our Adversaries that deceitfully measure to the simple the whole nature and quality of our olde sacred functions, by the primitive signification and compasse of the names or words whereby they be called; which name as a Priest, Elder, and a Bishop; a watchman or Superintendent, as an Apostle is nothing but a Legate or Ambassager, and therefore unlike (argue) the one to the other, or prescribe or teach any thing not expressed in his commandement. Know therefore against such deceivers, that such things are not to be ruled by the vulgar signification of the word or calling, but by use and application of the holy writers, and in this point by Christs owne expresse imposition. And so the word Apostle, is a calling of Office, government, authority, and well high dignity given by our Master, specially to the Colledge of the Twelve: whom he endued above that which the vulgar etymologie of their name requireth, with power to binde and loose, to preach and pardon, to teach and rule his Church. Out of which roome and dignity, which is called in the Psalme and in the Acts, a Bishopricke, when Judas fell, Matthias was chosen to supplie it, and was numbred among the rest; who were as founders or foundations of the religion, as the Apostle testifieth them. Therefore to that Colledge this name agreeth by special imposition and prerogative, though afterward it was by use of the Scriptures, extended to S. Paul and Barnabas, and sometimes to the Apostles fellowes: as also (by the like use of Scriptures) to the first converters of countreys to the faith, or their coadjutors in that function. In which sense S. Paul calleth to be the Corinthians Apostle, and named Epaphroditus the Philippians Apostle: so we call S. Gregorie and his disciple S. Augustine, the Apostle of England. In all which taking the name for such dignity, regiment, Eldership, Principality and Primacie in the Church of God: according to S. Paul, 1 Cor. 12. He hath placed in his Church, first indeed Apostles, &c. Whereby we may see that S. Peters dignity was a wonderfull eminent prerogative and soveraignty, when he was the head not only of other Christian men, but the head of all Apostles, yea even of the Colledge of the Twelve. Whereas our Adversaries list to have learned any profitable lesson by the word Apostle, more profitably and truely they might have gon to hand, that Christ called these his principall officers, Apostles, or Sent (himselfe also specially and above all other being Missus, sent in Greeke, and called also Apostle in the Scriptures) to worke as by the nature of the word that name are fine, Apostles, Pastors, or Preachers, that are not specially sent and called, or that cannot shew by whom they be sent; and so are all Heretikes, therefore let us hear their Apostles, for that they be not sent, we duely call, nay chosen to preach. Luke 4.18. Heb. 3.2.

FULKE 5 Our Saviour Christ gave names of signification to his Ministers, that we might not easily learne the dignity of their office, but also their duty. And therefore we doe rightly make our argument of the christian of the Apostles name: They be Legates or Ambassadors, Ergo, they cannot make lawes, or prescribe or teach any thing beside their commission, for this is the duty of Legates. Yea is their office of high dignity and authority, being the Ambassadors of the King of kings: because a Legate or Ambassador representeth the person and authority of the Prince from whom he is sent. So an Elder is a name of dignity, gravity and authority, a Bishop of vigilancie, watchfulnesse, diligence, which in governing his affaires requireth singular wisedome, and therefore bringeth great authority. Therefore it is a lewd slander, when we deceive the simple in measuring the nature of sacred functions by the primitive signification of their names. Their offices and functions are set downe plainely in the Scriptures, as well for the dignity, as for the duty that belongeth unto them. And they have apt names given by the holy Apostles. Calv. Inst. l. 4. c. 3. The name and dignity of Apostles. Phil. 1. 1. Acts 1. 20. Ephe. 2. 20. Acts 14. 1 Cor. 12. Ephe. 4. 11. 1 Cor. 9. 2. Phil. 2. 25. Elders. Bishops. Vocation.

RHEM. 6

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FVLKE 8

RHEM. 9

FVLKE 9

I. MARK.

I. LVKE.

Peters primacie.

Peters preeminence.

All profession for Christ, a blessing.

Mart.

The vanity of Heretiqu[es] preachers.

Preachers of carnall liberty.

Against usury.

Councels and Precepts.

Teachers, but those that are sent of God, and have lawfull calling by him and the Church.

24 Simon.] Peter in the numbring of the Apostles, always stil named and preferred before Andrew his other brother, and so in calling, See Arnot. Mat. 10.2.

For peters prerogative. See also the Notes, Matth. 16.

23 Be glad.] The common miseries that fall to the true preachers and other Catholike men for Christs sake, as poverty, famine, mourning, and persecution, be indeed the greatest blessings that can be, and are matter of the reward of heaven. Contrariwise, all the felicities of this world without Christ, are indeed nothing but woe, and the entrance to everlasting misery.

The sufferings of this life are not worthy of the glory that shall be revealed in the children of God, Rom. 8. 18. Therefore they be unmeritorious of the reward of heaven. For eternall life is the free gift of God in Christ Iesus our Lord, Rom. 6. 23.

26 Shall blesse you.] This text pertaineth to the Heretiques of our dayes, that delight to have the peoples praises, Iesus our Lord, Rom. 6. 23. preaching pleasant things of purpose to their itching eares, as did the false prophets; when they professe and promise, they do not intend to performe, but only to have their doctrine magnified and commended therefore, of the carnall sorte.

We preach mortification, and bearing of the Crosse of Christ to be necessary for all Christian men, under paine of eternall damnation, which is no pleasant doctrine to carnall men. But your doctrine of Pardons, Absolutions, Dispensations, converting of eternall paines into temporall, & then satisfactions by unmeticulous deeds, and other means worthey sweerly paid for, be preachings of pleasant things, to serve the humbe of lusting eares.

35 Lend, hoping nothing.] In that we may seeme here to be bound to lend those to whom we thinke not able ever to repay againe, it must be holden for a counsell rather then a plaine sentence, except ells such usury be forbidden by other places of scripture as is condemned and is a thing against the law of nature and nations. And great shame and pity it is that it should be so much used, or suffered among Christians, be it never so cloked under the habite of other contracts, as it is.

If any precepte be too heavy for you to beare, you mitigate it by making it a voluntary Councell. But to lend without hope of restitution, is a part of true charity, which is one of the great Commandements. Yet it is not to be meant of all men, but such as have need to borrow, not to serve their pleasure, or to increase their gaine, but for their necessity. And it is manifest that where we are commanded to lend, not onely usury is not to be looked for, but even the principall must be adventured never to be restored.

CHAP. VII.

He testifieth the faith of the Centurion who was a Gentile, to be greater then he found among all the Iewes, and cureth his servant absent. 11. The widowes sonne he reviveth and restoreth to her, and is renowned thereupon. 18 To Iohns messengers he answereth with miracles, leaving to Iohn to preach thereby unto them that he is Christ. 24 And afterward he declareth how worthy credit was Iohns testimony. 29 Inveighing against the Pharisees. 31 Who with neither of their manners of living could be wonne. 36 Shewing also unto them by occasion of Marie Magdalene, how he is a friend to sinners, not to maintaine them in sinne, but to forgive them their sinnes upon their faith and penaunce.

AND when hee had fully said all his words into the eares of the people, he entred into Capharnaum.

2 And the servant of a certaine Centurion being sicke, was ready to die: who was deare unto him.

3 And when he had heard of IESVS, he sent unto him the Ancients of the Iewes, desiring him to come and heale his servant.

4 But they being come to IESVS, besought him earnestly, saying to him, That he is worthy that thou shouldest doe this for him.

5 For he loveth our nation: and he hath ‖ built a Synagogue for us.

6 And IESVS went with them. And when

WHen he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, *he entred into Capernaum.* Matth. 8. 5.

2 *And a certaine Centurions servant, which was deare unto him, being sicke, was in perill of death.*

3 *And when he heard of Iesus, hee sent unto him the Elders of the Iewes, beseeching him that hee would come and heale his servant.*

4 *And when they came to Iesus, they besought him instantly, saying, He is worthy that thou shouldest doe that for him.*

5 *For he loveth our nation, and hath built us a Synagogue.*

6 *Then Iesus went with them. And when he*

‡ See the Annotations upon S. Matth. 8. 8.

whiche he was now not farre from the house, the Centurion sent his friends unto him, saying, Lord, trouble not thy selfe; for ‡ I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roofe.

For the which cause neither did I thinke my selfe worthy to come to thee: but say the word, and my servant shall be made wholeby.

8 For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me souldiers: and I say to this, Goe, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he commeth: and to my servant, Doe this, and he doth it.

9 Which Iesus hearing, marvelled: and turning to the multitudes that followed him he sayd, Amen I say to you, neither in Israel have I found so great faith.

10 And they that were sent, being returned home, found the servant that had beene sicke, whole.

The Gospel upon the xv. Sunday after Pentecost. And upon Thursday in the fourth week of Lent. And for S. Monica S. Augustines mother, May 4.

11 And it came to passe, afterward he went into a city that is called Naim: and there went with him his Disciples and a very great multitude.

12 And when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold a dead man was carried forth, the only sonne of his mother: and she was a widow: and a great multitude of the city with her.

13 Whom when our Lord had seene, being mooved with mercy upon her, he said to her, Weepe not.

14 And he came neere and touched the coffin. And they that caried it, stood still: and he said, Young man, I say to thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead, sate up, and began to speake. And he gave him to his mother.

16 And feare tooke them all: and they magnified God, saying, That a great Prophet is risen among us: and, That God hath visited his people.

17 And this saying went foorth into all Iewry of him, and into all the countrey about.

18 And Iohns Disciples shewed him of all these things.

Matth. 11. 2.

19 * And Iohn called two of his disciples, and sent them to IESVS, saying, Art thou he that art to come: or expect we another?

20 And when the men were come unto him, they sayd, Iohn the Baptist hath sent us to thee, saying, Art thou he that art to come: or expect we another?

21 (And the selfe same houre, he cured many of maladies, and hurts, and evill spirits: and to many blind he gave sight.)

c i. *relevato.*

22 And answering, he said to them, Goe and report to Iohn what you have heard and seene: * That the blind see, the lame walke, the lepers are made cleane, the deafe heare, the dead rise againe,

Isa. 35. 5. 61. 1.

23 ‡ The

he was not farre from the house, the Centurion sent his friends unto him, saying, Lord, trouble not thy selfe: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roofe.

7 *Wherefore I thought not my selfe worthy to come unto thee: but say the word, and my servant shall be healed.*

8 *For I also am a man set under power, having under me souldiers: and I say unto one, Goe, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he commeth: and to my servant, Doe this, and he doth it.*

9 *When Iesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith: no, not in Israel.*

10 *And they that were sent, when they were returned home, found the servant whole, that had beene sicke.*

11 *And it came to passe, the day after, that he went into a city called Naim: and many of his Disciples went with him, and much people.*

12 *When he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man caried out, which was the onely sonne of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.*

13 *And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weepe not.*

14 *And when he was come nigh, he touched the beere (and they that bare him stood still.) And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

15 *And he that was dead, sate up, and began to speake: and he delivered him to his mother.*

16 *And there came a feare on them all: and they gave the glory unto God, saying, that a great Prophet is risen up among us, and verily God hath visited his people.*

17 *And this rumor of him went foorth throughout all Iury, and throughout all the regions which lie round about.*

18 * *And the disciples of Iohn shewed him of all these things.* Matth. 11. 2.

19 *And Iohn, when he had called unto him two of his Disciples, he sent them to Iesus, saying, Art thou he that commeth, or looke we for another?*

20 *When the men were come unto him, they said, Iohn Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that commeth, or looke we for another?*

21 *And in that same houre he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evill spirits, and unto many that were blinde he gave sight.*

22 *Then Iesus answering, said unto them, Goe your way, and bring word againe to Iohn, what things ye have seene and heard, how that the blinde see againe, the halt goe, the lepers are cleansed, the deafe heare, the dead rise, to the poore is the Gospell preached.*

23 *And*

24 ¶ The ‖ messengers are departed, and Iesus began to say of Iohn to the multitudes, What went you out into the wilderness to see? a reed mooved with the wind?

25 But what went you for to see? a man clothed in ‡ soft garments? behold they that are in softy apparell and delicacies, are in the house of Kings.

26 But what went you out for to see? a Prophet? Certes I say to you, and more then a Prophet.

Mal.3.1. 27 This is he of whom it is written, *Behold I send mine Angel before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

28 For I say to you, A greater Prophet among the children of women then Iohn the Baptist, there is no man; but he that is the lesser in the kingdome of God, is greater then he.

29 And all the people hearing and the Publicans, justified God, being baptized with Iohns baptisme.

30 But the Pharisees and the Lawyers ‡ despised the counsell of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

31 And our Lord sayd, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and whereunto are they like?

32 They are like to children sitting in the market-place, and speaking one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and you have not danced: wee have lamented, and you have not wept.

Matth.3.4. 33 For Iohn the Baptist came * neither eating bread nor drinking wine: and you say, He hath a devill.

34 The Sonne of man came eating and drinking: and you say, Behold a man that is a gurmander and a drinker of wine, a friend of Publicans and sinners.

35 And wisedome is justified of all her children.

The Gospel upon S. Mary Magdalens day July 22. And upon Thursday in Passion week. And upon Imber Friday in September.

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him to eat with him. And being entered into the house of the Pharisee, he sat downe to meat.

37 And behold a woman that was in the city, a sinner, as she knew that he was set downe in the Pharisees house, she brought an alablaster boxe of ointment:

38 And standing behind beside his feet, she began to ‡ water his feet with teares, and wiped them with the haires of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 And the Pharisee that had bid him, seeing it, spake within himself, saying, This man if he were a Prophet, would know certes who and what manner of woman this is which toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Iesus answering said to him, Simon,

41 *A certain creditour had two debtours: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.*

42 *They having not wherewith to pay, he forgave both. Whether therefore doth love him more?*

43 Simon answering, sayd, I suppose that he to whom he forgave more. But he said him, Thou hast judged rightly.

44 And turning to the woman, he said unto Simon, Doest thou see this woman? I entred ‖ into thy house, water to my feet thou didst not give: but she with teares hath watered my feet, and with her haires hath wiped them.

45 Kisse thou gavest me not: but she since I came in, hath not ceased to kisse my feet.

46 With oyle thou diddest not anoint my head: but she with ointment hath anointed my feet.

47 For the which I say to thee, Many sins are forgiven her, because she hath ‡ loved much. But to whom lesse is forgiven, he loveth lesse.

48 And he said to her, Thy sinnes are forgiven thee.

49 And they that sate together at the table, begin to say within themselves, ‡ Who is this that also forgiveth sinnes?

50 And he said to the woman, ‖ Thy faith hath made thee safe, goe in peace.

Mal.3.1.

Mar.15.40. john 20.11.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VII.

RHEM. 1 25 Soft garments?] *Marke this well concerning Iohns apparell and diet. See the Annotations, num. 7.*

FVLKE. 1 Matthew shall the saviour be the same Antecessour?

RHEM. 2 30 Despised the counsell.] *As they did not understand Iohns Baptisme, which if God counsell and ordinance: so much more they that make no account of the Sacraments of the Church, which Gods counsell and ordinance touching their salvation, to their owne damnation.*

FVLKE 2. Iohns baptisme was a Sacrament of the Church, as verily as the Baptisme and Supper of the Lord be now.

RHEM. 3 37 Water his feet.] *A perfect patterne of true penance to all sinners, who sought of Christ help against their sinnes, and other strange workes of satisfaction and devotion, inuention of her owne.*

FVLKE 3 Outward signes of true repentance, such effects of love and thankefulness for sinnes forgiven, as our Saviour Christ himselfe interpreteth them, not works of satisfaction, to obteine forgivenesse of sinnes. For as Ambrose sayth of *Peters* teares, *We read his teares, we read not his satisfaction*, in 1. Cor. cap. 12.

RHEM. 4 47 Loved much.] *Not that they (as you may perceive) had true or thereby merited remission of sinnes.*

FVLKE 4 Onely faith whose effect remaineth in all sinners (although of lesse or greater measure in some then in others) doth worke this effect. But the argument is (drawn of the whole discourse of the text it selfe) drawen altogether from the effect, but from the effect to the cause. Many sinnes are forgiven her, therefore she hath loved much, as the words following doe make it manifest. For as whom little is remitted he loveth little. The same thing declareth the parable of the two debters, that forgivenesse of the debt goeth before love, therefore is cause of love, and not love the cause of forgivenesse of sinnes. So saith Saint *Iohn*, *We love him, because he first loved us*, 1. Iohn 4.19. Who can be more sure by the mercy of our Lord, the cause of his love, then he that knowes himself to be partaker of the mercy of his death, the meanes of our reconciliation, and use of the sacrifice of it, as in Iohn 15.15. *I have called you friends, for I have declared to you all that I have heard of my father*, where this declaring is the effect, and not the cause of his love.

RHEM. 5 49 Who is this that...] *As the Pharisees did always carpe Christ for remission of sinnes in earth, so the heretikes reprehend his Church that ministers sinnes by his authority.*

FVLKE 5 A slander, for we acknowledge the power of forgivenesse of sinnes by the ministers of the Church, yet farre differing from the power of our Saviour Christ, who as God forgave absolutely of his owne authority, his ministers by declaring his will in forgivenesse of sinnes. *Hieron. in Matth. 16.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. 7.

RHEM. 6 7. Built a Synagogue.] *Here we see that sinne is found a sayinggest, was acceptable to God, and procured the prayers of the faithfull people for whose use it was ordained: so how much more in the New Testament, to build a Church, Almes-house, Colledge, or any like worke for the honour and service of God, is graceful to him, and procureth the prayers of the good people for whose use such things be founded.*

Iohns Baptisme.

Sacrifice of satisfaction.

Remission of sinnes.

Building of Churches, monasteries, &c.

To

Building of churches or oratories.

Exterior signes of more then common devotion.

Faithfull carnall men with Papists Gal. 5.24.

Superstition. Reliques.

Justification attributed not to faith onely.

Remission of sinnes by faith onely.

Mat. 16,9.

c other Marie.

The Gospel upon the Sunday of Sexagesime. Mat. 13,2. Marke 4,2.

Fulke 7

Rhem. 8

Fulke 8.

[illegible] Christ [illegible] the maintenance of idolatry, or idle superfluous [illegible] displeasing him.

[illegible] c. 1. As extraordinary [illegible] the extraordinary [illegible] for external devotion, [illegible] to be often [illegible] possible. This Publican may perhaps of a good will and therefore [illegible] elsewhere) invited Christ to his house, not of curiosity [illegible] seeme by Christs [illegible] talke with him. Notwithstanding his [illegible] the [illegible] weeping, kissing of his feet, in such sort as the woman, were further signes of more [illegible] ar love: such as is in devout men or women that goe on pilgrimage, and [illegible] only by the holy memories of Christ and his Saints. Which is no more but an exteriour expressing of their affection [illegible] Christian man doth unto Christ himself.

Where that carnall man, with Peter, may be otherwise faithfull. For with Christ, [illegible] although they be not free from all carnall affections, yet they have crucified the flesh, with the [illegible] thereof, so that they cannot be truely called carnall men. The extraordinary workes of devotion, [illegible] the person of our Saviour Christ, are no example to justifie pilgrimages to idols, superstitious worshipping [illegible] of Christ and his Saints, although they were true, shall not excuse reliques. For tokens of [illegible] should be extended toward the poore members of Christ, to whom whatsoever is done or [illegible] he doth esteeme, as done or denied unto himselfe. *Matth.* 25.40.

10 Thy faith, *The remission of her sinnes being attributed before to charity, it now also is said to come of her faith, whereby she may know that it commonly proceedeth of both, and of both also, though not the same.* Because when there be divers causes concurring to one effect, the Scriptures commonly name but one, and that especially which is most principall (as the sunne, in bringing the light. And therefore his working miracles upon any person is attributed to the faith of them in whom we see such desire they be done. Because he wrought his miracles to induce all men to believe in him, and therefore specially required faith at their hands, and namely before other things, whether they did believe, that he was able to doe that which they asked at his hands: without which it had been rather a provoking to reproving of him, then a true desire of benefit at his hands.

Remission of his sinnes, was not before attributed to charity, but by her great love it was shewed, that many sinnes were forgiven her: as unto the debtor of a great summe. Charity therefore, was not cause of remission, but an effect thereof. And now it is, that faith onely justifying, doth not exclude other causes, but only the merit of good works, *which follow a justified man, goe not before to justification. Aug. de fide & oper. c. 14.* And witnesse, that faith onely doth justifie before God, are almost all the ancient Fathers in expresse words. *Origen in ep. ad Rom. l. 3. Cyprian ad Quirinum. cap. 12. Hilar. in Matth. can. 21. Greg. Nazian. Orat. 22. de modest. Basil. de humilitate loqu. 52. Ambros. in 3. ad Rom.* and many other places. *Chrysost. in ep. ad Rom. hom. 7.* And many other places. *Hieronym. adversus Pel. l. 1. in ep. ad Rom. c. 3.* and others.

CHAP. VIII.

Christ also all Citties with his traine, 4 he preacheth to the people in parables because of their rebellion, 19 but to his Disciples manifestly, because he will not for the Iewes incredulity have his comming frustrate. 21 Teaching also that we are his kin (though we be Gentiles) and not his carnall brethren the Iewes. 22 To whom also (satisfied by the Gerasens) after the tempest in his sleepe (that is, in his death) and calme in his resurrection, he commeth: but they preferring their temporall before his presence, he is with his traine departed. 40 Christ returning, cured the Iewes (who were borne when the Gentiles sticked about Abrahams time) he is prevented with the faith of the Gentiles, and then the Iewes die; but them also in the end he will restore.

AND it came to passe afterward, and he made his journey by cities and townes preaching and evangelizing the kingdome of God: and the Twelve with him,

2 And some women that had beene cured of wicked spirits and infirmities, * Mary which is called Magdalene, out of whom seven devils were gone forth.

3 And Ioane the wife of Chusa Herods procurator, and Susan, and ‖ many others that did minister unto him of their substance.

4 And * when a very great multitude assembled, and hastened out of the cities unto him, he said by a similitude.

5 The sower went forth to sow his seed, and whiles he soweth, some fell by the way side, and was troden upon, and the fowles of the ayre did eat it.

6 And other some fell upon the rocke: and being shot up it withered, because it had not moisture.

7 And othersome fell among thornes: and the thornes growing up withall, choked it.

8 And othersome fell upon good ground: and being shot up, yeelded fruit an hundred fold. Saying these things he cryed, Hee that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

9 And

AND it came to passe afterward, that he himselfe went throughout every citie and village preaching, and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdome of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And also certaine women which had been healed of evill spirits and infirmities, Mary which is called Magdalene, * out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Ioanna the wife of Chuza, Herods steward, and Susanna, and many other, which ministred unto him of their substance.

4 * When much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of all cities, he spake by a similitude.

5 The Sower went out to sowe his seed: and as he sowed some fell by the way side, and it was troden downe, and the fowles of the ayre devoured it up.

6 And some fell on stones, and assoone as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thornes, ‖ and the thornes sprang up with it, and choked it.

8 And some fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred fold. And as he sayd these things, he cryed, He that hath eares to heare, let him heare.

9 And

Mark. 16,9.

Matt. 13.2. marke 4.1.

‖ Or, rather thus: And some fell among thistles, & the thistles sprang up with it, and choked it.

‡ See the Annotations upon S. Matthew c. 13, 14. Esa. 6, 9.

9 And his Disciples asked him what this parable was.

10 To whom he said, To you it is given to know the mysterie of the kingdome of God, but to the rest in parables, ‡ that * seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand.

11 And the parable is this: The seed, is the word of God.

12 And they beside the way: are those that heare, then the devill commeth, and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they be saved.

13 For they upon the rocke: such as when they heare, with joy receive the word: and these have no roote: because ‡ for a time they believe, and in time of tentation they revolt.

14 And that which fell into thornes, are they that have heard, and going their wayes, are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and render not fruit.

15 And that upon good ground: are they which in a good and very good heart, hearing the word, doe retaine it, and yeeld fruit in patience.

16 And no man lighting a candle, doeth cover it with a vessell, or put it under a bed: but setteth it upon a candlesticke, that they that enter in may see the light.

17 For there is not any thing secret, that shall not be made manifest: nor hid, that shall not be knowen, and come abroad.

18 See therefore how you heare. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and whosoever hath not, that also which he thinketh he hath, shalbe taken away from him.

19 And * his mother and brethren came unto him: and they could not come at him for the multitude.

20 And it was told him, Thy mother and ‖ thy brethren stand without, desirous to see thee.

21 Who answering sayd to them, My ‡ mother and my brethren, are they that heare the word of God and doe it.

22 * And it came to passe one day: and he went up into a boat, and his Disciples, and he said to them, Let us passe over the lake. And they launched forth.

23 And when they were sailing, hee slept: and there fell a storme of winde into the lake, and they * were filled, and were in danger.

24 And ‡ they came and raised him, saying, Master, we perish. But he rising rebuked the winde and the tempest of water: and it ceased, and there was made a calme.

25 And he said to them, Where is your faith? Who fearing, marvelled one to another, saying, Who is this (trow ye) that he commandeth both the windes and the sea, and they obey him?

26 * And

* He did not here disdainefully speake of his mother, but teacheth that our spirituall kinred is to be preferred before carnall cognation. *Hilar. in 12. Mat.* Mat. 8,23. Mar. 4,36.

c *complebantur.*

‡ See the Annotations upon S. Matth. c. 8. 24.

9 *And his Disciples asked him, saying, What maner of similitude is this?*

10 *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the secrets of the kingdome of God: but to other by parables, * that when they see, they should not see, and when they heare, they should not understand.* Esay 6.9. matt. 13.1. marke 4.12.

11 *The parable is this, The seede is the word of God.* John 12.40. Acts 28.26. rom. 11.8.

12 *Those that are beside the way, are they that heare: then commeth the devill, and taketh away the word out of their heart, lest they should believe, and be saved.* Matth. 13.8. marke 4.15.

13 *They on the stones are they, which when they heare receive the word with joy, and these have no rootes, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation goe away.*

14 *And that which fell among thornes, are they which when they have heard, goe forth, and are choked with cares and riches, and voluptuous living, and bring fourth no fruit.*

15 *But that which fell on the good ground, are they, which with a pure & good heart heare the word, and keepe it, and bring fourth fruit through patience.*

16 * *No man when he lighteth a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed:* Mat. 5.15. marke 4.22. *but setteth it on a candlesticke, that they which enter in, may see the light.*

17 *For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest: neither any thing hid, that shall not be knowne, and come to light.* Matth. 10.26. luke 12.33.

18 *Take heed therefore how ye heare, * for whosoever hath, to him shall be given: and whosoever hath not, from him shall bee taken even that same which he supposeth that he hath.* Matth. 13.12. marke 4.25.

19 * *Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for preasse.* Matth. 12.46. marke 3.31.

20 *And it was told him, by certeine which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, willing to see thee.*

21 *He answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which heare the word of God, and doe it.*

22 * *And it came to passe on a certeine day that he went into a shippe, and his Disciples also: and he said unto them, Let us goe over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched fourth.* Matth. 8.23. marke 4.36.

23 *But as they sayled, he fell asleepe, and there came downe a storme of winde on the lake, and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardie.*

24 *And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we are lost. Then he rose and rebuked the winde, and the tempest of water: and they ceased, and it waxed calme.*

25 *And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they feared, and wondred, saying one to another, Who is this? For he commandeth both the windes and water, and they obey him.*

26 * *And*

and they sailed to the countrey of the Gerasens which is over against Galile.

27 And when he was come forth to the land, there met him a certaine man that had a devill now a very long time, and he did weare no clothes, neither did he tarry in house, but in the monuments.

28 And as he saw IESVS, he fell downe before him: and crying out with a great voice, he said, What is to me and thee IESVS sonne of God most high? I beseech thee doe not torment me.

29 For he commanded the uncleane spirit to goe foorth out of the man. For many times he caught him, and he was bound with chaines, and kept with fetters: and breaking the bondes was driven of the devill into the deserts.

30 And IESVS asked him saying, What is thy name? But he said, Legion; because many devils were entred into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to goe into the depth.

32 And there was there a heard of many swine feeding on the mountaine: and they desired him, that he would permit them to enter into them. And he permitted them.

33 The devils therefore went foorth out of the man, and entred into the swine: and the heard with violence went headlong into the lake, and was stifled.

34 Which when the swineheards saw done, they fled: and told into the city and into the townes.

35 And they went forth to see that which was done: and they came to IESVS, and found the man, out of whom the devils were gone foorth, sitting at his feet, clothed, and well in his wits, and they were afraid.

36 And they also that had seene, told them how he had bin made whole from the legion.

37 And all the multitude of the countrey of the Gerasens besought him to depart from them: for they were taken with great feare. And he going up into the boat, returned.

38 And the man out of whom the devills were departed, desired him that he might be with him. But IESVS dismissed him, saying,

39 Returne into thy house, and tell how great things God hath done to thee. And he went thorow the whole city, preaching how great things IESVS had done to him.

40 And it came to passe: when IESVS was returned, the multitude received him; and all were expecting him.

41 And * behold there came a man whose name was Iairus, and hee was Prince of the Synagogue, and he fell at the feete of IESVS, desiring him that hee would enter into his house,

Matth.9.18. Mar.5.22.

42 Because

26 * And they sailed vnto the countrey of the Gadarenites, which is over against Galile. Matt.8.28. marke 5.1.

27 And when he went out to land, there met him out of the city a certaine man which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in graves.

28 When he saw Iesus, and had cryed aloud, he fell downe before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to doe with thee Iesus, thou sonne of God most highest? I beseech thee torment me not,

29 (For he commanded the foule spirit to come out of the man: For often times he had caught him, and he was bound with chaines, and kept with fetters: and he brake the bands, and was carried of the feend into the wildernesse.)

30 And Iesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entred into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to goe out into the deepe.

32 And there was there an heard of many swine feeding on an hill: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them: and he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entred into the swine: and the heard ran headlong with violence into the lake, and were choked.

34 When the heardmen saw what was done, they fled: and when they were departed, they told it in the city, and in the villages.

35 Therefore they came out to see what was done, and came to Iesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Iesus, clothed, and in his right minde: and they were afraid.

36 They also that saw it, told them by what meanes he that was possessed of the devils, was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the countrey about the Gadarenites, besought him that hee would depart from them, for they were taken with great feare: and hee gate him up into the ship, and returned backe againe.

38 Then the man, out of whom the devils were departed, besought him that he might be with him: but Iesus sent him away, saying,

39 Goe home againe to thine owne house, and shew what † things soever God hath done for thee. And he went his way, and preached throughout all the city, what things soever Iesus had done unto him.

† Or, what great things God hath done unto thee.

40 And it came to passe, that when Iesus was come againe, the people received him: for they were all waiting for him.

41 And behold, there came a man, named Iairus, * and he was a ruler in the Synagogue, and he fell downe at Iesus feet, praying him that he would come into his house:

Matth.9.18. marke 5.22.

42 For

‡See the Annotations on S. Marke 5.9,19.

42 Because he had an only daughter about twelve yeres, and she lay a dying. And as he went, the multitudes

43 And there was ‡ a certaine woman in a flux of blood from twelve yeres past, which had bestowed all her substance upon Physicians, neither could she be cured of any:

44 Shee came behinde him, and touched the hem of his garment: and forthwith the flux of her blood stinted.

45 And IESVS said, Who is it that touched me? And all denying, ‡ Peter said, and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes throng and presse thee, and doest thou say, Who touched me?

46 And IESVS said, Some body hath touched me: for I know that there is vertue proceeded from me.

47 And the woman seeing that she was not hid, came trembling, and fell downe before his feet: and for what cause she had touched him, she shewed before all the people: and how forthwith she was made whole.

48 But he said to her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee safe, goe thy way in peace.

49 As he was yet speaking, there commeth one to the Prince of the Synagogue, saying to him, That thy daughter is dead, trouble him not.

50 And IESVS hearing this word, answered the father of the maid, Feare not: ‡ beleeve onely, and she shall be safe.

51 And when he was come to the house, hee permitted not any man to enter in with him, but Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and the father and mother of the maid.

52 And all wept, and mourned for her. But he said, Weepe not, the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.

53 And they derided him, knowing that she was dead.

54 But he holding her hand, cryed, saying, Maid arise.

55 And || her spirit returned, and she rose incontinent. And he bade them give her to eat.

56 And her parents were astonied, whom he commanded to tell no man that which was done.

42 for she had but one daughter, about twelve yeres, and she lay a dying. But as he went, the people

43 and a woman having an issue of blood twelve yeres, which had spent all her substance upon Physicians, neither could be healed of any,

44 Came behinde him, and touched the hem of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.

45 And Iesus said, Who is it that touched me? When every man denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the people throng thee, and presse thee, and sayest thou, Who touched thee?

46 And Iesus said, Some body hath touched me: for I perceive that vertue is gone out of me.

47 When the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and fell at his feet, and told him before all the people, for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath saved thee, goe in peace.)

49 While he yet spake, there commeth one from the ruler of the Synagogues house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead, disease not the Master.

50 But when Iesus heard that word, he answered him, saying, Feare not, beleeve onely, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to goe in with him, save Peter, and Iames, and Iohn, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 Every body wept, and sorrowed for her: and he said, Weepe not, she is not dead, but sleepeth.

53 And they laughed him to scorne, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he thrust them all out, and tooke her by the hand, and cryed, saying, Maid, arise.

55 And her spirit came againe, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

56 And her parents were astonied: But he warned them that they should tell no man what was done.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 — 13 For a time.] *Against the Heretickes that say, faith once had cannot be lost, and that he which now hath not faith, never had.*

FVLKE 1 — Whom God hath justified by faith, he hath glorified, therefore a true justifying faith cannot be utterly lost: but a dead and a fruitlesse faith, may be had, and lost. Iustifying faith.

RHEM. 2 — 45 Peter said.] *It is an evident signe of prerogative, that Peter onely is named so often as chiefe of the company,* Mar.1.36. Act.5.29. Luk.9.32. Mar.16.7. 1 Cor.15.5.

FVLKE 2 — It is a weake argument for *Peters* prerogative, that hee is named onely, or first. It is a stronger argument against his prerogative, that when the dignity and prerogative of the Apostles is purposely in hand, he is not named first, as *Gal.* 2.9. And yet *Peters* primacie of order, and confession, is granted, not of dignity, degree, or authority. Peters prerogative.

RHEM. 3 — 50 Beleeve onely.] *See the Annotations upon S.* Marke c.5.36.

FVLKE 3 — See the answere there, and also *Luc.* 7. Sect. 8.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VIII.

v. 4 [illegible] the Jewish women of their substance did minister unto Holy women that and drinke and the like, partly that with them; which because it might followed Christ. Christ [illegible] it not. And they ministred to our Lord of their substance for this cause. 1 Cor.9.5.12.

LUKE 4 1. Paul speaketh not of [illegible] women, that might releeve by necessity, and spare the Church: but of a wife, that might be a burden to the Church, as the text is plain. And Clemens Alexandrinus testifieth, Strom. lib. 3. The Apostles wives. Otherwise it had beene absurd, that they should leave their owne wives, and carry strange women about with them, such long journeyes as they travelled.

RHEM. 20 Thy brethren.] These brethren of our Lord were not the sons of the blessed Virgine Mary the mother of God, The brethren of as Helvidius wickedly taught: neither are they to be thought (as some others say) the sons of Ioseph by another wife; Christ. for (as S. Hierome writeth) not only our Lady was a Virgin, but by testimony of her husband Ioseph also: that our Saviour might Hier. cont. Helvi. be borne of a virginall marriage. But they are called his brethren (according to the vsuall speech of the Scriptures) c.9. Ibidem c.8. because they were his cousins either the sonnes of Iosephs brother, or (as the more received opinion is) the sonnes of our Ladies sister called Mary of Iames, which Iames therefore is also called the brother of our Lord.

RHEM. 5 55 Her spirit returned.] This returning of the soules againe into the bodies of them whom Christ and his Apostles A third place after this life. raised from death (specially Lazarus, who had beene dead foure dayes), doth evidently prove a third place against our Aduersaries, that say, every one goeth straight to heaven or to hell, so as cannot be thought that they were called from the one or the other, and therefore from some third place.

FULKE 5 This is Popish evidence, which all the Logicians in the world are not able to conclude, in lawfull forme of Purgatory. arguments, out of the text. The spirit of the maid and Lazarus returned, ergo from a third place. For it cannot be thought (saith he) that they were called from heaven or hell. And why may we not, or ought we not to thinke, that their soules were, where the soules of other godly persons departed, were?

CHAP. IX.

His Twelve also now preaching every where and working miracles, 6 Herod and all doe wonder much. 10 After which, he taketh them, and goeth into the wildernesse: Where he cureth and teacheth, feeding five thousand with five loaves. 18 Peter confessing him to be Christ. 21 He on the other side foretelleth his Passion, and that all must in time of persecution follow him therein. 27 Whereunto to encourage us the more, 27 he giveth vs his Transfiguration a sight of his glory, which is the reward of suffering. 37 The next day he easeth a deuill, which his Disciples could not. 43 Whom amids these wonders he forewarneth againe of his scandalous Passion. 49 And to cure their ambition, he telleth them, that the most humble be esteemed most. 49 Bidding them also, not to reprehibite any that is not against them, 51 yea and toward such as be against them (shewing) meekenesse for all that. 57 Of following him three examples.

The Gospel on Thursday in Whitsonweeke. Matth.10.1. Mar.3,13.6,8.

AND calling together the twelve Apostles, he gave them ‡ vertue and power over all devils, and to cure maladies.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdome of God: and to heale the sicke.

3 And he said to them, Take nothing for the way, neither rod, nor scrippe, nor bread, nor money, neither have two coats.

4 And into whatsoever house you enter, tarie there, and thence doe not depart.

5 And whosoever shall not receive you, going foorth out of that citie, shake off the dust also of your feet ‡ for a testimony upon them.

‡ A great fault to reject the true preachers or not to admit them into house for needfull harbour and sustenance.

6 And going foorth they went a circuit from towne to towne, evangelizing and curing every where.

Matth. 14,1. Mark 6,14. 7 And * Herod the Tetrarch heard all things that were done by him: and he staggered because it was said of some, That Iohn was risen from the dead.

8 But of others some, That Elias hath appeared: and of others, that a Prophet one of the olde ones was risen.

Matth. 14,13. Marke 6,31. Io.6,5. 9 And Herod sayd, Iohn I haue beheaded: but who is this of whom I heare such things? And he sought for to see him.

10 And * the Apostles being returned, reported to him whatsoever they did: and taking them, hee retired apart into a desert place, which belongeth to Beth-saida.

11 Which the multitudes understanding, followed him: and hee receiued them, and spake

*IESVS * when hee had called the Twelve together, gave them power and authoritie over all devils, and to heale diseases.* Matth.10.1. marke 3.13. and 6.7.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdome of God, and to heale the sicke.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing to your journey, neither rod, nor scrippe, neither bread, neither money, neither haue two coats a piece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye goe out of that citie shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went thorow the townes, preaching the Gospel, and healing every where.

*7 * And Herod the Tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he doubted, because that it was said of some, that Iohn was risen from death.* Matth.14.1. marke 6.14.

8 And of some, that Elias had appeared: and of some, that one of the old Prophets was risen.

9 And Herod said, Iohn haue I beheaded: but who is this of whom I heare such things? And he desired to see him.

*10 And the Apostles when they returned, tolde him all that they had done. * And he tooke them, and went aside into a solitarie place, nigh unto the citie called Bethsaida,* Marke 14.13. marke 6.35.

11 Which when the people knew, they followed him: and when he had received them, he spake unto

spake to them of the kingdome of God, and them that had need of cure he healed.

12 And the day began to draw towards an end. And the Twelve comming neere, said to him, Dimisse the multitudes, that going into townes and villages hereabout, they may have lodging, and finde meats: because here we are in a desert place.

13 And he said to them, Give you them to eat. But they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes: unlesse perhaps we should goe and buy meates for all this multitude.

14 And there were men almost five thousand. And he said to his Disciples, Make them sit downe by companies fifty and fifty.

15 And so they did. And they made all sit downe.

16 And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up into heaven, and ‡ blessed them: and he brake, and distributed to his Disciples, for to set before the multitudes.

17 And ‡ they did all eat, and had their fill. And there was taken up that which remained to them, twelve baskets of fragments.

18 * And it came to passe: when he was alone praying, his Disciples also were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom doe the multitudes say that I am?

19 But they answered, and said, Iohn the Baptist: and some, Elias: but some, that one of the Prophets before time, is risen.

20 And he said to them, But whom say ye that I am? Simon Peter answering, said, The CHRIST of God.

21 But he rebuking them, commanded that they should tell this to no man.

22 Saying, That the Sonne of man must suffer many things, and bee rejected of the Ancients and chiefe Priests and Scribes, and be killed, and the third day rise againe.

23 And he said to all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himselfe, and take up his crosse daily, and follow me.

24 For he that will save his life, shall lose it: for he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall save it.

25 For what profit hath a man if hee gaine the whole world, and lose himselfe, and cast away himselfe?

26 For he that shall be ashamed of me and of my words, him the Sonne of man shall be ashamed of, when he shall come in his majesty, and his Fathers, and of the holy Angels.

27 And I say to you assuredly, There be some standing here that shall not taste death, ‖ till they see the kingdome of God.

The Transfiguration. Matth.17,1. Marke 9,2. 28 * And it came to passe after these words almost eight dayes, and he tooke Peter and Iames and Iohn, and went into a mountaine to pray.

29 And whiles he prayed, the shape of his counte-

a εὐλόγησεν αὐτούς.

‡ Here you see that he blessed the things, and not onely gave thanks to God. See Annotat. Marc. 8,7.

The miraculous providence of God toward such as follow Christ into deserts, prisons, banishment, or whithersoever. Matth.16,13. Marke 8,27.

sunto them of his kingdome of God, and healed them that had need to be healed.

*12 * And when the day began to weare away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the people away, that they may goe into the villages and fields round about, and lodge, and get meat: for we are here in a place of wildernesse.* Matth. marke John 6.

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes, except we should goe and buy meat for all this people.

14 And they were about five thousand men. And he said to his Disciples, Cause them to sit downe by fifties in a company.

15 And they did so, and made them all to sit downe.

16 And when he had taken the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looked up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake them, and gave to the Disciples to set before the people.

17 And they did all eat, and were satisfied. And there was taken up of that remained to them, twelve baskets full of broken meats.

*18 * And it came to passe, as hee was alone praying, his Disciples were with him: and hee asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?* Matth.16.13. marke 8.27.

19 They answering, said, Iohn the Baptist: some say, Elias: and some say that one of the old Prophets is risen.

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering, said, Thou art that Christ of God.

21 And he warned and commanded them to tell no man that thing:

*22 Saying, * That the Sonne of man must suffer many things, and be reproved of the Elders, and of the high Priests and Scribes, and be slaine, and rise the third day.* Matth. 17.22. marke 8.31.

*23 * And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himselfe, and take up his crosse daily, and follow me.* Matth. 10.38.

*24 * For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.* Matth.10.39. marke 8.35.

*25 * For what advantageth it a man, if he win the whole world, and lose himselfe, or run in danger of himselfe?* Matth.16.26. marke 9.36.

*26 * For whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, of him shall the Sonne of man be ashamed when hee shall come in the glory of himselfe, and of his Father, and of the holy Angels.* Matth. 10.33. marke 8.38.

*27 * I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdome of God.* Matth.16.28. marke 9.1.

*28 * And it came to passe, about an eight dayes after these things, he tooke Peter, and Iohn, and Iames, and went up into a mountaine to pray.* Matth. 17.1. marke 9.2.

29 And it came to passe as he prayed, the fashion

[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]

31 And behold two men talked with him, and they were Moses and Elias,

31 Appearing in majesty. And they told him of his departing that hee should accomplish in Hierusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him, were heavie with sleepe. And awaking, they saw his majestie, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to passe, when they departed from him, Peter said to IESVS, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses; and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

34 And as he spake these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared, when they entred into the cloud.

2 Pet.1,17. 35 *And a voyce was made out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Sonne, heare him.

36 And whiles the voyce was made, IESVS was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those dayes any of these things which they had seene.

Matth.17,14. Marke 9,17. 37 *And it came to passe the day following, when they came downe from the mountaine, there met him a great multitude.

38 And behold a man of the multitude cryed out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, looke upon my sonne because he is mine only one.

39 And loe, the spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth, and he dasheth him, and teareth him that he foometh, and with much adoe departeth renting him.

40 And I desired thy Disciples to cast him out, and they could not.

41 And IESVS answering, said, ‡ O faithlesse and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and suffer you? bring thy sonne hither.

42 And when he came to him, the devill dashed, and tore him. And IESVS rebuked the uncleane spirit, and healed the lad: and rendred him to his father.

43 And all were astonied at the might of God: and all marvelling at all things that he did, he said to his Disciples,

44 Lay you in your hearts these words, for it shall come to passe that the Sonne of man shalbe delivered into the hands of men.

Matth.18,1. Marke 9,34. ‡ Desire of preeminence is an humane infirmity often even among the good. Against which, Christ teacheth humility, but forbiddeth not superiority.

45 But they did not know this word, and it was covered before them, that they perceived it not. And they were afraid to aske him of this word.

46 *And there entred ‡ a cogitation into them, which of them should be greatest.

47 But IESVS seeing the cogitations of their heart, tooke a child, and set him by him,

48 And said to them, Whosoever receiveth

sabbaoth: his countenance was changed, and his garments shining white.

30 And behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias,

31 That appeared in glory, and spake of his departing, which hee should end at Hierusalem.

32 But Peter, and they that were with him, were heavie with sleepe: and when they awoke, they saw his glory, and the two men standing with him.

33 And it came to passe, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Iesus, Master, it is good being here for us, and let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what hee said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud and overshadowed them, and they feared, when they were come into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my deare Sonne, heare him.

36 And assoone as the voyce was past, Iesus was found alone: and they kept it close, and told no man in those dayes any of those things which they had seene.

*37 * And it came to passe, that on the next day, when they were come downe from the hill, much people met him.* Matth.17.14. marke 9.17.

38 And behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee behold my sonne, for he is all that I have:

39 And see, a spirit taketh him, and suddenly he crieth, and teareth him that he foometh again, and with much paine departeth from him, when he rendreth him.

40 And I besought thy Disciples to cast him out, and they could not.

41 Iesus answering, said, O faithlesse, and perverse nation, how long shall I be with you, and shall suffer you? bring thy sonne hither.

42 As he was yet a comming, the fiend rent him, and tare him: and Iesus rebuked the uncleane spirit, and healed the childe, and delivered him againe to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God: But while they wondred every one at all things which Iesus did, hee said unto his Disciples:

*44 * Let these sayings sinke downe into your eares: for it will come to passe, that the Sonne of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.* Matth.17.22. marke 9.30.

45 But they wist not what that word meant, and it was hid from them, that they should not understand it: and they feared to aske him of that saying.

*46 * Then there arose a disputation among them, which of them should be greatest.* Matth.18.1. marke 9.33.

47 When Iesus perceived the thought of their heart, he tooke a childe, and set him hard by him,

48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive

Marke 9,38. 49 And Iohn answering, said, Master, we saw a certaine man casting out devils in thy name, and we prohibited him, because he followed not with us.

‡ There be some that follow not Christ precisely in life and doctrine, of whō we may make our advantage to the propagation of Christs honor and religion, when they doe any thing for the advancement thereof of what intention soever they doe it. Phil. 1,15.

50 And IESVS said to him, ‡ Prohibite not; for he that is not against you, is for you.

51 And it came to passe, whiles the dayes of his assumption were accomplishing, and he fixed his face to goe into Hierusalem,

52 And hee sent messengers before his face: and going they entred into a city of the Samaritans to prepare for him.

53 And they received him not, because his || face was to goe to Hierusalem.

54 And when his Disciples Iames and Iohn had seene it, they said, Lord, wilt thou we say that fire come downe from heaven and consume || them?

55 And turning, || he rebuked them, saying, You know not of what spirit you are.

56 The Sonne of man came not to destroy soules, but to save. And they went into another towne.

57 And it came to passe as they walked in the way, a certaine man said to him, *I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

Matth.8,19. ‡ This man would have followed him for temporall commodities, and therefore was not suffered.

58 IESVS said to him, ‡ The foxes have holes, and the foules of the aire nests: but the Sonne of man hath not where to repose his head.

59 But he said to another, Follow me. And he said, Lord, permit me first to goe and bury my father.

60 And IESVS said to him, Let the dead bury their dead: but goe thou, set forth the kingdome of God.

61 And another said, I will follow thee Lord, but permit me first to take my leave of them that are at home.

62 IESVS said to him, || No man putting his hand to the plough, and looking backe, is apt for the kingdome of God.

49 And Iohn answering, said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not thee with us.

50 And Iesus said unto him, Forbid ye him not: for he that is not against us, is with us.

51 And it came to passe, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to goe to Hierusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face, and they went and entred into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would goe to Hierusalem.

54 When his Disciples, Iames and Iohn saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come downe from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 Iesus turning about, rebuked them, saying, Ye wote not what manner spirit ye are of.

*56 * For the Sonne of man is not come to destroy mens lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.* Matth.8.19.

57 And it came to passe, that as they went walking in the way, a certaine man said unto him, I will follow thee, Lord, whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Iesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the aire have nests: but the Sonne of man hath not where to lay his head.

*59 * And he said unto another, Follow me: And the same said, Lord, suffer me first to goe and bury my father.* Matth.8.21.

60 Iesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but goe thou and preach the kingdome of God.

61 And another said, Lord, I will follow thee: but let me first goe bid them farewell which are at home at my house.

62 Iesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking backe, is apt to the kingdome of God.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 1 — 1 Vertue and power.] *To command devils, and diseases all kinds of body or soule, is by nature proper to God onely: but by Gods gift, men also may have the same; even so to forgive sinnes.* — Miracles.

FVLKE 1 — That which is proper to God, cannot be communicated to men. Therefore God onely worketh miracles, and forgiveth sinnes by the ministery of man. — Remission of sins.

RHEM. 2 — 41 O faithlesse.] *Incredulity hindereth the effect of exorcismes, and other miraculous power given to the Church.*

FVLKE 2 — The Church hath not at this day, power to cast out devils, or to worke miracles ordinarily: therefore your ordinary offices of exorcisme, and muttering, be mockeries of the gracious gifts of miracles. — Exorcismes vaine and unlawfull.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. IX.

RHEM. — 27 Till they see.] *To the Apostles, that had to preach the kingdome of God, and to suffer so much misery for the same in this world he will shew his glory, and give them a tast of his owne joyfull state and of his Saints in heaven, calling thether Moses and Elias, that the Law and prophets might be witnesses of the same. See the Annotations upon S. Matth. c. 17. 2.* — The transfiguration.

RHEM. — 53 Face to goe to Hierusalem.] *The Samaritans were Schismaticks from the Iewes, and had a Schismaticall temple in mount Garizim, of purpose to draw men thither from Gods Temple in Hierusalem where only was the true, and as it were, the Ghostlike service and sacrifice unto God. Therefore they did not gladly receive our Saviour, because they perceived he was going to Hierusalem.* — Schismaticks. Io.4.9. 3 Reg 12,27. Tob.1.

RHEM. 3 — 55 He rebuked them.] *Not suffring our all rigorous punishment of sinners is here forbidden, but Elias soft reproched, but the Church or Christian princes blamed for putting Heretikes to death: but then none of these should*

[illegible] a particular message to [illegible] discretion and regard of their [illegible] the rest, and to return to them. Wherein likewise his power upon Antonias and Sapphira, [illegible] strake them both downe to death for [illegible] the Church.

The desire of revenge. The Churches severity, Act. 5.

He used not an ordinary, but a miraculous power, when he pronounced sentence of death against Ananias and Sapphira, not for defrauding the Church, but for lying against the holy Ghost, Act. 5. For they might have kept their whole price, or sold their land without blame, if they had not played the hypocrites.

Power of Princes.

Looking backe.

2 No man looking backe.] It is a dangerous temptation for a man that hath left or left his goods for Christ, to look too much backe at them, and to remember with delight the pleasures and ease of this world; for it breedeth in him discontentment of the troubles and crosses that are incident to the state of such as fully follow Christ. In which case a man should ever looke forward towards heaven, and never backward to the world.

CHAP. X.

He sendeth yet seventy two more to preach to the towns with power also of miracles, 13 crying woe to the cities impenitent. 17 At their returne he rejoiceth the great power he gave them, but yet teacheth them not to be proud thereof, 21 and praiseth God for his grace, 23 his Church also for her happy state. 25 To one of the Scribes he sheweth, that the love of God and of his neighbour will bring him to life everlasting, 29 teaching him by the parable of the Samaritane, to take every one for his neighbour that needeth his charity. 38 To Martha he sheweth that Maries contemplative life is the better.

The Gospel upon S. Marks day and Saint Lukes.

‡ As the 12. Apostles did represent the higher degree of the Clergie, called Bishops: so these seventy two beare the figure of the inferiour Clergie, called Priests, Beda.

AND after this our Lord designed also other seventy two, and he sent them two and two before his face into every city and place whither himselfe would come.

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face, into every city and place, whither he himselfe would come.

2 And he said to them, The harvest truly is much: but the workmen few. Desire therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send workmen into his harvest.

*2 Therefore said he unto them, *The harvest is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, to † send forth labourers into his harvest.* Matth. 9. 37. † Or, thrust forth.

3 Goe: behold I send you as lambes among wolves.

3 Go your wayes: Behold I send you forth as lambes among wolves. Matth. 10. 16.

4 Carry not purse nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no body by the way.

4 Beare no wallet, neither scrip, nor shoes, and salute no man by the way.

5 Into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace to this house.

*5 *Into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.* Matth. 10. 14.

6 And if the Son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if not, it shall returne to you.

6 And if the Sonne of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: if not, it shall turne to you again.

7 And in the same house tarry you, eating and drinking such things as they have. * For the workman is worthy of his hire. Remove not from house to house.

1 Tim. 5. 18.

7 And in the same house tarry still, eating and drinking such things as they have: For the labourer is worthy of his reward. Goe not from house to house.

8 And into what city soever you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

*8 *And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:* Matth. 10. 11.

9 And cure the sick that are in it, and say to them, The kingdome of God is come nigh upon you.

9 And heale the sicke that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh upon you.

10 And into whatsoever city you enter, and they receive you not, going forth into the streets thereof, say,

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, goe your wayes out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 The dust also of your city that cleaveth to us, we doe wipe off against you; yet this know ye that the kingdom of God is at hand.

‡ Differences of paines and damnation in hell, according to the differences of demerits, *Aug. l. 5. c. 5. contr. Iul.*

*11 * Even the very dust of your city which cleaveth on us, we doe wipe off against you: notwithstanding, be ye sure of this, that the kingdome of God was come nigh upon you.* Act. 13. 51.

12 I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Sodom in that day, then for that city.

12 I say unto you, That it shall be easier in that day for Sodom, then for that city.

13 Woe to thee Corazaim, woe to thee Bethsaida: for if in Tyre and Sidon had beene wrought the miracles that have bin wrought in you, they had done penance sitting ‡ in sackcloth and ashes long ago.

*13 *Woe unto thee Chorazin, woe unto thee Bethsaida: For if the mighty workes had beene done in Tyre and Sidon, which have beene done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.* Matth. 11. 21.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgement, then for you.

14 Therefore it shall be easier for Tyre and Sidon at the judgement, then for you.

15 And thou Capharnaum that art exalted unto heaven: thou shalt be thrust downe even unto hell.

15 And thou Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust downe to hell.

16 ‡ He that heareth you heareth me: and he that despiseth you, despiseth me. And he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

*16 *He that heareth you, heareth me: and he that despiseth you, despiseth me: and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.* Matth. 10. 40. John 13. 20.

17 And

17 [illegible] Seventy returned [illegible] saying, Lord, even the very devils are subject unto us through thy Name.

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18 And he said to them, I saw Satan as a lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I have given you power to tread upon Serpents, and Scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

20 But yet rejoyce not in this, that the spirits are subject unto you: but rejoyce in this, that your names are written in heaven.

21 In that very houre he rejoyced in spirit, and said, I confesse to thee O father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them || to little ones. Yea Father, for so hath it well pleased thee.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Father. And no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father: and who the Father is, but the Sonne, and to whom the Sonne will reveale.

23 And turning to his Disciples, he sayd, Blessed are the eyes that see the things that you see.

24 For I say to you, that many Prophets and Kings desired to see the things that you see, and saw them not: and to heare the things that you heare, and heard them not.

25 And behold, a certaine Lawyer stood up, tempting him and saying, Master, by doing of what thing shall I possesse life everlasting?

26 But he said to him, In the Law what is written? how readest thou?

Deut. 6, 5. Levit. 19. 18.

27 He answering, sayd, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soule, and with all thy strength, and with all thy minde: and thy neighbour as thy selfe.*

28 And he said to him, Thou hast answered right, || this doe, and thou shalt live.

29 But he desirous to justifie himselfe, said to Iesvs, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Iesvs taking it, said, A certaine man went downe from Hierusalem into Iericho, and fell among theeves, who also spoyled him, and giving him wounds, went away leaving him || halfe-dead.

31 And it chanced, that a certaine Priest went downe the same way: and seeing him, passed by.

32 In like manner also a Levite, when he was neere the place, and saw him, passed by.

33 But a certaine Samaritane going his journey, came neere him: and seeing him, was mooved with mercy.

34 And going unto him, bound his wounds, powring in oyle and wine: and setting him upon his owne beast, brought him into an Inne, and tooke care of him.

‡ Supererogaveris. ego dum redeo.

35 And the next day he tooke forth two pence, and gave to the host, and said, Have care of him: and whatsoever thou shalt ‡ supererogate,

17 *And the Seventy returned [illegible] saying, Lord, even the very devils are subject unto us through thy Name.*

18 *And he said unto them, I saw Satan as it had been lightning falling downe from heaven.*

19 *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on Serpents and Scorpions, and over all manner power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any meanes hurt you.*

20 *But in this rejoyce not, that the spirits are subdued unto you: but rather rejoyce, because your names are written in the heavens.*

21 *The same houre Iesus rejoyced in the spirit, and said, I confesse unto thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast opened them unto babes: even so Father, for so is pleased thee.*

22 *All things are given me of my Father: no man knoweth who the Sonne is, but the Father: and who the Father is but the Sonne, and he to whom the Sonne will reveale him.*

23 *And he turned unto his Disciples, and said secretly, * Happy are the eyes which see the things that ye see.* Matt. 13. 16.

24 *For I tell you, that many Prophets and Kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seene them: and to heare those things which ye heare, and have not heard them.*

25 *And behold, a certaine Lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, * Master, what shall I doe to inherite eternall life? He said unto him,* Matt. 22. 35.

26 *What is written in the Law? how readest thou?*

27 *And he answering, said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soule, and with all thy strength, and with all thy minde, * and thy neighbour as thy selfe.* Deut. 6. 5. Levit. 19. 18.

28 *And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this doe, and thou shalt live.*

29 *But he, willing to justifie himselfe, said unto Iesus, and who is my neighbour?*

30 *And Iesus answering, said, A certaine man descended from Hierusalem to Iericho, and fell among theeves, which robbed him of his rayment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him halfe dead.*

31 *And it befell, that there came downe a certaine Priest that same way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

32 *And likewise a Levite, when he went nigh to the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.*

33 *But a certaine Samaritane as he journeyed, came by him: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,*

34 *And went to him, and bound up his wounds, powring in oyle and wine, and set him on his owne beast, and brought him to a common Inne, and made provision for him.*

35 *And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him, and whatsoever*

39 And she had a sister called Mary; who sitting also at Iesus *Lords* feet, heard his word.

40 But Martha was busie about much seruice; who stood and said, Lord, carest thou not that my sister hath left me alone to serue? speake to her therefore, that she helpe me.

41 And our Lord answering, said to her, Martha, Martha, thou art carefull, and art troubled about very many things.

42 But one thing is necessary. || Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away from her.

39 *And she had a sister called* Mary, *which also sate at* Iesus *feet, and heard his preaching.*

40 *But* Martha *was troubled about much serving, and came to him, and said, Master, carest thou not that my sister hath left me alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.*

41 *And* Iesus *answered, and said unto her,* Martha, Martha, *thou art careful, and troubled about many things:*

42 *Verily one is needfull; Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 1 13 In sackcloth and ashes.] *Their penance not onely to lead a new life, but to punish the body by such things as here be recorded, for the ill life past.*

FVLKE. 1 Punishing of the body by sackcloth and ashes, is no satisfaction for sinnes past; but an helpe unto repentance and humiliation, *a figure of humiliation.* Basil. in Ps. 29.

RHEM. 2 16 He that heareth.] *It is all one to despise Christ; and to despise his Priests and Ministers in the Catholike Church: to refuse his doctrine, and them.*

FVLKE 2. It is all one to despise the Ministers of Christs Catholike Church, and the Popish Priests, it is not true.

RHEM. 3 35 Supererogate.] *S. Augustine saith, that the Apostle (1 Cor. 9.) according to the perfection of the Gospel, that would not. Li. de op. Monach. c. 5. whereof it commeth, that the workes which we the more freely practise, be called workes of supererogation: and whereby it is also evident against the Protestants, that there be such workes. See Cyprianus, li. 6. epist. Parmen. how aptly he applyeth this parable to Saint Paules counsell of virginity (1 Cor. 7.) as to a worke of supererogation.*

FVLKE 3 That which is bestowed for the full recovery of the wounded man is a duty of charity, therefore commanded. So is whatsoever we are able to doe, pertaining either to the perfect love of God, or the love of our brethren as our selfe, is of duty, though it be not expressly named, but generally commanded, and is infinite to some. That which S. *Augustine* saith of S. *Paul: Amplius erogabat, &c. he did bestow more, when he went a begging at his owne cost,* is to be understood of the generall liberty that all Preachers have to live of the Gospel. Yet from it his duty, in that speciall case, to forbeare that liberty, or any other thing that is lawfull, that he should not give *any hinderance to the Gospel of Christ.* 1 Cor. 9. 12. Therefore it had beene lawfull for him, to use that liberty to the hinderance of the Gospel. So that it was no worke of supererogation (as you terme it) but of duty in that case, to forbeare it. Againe he forbeareth, that he should not abuse his power in the Gospel, he sinneth, ergo he forbeareth of duty: for it is his duty to avoid sinne. What then, did the other Apostles sinne in not labouring as the idle Monkes objected to S. *Augustine?* No, their case differed from his, as he sheweth plainely in the same booke, cap. 22. They used their liberty to no hinderance of the Gospel: he could not use it, but with impediment of the Gospel. Therefore workes of supererogation are not proved by S. *Pauls* example. Neither by his counsell unto Virginity, which is not to be neglected where God hath given the gift, and it may serue to the advancement of Gods glory, which every one is bound to procure, to the uttermost of his strength, *Deut. 6. 5. Luke 10. 27.* though the speciall state of Virginity be not commended generally, because God hath not given the gift to all men generally. And so much *Origen* be understood. S. *Chrysostome* interpreting this parable allegorically (as many of the Fathers doe) yet acknowledgeth, that the governour of the Church can bestow no more, then is contained in the Gospel. *Nam cum &c. For seeing nothing can be added to the two Testaments, neither may the Law of God receive any increase or diminishing, what is it then, which the governour can bestow more then he hath received? but that which is his owne duty, to which he is bound, to endeavour, that he lay out that which is committed to him, that he hath received, &c.* De eo qui ma. in homil. sermon. By *Chrysostomes* judgement therefore in this place, he can doe no workes of supererogation, that by him upon this place saith, *I will pay thee if thou shalt bestow any thing of thine owne that may profit him. For teachers doe addle of their owne, when they dilate the interpretation of the words of God. For they take it not out of the argument or substance of the matter out of the two Testaments, but by their owne fancies they beget grosse errours upon them that are diseased.* This Author gathering the judgement of the ancient Fathers of the Greeke Church, could find no workes of supererogation in this text.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 4 21 To little ones.] *By this place every vnlearned minister may see prefaced from God hath revealed all truth to him, and those few vnlearned we ought to be reputed: for Christ did not afterward vnlearn* [illegible] *men, nor any other with the gifts of tongues and tongues, nor those whose industry, study, and* [illegible] *the beginning of Gods providence he did it, that it might be cleare to the world, that all Nations were conteined in him, not by pro-*

FVLKE 4

RHEM. 5

FVLKE 5

RHEM. 6

FVLKE 6.

RHEM. 7

Works of supererogation.

Free-will.

The Contemplative or Religious life, better then the Active and secular.

Vowes and Vowers.

Constantinopolitana.

Marin.

Vossian.

CHAP. XI.

He teacheth a forme of prayer, and exhorteth to pray instantly, 11 assuring that so God will give us [illegible] The Iewes blaspheming his casting out of Deuils, and asking for a miracle from heauen, 17 he defendeth [illegible] 22 foretelling also the Deuils expulsion by him out of the world (that is the vocation of the Gentiles) [illegible] 27 With their reprobation though he be of their flesh, 29 and also their worthy damnation. 37 Against the Pharisees and Scribes he giueth woe, as authors of the said reprobation.

AND it came to passe, when he was in a certaine place, praying, as he ceased, one of his Disciples said to him, Lord teach us to pray, as Iohn also taught his disciples.

Matt.6.9.

2 And he said to them, When you pray, say, Father, *Sanctified be thy Name, Thy kingdome come.*

3 *Our daily bread giue us this day.*

4 *And forgiue us our sinnes, for because our selues also forgiue euery one that is in debt to us. And lead us not into temptation.*

5 And he said to them, Which of you shall haue a friend, and shall goe to him at midnight, and shall say to him, friend, lend me three loaues,

6 Because a friend of mine is come out of his way to me, and I haue not what to set before him:

7 And he from within answering, saith, Trouble me not, now the doore is shut, and my children are with me in bed: I cannot rise and giue thee.

8 And if he shall perseuere knocking, I say to you, although he will not rise and giue him because he is his friend, yet for his importunity he will rise, & giue him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say to you, Aske, and it shall be giuen you: seeke, and you shall find: knocke, and it shalbe opened to you.

10 For euery one that asketh, receiueth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

11 And which of you if he aske his father bread, will he giue him a stone? or a fish, will he for fish giue him a serpent?

12 Or if he aske an egge, will he reach him a scorpion?

13 If you then being naught, know how to giue good gifts to your children, how much more will your father from heauen giue the good spirit to them that aske him?

14 * And

AND so it was, that as he was praying in a certaine place, when he ceased, one of his Disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as Iohn also taught his disciples:

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, *O our Father which art in heauen, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdome come, Thy will be done, euen in earth as it is in heauen.* Mat.6.9.

3 *Our daily bread giue us this day.*

4 *And forgiue us our sinnes: for euen we forgiue euery man that trespasseth to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliuer us from the euill.*

5 *And he said unto them, Which of you shall haue a friend, & shal goe unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaues:*

6 *For a friend of mine is come out of the way to me, and I haue nothing to set before him:*

7 *And he from within shall answere, and say, Trouble me not, the doore is now shut, and my children are with me in bed: I cannot rise and giue thee.*

8 *I say unto you, Though he will not rise, and giue him because he is his friend: yet because of his importunity, he will rise, and giue him as many as he needeth.*

9 * *And I say unto you, Aske, and it shall be giuen you: seeke, and ye shall find: knocke, and it shalbe opened unto you.* Matt.7.7. mar.11.24. john 14.13. iames 1.16. Matth.7.7.

10 * *For euery one that asketh, receiueth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shalbe opened.*

11 * *If the sonne shall aske bread of any of you that is a father, will he giue him a stone? Or if he aske fish, will he for fish giue him a serpent?* Matt.9.32. marke 3.20.

12 *Or, if he shall aske an egge, will he offer him a scorpion?*

13 *If you then being euill, haue knowledge to giue good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Father of heauen giue the holy spirit to them that aske it of him?*

14 *And*

Matt.7.7. The Gospel in a votive Masse for sinnes.

The Gospel in *Maioribus litanijs* on S. Markes day, and in the Rogation dayes. And in a votive Masse against the Pagans.

Luke 3,22.

c *alios cast out*

‡ This finger is the spirit of God. Matth.12,28.

c. *noviſsima ſunt.*

b The Gospel upon Assumption eve, and in a Votive of our Lady between Candlemas & Easter, and betweene Pentecost and Advent.

‡ The said mother of God, in that also was blessed that she was the temporall mother and minister of the Incarnation, but much more blessed, in that she continued the perpetuall keeper of his word. *Beda. traff. 19. in Ioan.*

Matth. 12,29. Ionas 2,2. 3 Reg.10,1.

† The

Matt.12.43.

Heb.6.4. 2 pet.2.20.

Matt.11.30.

Matt.12.38.

Ionas 2.1.

3 Reg.10.1. 2 chron.9.1.

… be hath lig… Matth. 5.15.
… neither vnder a bu… Luc. 8.16.
… that they …
… the body is the eye … Luc. 6.22.
… will …
… all thy body shall be …

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkenesse.

36 If all thy body therefore be light, having no part darke: there shall it all be light, even as when a candle doth lighten thee with brightnesse.

37 And as he spake, a certaine Pharisee prayed him to dine with him: And …

38 When the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 * And the Lord said vnto him, Now Matt. 23.25.
doe ye Pharisees make cleane the outside of the cup, and the platter: but your inward part is full of ravening and wickednesse.

40 Ye fooles, did not he that made that which is without, make that which is within also?

41 But rather give almes of those things which are ‖ within: and behold, all things are ‖ Or, present.
cleane unto you.

42 But woe unto you Pharisees: for ye tithe mint, and rue, and all manner herbs, and passe over judgement, and the love of God: These ought ye to have done, and yet not to leave the other undone.

43 * Woe unto you Pharisees: for ye love Matth. 23.6.
the uppermost seates in the Synagogues, and marke 12.38.
greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites: for ye are as graves which appeare not, and the men that walke over them, are not aware of them.

45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying, thou puttest us to rebuke also.

46 ‖ And he said, Woe unto you also ye Law- Matth. 23.4.
yers: for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be born, and ye your selves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you, for ye build the Sepulchres of the Prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truely ye beare witnes that ye allow the deedes of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

49 Therfore said the wisedome of God, I will send them Prophets and Apostles, and some of them

… be made that on the outside, made also that is on the inside?

41 ‖ … give almes, and … things are cleane vnto you.

42 But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe minte and rewe and every herbe: and passe over judgement and the charity of God; but these things you ought to have done, and not to omit those.

43 Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the first chaires in the synagogues, and salutations in the market place.

44 Woe to you, because you are as monuments that appeare not, and men walking over are not ware.

45 And one of the Lawyers answering saith to him, Master, in saying these things, thou speakest to our reproch also.

46 But he said, ‖ Woe to you Lawyers also: because you lode men with burdens which they cannot beare, and your selues touch not the packes with one of your fingers.

The Gospel for many Martyrs.

47 Woe to you that ‡ build the monuments of the Prophets: and your fathers did kill them.

48 Surely you doe testifie that you consent to the workes of your fathers: because they indeed did kill them, and you build their sepulchres.

49 For this cause the wisedome also of God said, I will send to them Prophets and Apostles,

MARGINAL NOTES

Rhem. 1 …

Fvlke 1 We …
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Rhem. 2 13 …

Fvlke 2 …

Rhem. 3 17 …

Fvlke 3 … knocke … to the idoll of the …
… We … not be … in vnderstanding. 1 Cor. 14.20. which is the marke you … every fable.

Rhem. 4 20 The Commandements.] Not faith only but also keping the Commandements purchase … Annot. Mat. 19. 6.

Fvlke 4 Keeping of … Commandements alone, doth purchase life everlasting, if a man can keepe … But if he once … one Commandement, he hath purchased the curse of God. See …

Rhem. 5 22 Sell all that … ever.] This is not a commandement or precept, but counsell: … Annot. … 19.

Fvlke 5 This … to … person, but neither commandement … ther is it observed of … hypocrites, which sell not all to give to …

Rhem. 6 29 Life or children.] The Apostles among other things left their wives also, as … lib. 1. adv. Iovin.

Fvlke 6 That the Apostles left not their wives. See Mat. 8. Sect. 3.

Rhem. 7 30 Life everlasting.] Life everlasting the reward for leaving or loosing willingly any goods … Christ …

Fvlke 7 Life everlasting, is the free gift of God in Iesus Christ, Rom. 6.23. Although God … take all things for Christ, not as a reward of merit, but as a gift of mercy.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XVIII.

Rhem. 8 8 Shall he finde faith.] The Luciferians and Donatists … this … to excuse … our Adversaries now doe, saying that it was deceyved in faith when they … and S. Augustine answered them, that Christ saith not that there … speech importeth, that at the latter day in the great persecution of … full among so many wicked not so notorious: specially that perfect … ward God, which our Master so praised in certaine upon whom he wrought … might be moved which is rare even when the … flourisheth most.

Fvlke 8 … We say not, … the Church ever … shall … in … ters of doctrine yet not to leave … foundation. But by your … Antichrist, faith shall be rare, and therefore the faithfull few, and not so notorious, … Such we say was the state of the Church under the tyranny of the Pope, …

CHAP. …

In Iericho he lodgeth in the house of Zacheus a publicane, … his so doing. 11 He sheweth, that the last day should not be … hath to … of his Church as well good as bad. 27 and also to … of his passion, he entreth (weeping … foretelling the … Christ. 45 He sweepeth his seate for the house of God; and … frayd him, but for feare of the people.

The Gospel upon the Dedication of a Church.

AND entring in, he walked thorow Iericho.

2 And behold a man named Zacheus, and this was a Prince of the Publicans, and he rich.

3 And he sought to see Iesvs what he was, and he could not for the multitude, because he was little of stature.

4 And running before, he ‖ went up into a Sy- … 4 And he ran before, and …

a sycomore tree that he might see him: because he was to passe by it.

5 And when he was come to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said to him, Zache, make haste and come down: because this day I must abide in thy house.

6 And he made haste and came downe, and received him rejoycing.

7 And when all saw it, they murmured, saying, that he turned in, to a man that was a sinner.

8 But Zacheus standing, said to our Lord, Behold the halfe of my goods, Lord, I give to the poore: and if I have defrauded any man of any thing, ‖ I restore foure-fold.

9 IESVS said to him, That this day salvation is made to this house: because that he also is the sonne of Abraham.

Matth. 18, 12. 10 * For the Sonne of man is come to seeke and to save that which was lost.

11 They hearing these things, he added and spake a parable, for that he was nigh to Hierusalem, and because they thought that forthwith the kingdome of God should be manifested.

The Gospel for a confessor that is not a Bishop, and namely for S. Lewis the king of France, August. 25. Matth. 25, 14. 12 He said therefore, * A certaine noble man went into a far countrey to take to himselfe a kingdome, and to returne.

13 And calling his ten servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them, Occupie till I come.

14 And his citizens hated him: and they sent a legacie after him, saying, We will not have this man reigne over us.

15 And it came to passe after he returned, having received his kingdome: and he commanded his servants to bee called, to whom hee gave the money: that hee might know how much every man had gained by occupying.

16 And the first came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gotten ten pounds.

17 And he said to him, Well fare thee good servant, because thou hast beene faithfull in a little, thou shalt have power over † ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made five pounds.

19 And he said to him, And be thou over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, loe here thy pound, which I have had laid up in a napkin.

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou didst not set downe, and thou reapest that which thou didst not sow.

22 He saith to him, By thine owne mouth I judge thee, naughty servant, Thou didst know ‡ that I am an austere man, taking up that I set not downe, and reaping that which I sowed not:

23 And

a sycomore tree that he might see him: because he was to passe that way.

5 And when Iesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zache, come downe at once: for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he came downe hastily, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they all saw it, they murmured, saying, that he was gone in to tarry with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacheus stood forth, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the halfe of my goods I give to the poore, and if I have taken from any man by forged † cavillation, I restore him foure fold. † Or, false accusation.

9 Iesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house: because that he is also the childe of Abraham.

*10 * For the Sonne of man is come to seeke and to save that which was lost.* Matth. 18. 11.

11 And as they heard these things, hee added, and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Hierusalem, and because they thought that the kingdome of God should shortly appeare.

*12 * Hee said therefore, A certaine noble man went into a farre countrey, to receive for himselfe a kingdome, and to come againe.* Matth. 25. 14.

13 And when he had called his ten servants, he delivered them ten † pieces of money, saying unto them, Occupie till I come. † Or, pounds.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reigne over us.

15 And it came to passe, that when he had returned, receiving his kingdome, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that hee might know how much every man had gained in occupying.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy piece hath gained ten pieces.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast beene faithfull in a very little thing, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy piece hath increased five pieces.

19 And to the same he said, Be thou also ruler over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy piece, which I have laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art a strait man: thou takest up that thou layedst not downe, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 Then he saith unto him, Of thine owne mouth will I judge thee, thou evill servant: Knewest thou that I am a strait man, taking up that I laid not downe, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 And

HOLY WEEKE. See Annotations Mat. 27, 29, &c.

23 And why gavest thou not my money into the banke, and I coming might have exacted it?

24 And he said to them that stood by, Take the pound away from him, and give it to him that hath the ten pounds.

25 And they said to him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.

The fifth part of the Gospel, of the holy Weeke of his Passion in Hierusalem. Matth. 21, 1. Marke 11, 1. Ioh. 12, 15.

26 But I say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given: and from him that hath not, that also which he hath shall be taken from him.

27 But as for those mine enemies that would not have me reigne over them, bring them hither: and kill them before me.

28 And having said these things, he went before ascending to Hierusalem.

PALME SVNDAY. 29 And ✠ came to passe * when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethania unto the mount called Oliver, he sent two of his Disciples,

30 Saying, Goe into the towne which is over against, into the which as you enter, you shall finde the colt of an asse tied, on which no man ever hath sitten: loose him, and bring him.

31 And if any man aske you, Why loose you him? You shall say thus to him, because our Lord needeth his service.

32 And they that were sent, went their wayes, and found as he said to them, the colt standing.

33 And when they loosed the colt, the owners thereof said to them, Why loose you the colt?

34 But they said, Because our Lord hath need of him.

35 And they brought him to IESVS. And casting their garments upon the colt, they set IESVS thereupon.

36 And as he went, they spred their garments underneath in the way.

37 And when he approached now to the descent of mount Olivet, all the multitudes of ‖ His Disciples. them that descended, began with joy to praise God with a loud voyce, for all the miracles that they had seene,

38 Saying, Blessed is hee that commeth King in the ✠ Name our Lord, peace in heaven, and glory on high.

39 And certaine Pharisees of the multitudes said to him, Master, rebuke thy Disciples.

40 To whom he said, I say to you, That if these hold their peace, the stones shall cry.

41 And as he drew neere, seeing the city, he wept upon it, saying,

42 Because if thou also hadst knowne, and that in this thy day, the things that pertaine to thy peace: but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For

23 And why gavest not thou my money into the banke, and I coming might have required mine owne with usage?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him that piece, and give it to him that hath ten pieces.

25 And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pieces.

*26 For I say unto you, * That unto every one which hath, shall be given: and from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that he hath.* Matth. 13. 12. and 25. 29. marke 4. 25. Iohn 8. 18.

27 Moreover, those mine enemies which would not that I should reigne over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went forward, ascending up to Hierusalem.

*29 * And it came to passe, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethanie, besides the mount which is called Olivet, he sent two of his Disciples,* Matth. 21. 1. marke 11. 1.

30 Saying, Goe yee into the towne which is over against you, in the which at your entring yee shall finde a colt tied, whereon yet never man sate: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man aske you, why doe ye loose him? Thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 They that were sent, went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were a loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, for the Lord hath need of him.

*35 * And they brought him to Iesus: and their garments being cast on the colt, they set Iesus thereon.* Matth. 21. 7. Iohn 12. 14.

36 And as he went, they spred their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was now come nigh to the going down of the mount Olivet, the whole multitude of the Disciples began rejoycing to praise God with a loud voyce, for all the miracles that they had seene,

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that commeth in the Name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees of the company said unto him, Master, rebuke thy Disciples.

40 He answering said unto them, I tell you, that if these would hold their peace, then shall the stones cry immediatly.

41 And when he was come neere, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

*42 * Saying, if thou hadst knowne those things which belong unto thy peace, even in this thy day: but now are they hid from thine eyes.* Matth. 24. 1. marke 13. 1.

43 For *the dayes shall come vpon thee: and thy enemies shall compasse thee with a trench, and inclose thee about, and straighten thee on every side,

44 And make thee even with the ground, and thy children that are in thee, and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone: because thou hast not knowne the time of thy visitation.

45 *And entring into the Temple, he began to cast out the sellers therein and the buyers,

46 Saying to them, It is written, *That my house is the house of prayer*. But you have *made it a den of theeves*.

47 And hee was teaching daily in the Temple. And the chiefe Priests and the Scribes and the Princes of the people sought to destroy him:

48 And they found not what to doe to him. For all the people was suspense hearing him.

43 *For the dayes shall come upon thee, that thine enemies also shall cast a trench about thee, and compasse thee round, and keepe thee in on every side,

44 *And make thee even with the ground, and thy children which are in thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 *And he went into the Temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought,

Matth.21.12. marke 11.15.

46 *Saying unto them, It is written, *My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of theeves.*

Esa.56.7. ier.7.11.

47 *And hee taught daily in the Temple. But the high Priests and the Scribes, and the chiefe of the people went about to destroy him,*

48 *And could not finde what to doe: for all the people did hang of him, when they heard him.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIX.

RHEM. 1 17 Ten cities.] *Marke here against the Adversaries, that the rewards of these two good servants be divers and unequall, according to the diversitie or the quality of their gaines; that is, their merits, and yet one receiveth the prey (Matt.20,9.) as well as the other, that is, heaven or life everlasting.*

FVLKE 1 The diversity of the rewards we acknowledge, which are according to the diversity of his gifts. For of his mercy he crowneth his gifts, not our merits, *Aug. in Psal.70. conc.1.* Otherwise every childe may conceive, that the gaine of ten pounde, doth not deserve the government of ten cities. Merit.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIX.

RHEM. 2 4 Went up.] *Not only in word devotion of faith and charity towards Christ, but externall offices of seeing, following, touching, receiving, harbouring him, are recommended to us in this example: even so our manifold externe devotion towards his Sacraments, Statues, and servants, be grateful: specially the endeavour of good people not onely to be present at Masse or in the Church, but to be neere the blessed Sacrament, and to see it with all reverence and devotion according to the order of the Church, much more to receive it into the house of their body.*

FVLKE 2 Externall offices done to Christs person by them that believed in him, were acceptable to him, otherwise not. *Herod* desired to see Christ, the multitude followed him, and thronged him, which after were ready to cry Crucifie him. The Pharisees divers times entertained him, Judas kissed him. But whereas you say, the externall offices of devotion, &c. are recommended to us for example: We know he hath recommended the poore afflicted for his sake to be relieved, but not to be honoured in all respects as his person was, of them who acknowledged him to be the Sonne of the living God. As for his Sacraments and Saints, require no such externall offices; neither are they acceptable to him or his Saints. As for the pelfing of superstitious Papists, to be neere the idoll of the Masse, and to see it held up or carried about, contrary to the institution of the blessed Sacrament, hath no colour of defence by example of Zacheus who desired to see Christ, no although Christ were as verily to be seene in the Sacrament, as he was in the way, seeing this Sacrament was ordained to be eaten and drunken, and not to be gazed and looked upon. Externall devotion. Superstition.

RHEM. 3 8 I restore fourefold.] *That which we give of our estate, is almes and such like things for our sinnes: but that which we restore of ill gotten goods, by Extortion, Usury, Oppression, Bribery, Theft or otherwise, that is called here restoring. And it is of many and one of. free choice) and must be rendred not to whom we will, but to the parties wronged if it be possible, otherwise it must be bestowed upon the poore, or to her good vses, according to the advise of our superiours and such as have charge of our soules. But that he restored fourefold, that was more then he was bound, but very forwardly vse for his former sinnes also. And herebie we may note, that it is not the giving of a peny, grote, or crowne, of a rich Romish superstition; that is so much recommended to sinners for redeeming their soules: but this large bestowing upon Christ, to sell all and give it to almes, to give the worth of our goods, to render foure times so much for that which is wrongfully gotten, that expresseth faith, sinnes. The poore widowes mite pleased Christ very greatly, because it was all, as much of that she had: but the rich mans pound of his superfluity, though it be good yet is nothing so gratefull.* Restitution. Satisfaction.

FVLKE 3 Almes and all other deeds of charity, are a duty of thankfulnesse for sinnes forgiven, no satisfaction, as is manifest by the parable of the servant, that ought ten thousand talents, Matth. 6, 18. But in your discourse of restitution, you open a great mysterie of iniquity, whereby the Iesuites, Seminaries, and other broods of treason and impiety are maintained, and like of the Popes meere liberality. For while you teach restitution to be necessary (which all good men doe acknowledge), you have found out a cafe whereby infinite masses of money may be brought to the Popes disposition, and such as he favours under him. For if the parties injured be not knowne, dead, or otherwise not to be satisfied, you determine, that the goods ill gotten, must be bestowed on the poore, or upon good vses, still that is not enough. But you will not trust the conscience of the wrong doers, to bestow it as he list, but according to the advise of your superiour, which is the Pope and his Clergie, within these sixe of seaven, for whom wittie you challenge to the Pope and your selves, the disposition of goods gotten wrongfully, you take upon you an office more then Angelicall, and by this meanes, ill gotten goods are worse bestowed, to maintaine treasons, heresies, and mischiefes, and if need be, upon wages against Christian Princes. But why I pray you, if the Restitutours, Winter, Simonsaike, Bridge, &c. have the conscience to restore where he cannot see the parties injured, which ought first to be regarded, may he not bestow it uprightly and sincerely upon the poore, or other good vses? Or, if he lacke advise, why may he not take The Pope challengeth the disposition of goods ill gotten.

HOLY WEBBE. ... [illegible] ... Thessalonica ... [illegible] ... Christ at Bethany 2 miles, or fourefold restitution, despising that little mite penny, grote, or crowne, you plead [illegible] ... and yet you are content to play small game [illegible] ... the poore widowes mite, if she have no more, or not much more to give, not concerning the rich mans pound. But why did not Christ challenge the disposition of that fourefold restitution, that Zaccheus knew what the beginning of it? Or by what right now Christs good Vicar challenge that Christ did not? At last vse, if Christ could not intend it, why did he not [illegible] the disposition of it to Peter, as his deputy in [illegible] weighty cases of conscience, referred to his divine jurisdiction? we know that like all almes of a cheerefull giver pleaseth God, as a fruit of faith, and shall have great reward. He is blinde that cannot see, as well in this place, as in divers other, how under colour of merits, satisfaction, getting nothing of sinne, and last of all, of restitution, you seeke not onely to devoure poore widowes houses, but to be lords of rich usurers and oppressors goods.

CHAP. XX.

To the Iewes he confirmeth his power by the witnesse of Iohn who was a most true of God: 9 and forshewith in a parable their reprobation most worthy (with the vocation of the Gentiles in their place) 17 and consequently their irreparable damnation that shall ensue thereof. 20 He deposeth their spare about paying tribute to Cæsar: 27 he answereth also the invention of the Sadducees against the Resurrection. 40 And so having put them all to silence, 41 he turneth and proveth them, because they imagined that Christ [illegible] be no more but a man: 45 bidding all to beware of the Scribes (authors of the Iewes falling from him) being ambitious and hypocrites.

TVRSELL. Matth.21,23. Marke 11,27. AND it came to passe: in one of the dayes when he was teaching the people in the Temple, and evangelizing, the chiefe Priests and the Scribes, with the ancients assembled,

‡ See Annot. Matt.c.21,23. 2 And spake saying to him, ‡ Tell us, in what power doest thou these things? or, who is he that hath given thee this power?

3 And IESVS answering, said to them, I also will aske you one word. Answere me,

4 The Baptisme of Iohn, was it from heaven, or of men?

5 But they thought within themselves, saying, That if we say, From heaven: he will say, Why then did you not beleeve him?

6 But if we say, Of men: the whole people will stone us: for they are certaine that Iohn is a Prophet.

7 And they answered that they knew not whence it was.

8 And IESVS said to them, Neither doe I tell you in what power I doe these things.

9 And he began to say to the people this parable, *A certaine ‡ man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen: and he was from home a long time;

Esa.5,1. Matth.21,33. Marke 12,1. ‡ See the marginall Annotations Mar.12

10 And in time he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard. Who beating him, sent him away empty.

11 And againe he sent another servant. But they beating him also and reprochfully abusing him, sent him away empty.

12 And againe he sent the third: who wounding him also, cast him out.

13 And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I doe? I will send my beloved sonne: perhaps when they shall see him, they will reverence him.

14 Whom when the husbandmen saw, they thought within themselves, saying, This is the heire, let us kill him, that the heritage may be ours.

15 And

AND *it came to passe, that on one of those dayes, as he taught the people in the Temple, and preached the Gospel, the high Priests and the Scribes came upon him, with the Elders,

Matth.21.23. marke 11.27.

2 *And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? Either who is he that gave thee this authority?

3 *He answering, said unto them, I will also aske you one word, and answere me.

4 *The Baptisme of Iohn, was it from heaven, or of men?

5 *And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven, he will say, Why then beleeved ye him not?

6 *But and if we say, Of men, all the people will stone us: For they be perswaded that Iohn is a Prophet.

7 *And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.

8 *And Iesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I doe these things.

9 *Then began he to put forth to the people this parable: *A certaine man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went himselfe into a strange country for a great season.

Esa.5.1. jere.2.21. matth.21.33. marke 12.1.

10 *And when the time was come, he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard. But they, when they had beaten him, sent him away empty.

11 *And againe, he sent yet another servant: but they, when they had beaten him also, and intreated him shamefully, sent him away empty.

12 *Againe, he sent the third, and when they had wounded him also, they cast him out.

13 *Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I doe? I will send my deere sonne: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14 *But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned within themselves, saying, This is the heire, come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

15 *And

15 And casting him forth out of the vineyard, they killed him. What therefore will the Lord of the vineyard doe to them?

16 He will come, and will destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others. Which they hearing, said to him, God forbid.

17 But he beholding them said, What is this then that is written, *The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become into the head of the corner?*

18 Every one that falleth upon this stone, shall be quashed: and upon whom it shall fall, it shall breake him to powder.

19 And the chiefe Priests and Scribes, sought to lay hands upon him that houre: and they feared the people; for they knew that he spake this similitude to them.

20 * And watching, they sent spies which should faine themselves just: that they might take him in his talke, and deliver him to the principality and power of the President.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou speakest and teachest rightly: and thou doest not accept person, but teachest the way of God in truth.

22 Is it lawfull for us to give tribute to Cæsar, or no?

23 But considering their guile, he said to them, Why tempt you me?

24 Shew me a peny. Whose image hath it and inscription? They answering, said, Cæsars.

25 And he said to them, Render therefore the things that are Cæsars, ‡ to Cæsar: and the things that are Gods, to God.

26 And they could not reprehend his word before the people: and marvelling at his answere, they held their peace.

27 * And there came certaine of the Sadducees, which deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him,

28 Saying, Master, Moses gave us in writing, * If a mans brother die having a wife, and he have no children, that his brother take her to wife, and raise up seed to his brother.

29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first tooke a wife, and died without children.

30 And the next tooke her, and he died without children.

31 And the third tooke her. In like manner also all the seven, and they left no seed, and died.

32 Last of all the woman died also.

33 In the resurrection therefore, whose wife shall she be of them? sithens the seven had her to wife.

34 And Iesvs said to them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage.

35 But

Psal.117,22.

Matth.22,15. Marke 12,13.

‡ So duties must be done to Princes, that our duty to God be not neglected. See *Annot. Mat.c.* 22,15.

Matth.22,23. Marke 12,18.

Deut.25,5.

15 *And when they had cast him out of the vineyard, they killed him. What therefore will the Lord of the vineyard doe unto them?*

16 *He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall let out his vineyard to others. When they heard this, they said, God forbid.*

17 *And he beheld them, and said, * What is this then that is written, The stone that the builders disallowed, the same is become the head of the corner.* Psal.118.22.

18 *Whosoever shall stumble upon that stone, shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grinde him to powder.*

19 *And the high Priests and the Scribes the same houre went about to lay hands on him, and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this similitude against them.*

20 *And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should faine themselves righteous men, that they might take hold of his words, to deliver him unto the power and authority of the Deputy.*

21 *And they asked him, saying, * Master, we know that thou saiest and teachest right, neither considerest thou the outward appearance of any man, but teachest the way of God truly:* Matth.22.16. marke 12.13.

22 *Is it lawfull for us to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not?*

23 *When he had perceived their craftinesse, he said unto them, Why tempt ye me?*

24 *Shew me a peny: Whose image and superscription hath it? They answering, said, Cæsars.*

25 *And hee said unto them, * Give then unto Cæsar the things which belong unto Cæsar: and to God, the things that pertaine unto God.* Rom.13.7.

26 *And they could not reprove his sayings before the people: and they marvelled at his answere, and held their peace.*

27 *Then* came to him certaine of the Sadducees (which deny that there is any resurrection) *and they asked him.* Matth.22.23. marke 12.18.

28 *Saying, Master, Moyses wrote unto us, * If any mans brother die, having a wife, and he die without childre, that then his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.* Deut.25.5.

29 *There were therefore seven brethren, and the first, when he had taken a wife, died without children.*

30 *And the second tooke her to wife, and he died childlesse.*

31 *And the third tooke her, and in likewise the residue of the seven, and left no children behinde them, and died.*

32 *Last of all, the woman died also.*

33 *Now in the resurrection, whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.*

34 *Iesus answering, said unto them, The children of this world marry wives, and are married.*

35 *But*

Holy Weeke.

35 But they that shall be counted worthy of that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry are they given

36 Neither can they die any more, for they are equall to Angels, and they are the sonnes of God, seeing they are the sonnes of the resurrection.

37 But that the dead rise againe, Moses also shewed, beside the bush, as he calleth the Lord, *The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob.*

38 For God is not of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him.

39 And certaine of the Scribes answering, said to him, Master, thou hast said well.

40 And further they durst not aske him any thing.

Matt.22,44. Mar.12,36.

41 But he said to them, * How say they that Christ is the sonne of David?

Psal.109,1.

42 And David himselfe sayth in the booke of Psalmes, *The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right hand,*

43 *Till I put thine enemies the footestoole of thy feet?*

44 David then calleth him Lord: and how is he his sonne?

45 And all the people hearing him, he said to his Disciples,

Matt.23,6. Mar.12,38.

46 * Beware of the Scribes, that will walke in robes, and love salutations in the marketplace, and the first chaires in the Synagogues, and the chiefe roomes in feasts.

47 Which devoure widowes houses: faining long prayer. These shall receive greater damnation.

35 *But they which shall be counted worthy to obtaine that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry wives, neither are married:*

36 *Neither can they die any more, for they are equall unto the Angels, and are the sons of God, in as much as they are the children of the resurrection.*

37 *And that the dead bee raised, * Moses also* Exod.3.6. *shewed besides the bramble bush, where he calleth the Lord, The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob.*

38 *For he is not a God of dead, but of living: for all live unto him.*

39 *Then certaine of the Pharisees answering, sayd, Master, thou hast well said.*

40 *And after that, durst they not aske him any question at all.*

41 *And he said unto them, * How say they* Matt.22.24. *that Christ is Davids sonne,* mar.12.35.

42 *And David himselfe sayth in the booke of the Psalmes, * The Lord said to my Lord, Sit* Psal.110.1. *thou on my right hand,*

43 *Till I make thine enemies thy footestoole?*

44 *David therefore calleth him Lord, and how is he then his sonne?*

45 *Then in the audience of all the people, he said unto his Disciples,*

46 *Beware of the Scribes, which will goe* Matt.23.6. *in long robes, and love greetings in the markets,* mar.12.38. *and the highest seats in the Synagogues, and the chiefe roomes at feasts.*

47 *Which devoure widowes houses, under colour of long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XX.

Rhem. 1. 35 Counted worthy.] *The Greeke, is* καταξιωθεντες, *importeth also this much,* They that are made worthy, *to wit, by the grace of God, and so they are indeed worthy, as also in the next chap. ver. 36. & 2 Thess. 1,5.*

Fvlke 1. The Greeke is none other then your owne translation which you may be ashamed to correct, having in your Preface preferred it before the Greeke.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XX.

Rhem. 2 35 Shall be counted worthy.] *This truth and speech that good men be worthy of heaven, is according to the Scriptures, and signifieth that many workes done by Christs grace doe condignely or worthily deserue eternall ioy, as Sap. 3. God prooved them and found them worthy of himselfe; and Mat. 10. He that loveth his father more then me, is not worthy of me; and Coloss. 1. That you may walke worthy of God; and most plainely, Apoc. 3. They shall walke with me in white, because they are worthy; as of Christ (c. 2.) Thou art worthy O Lord to receive glory, &c. And that to be counted worthy, and to be worthy, is heere all one, it is plaine by the Greeke word, which S. Paul vseth so, as the aduersaries owne English Testaments doe vse it, reading there, Heb. 10. Of how much sorer punishment shall he be worthy, which &c. and is made vncles so speake, because men for sinne are not truly* The New Testament. an. 1580. *counted, but are indeede worthy punishment, as themselues doe grant. They doe greatly therefore forget themselues, and are ignorant in the Scriptures, and learn not the force nor the nature of the grace of God, which doth not onely make our labours gratefull to God, but worthy of the reward which he hath provided for such as loue him. See the Annot. 2 Thess. 1,5.* To be worthy of heaven or to deserue it. Matth. 5. Luke 6. Apoc. 3. Heb. 10. Coloss. 1. 2 Thess. 1.

Fvlke 2 The Scriptures never affirme, that good men by their works, merits, or deserts, are worthy of heaven: but only by the grace of God in Christ Iesus. In whom they are accepted as worthy. And that mans works, done by Christs grace, doe condignely or worthily deserue eternall ioy, it is contrary to the opinion of the best of the Schoolemen, who upon the saying of S. *Paul, Rom. 8. The sufferings of this life, are not worthy a reward, &c.* inuented the distinction of *Congruum & Condignum*. But to examine your texts of Scripture, which you bring to proove your new Popery. The first being no canonicall Scripture, must either be understood according to the perpetuall doctrine of the canonicall Scripture, or else be rejected. By faith therefore, which is tried in temptation, they were found worthy, and not of the merit of their works. And though he that loveth his father more then Christ, is not worthy of him; yet it followeth not, that he which loveth Christ more then his father, is worthy of Christ. For our sinnes doe properly deserue Gods wrath, but our good works, because they are not perfect, nor ours, but Gods gifts in us, deserue not to us Gods favour and grace, which is freely given. Thirdly, S. *Paul* prayeth, that the Colossians *may walke worthy of God*, according to his acceptation, not according to the merit of their good workes in this life, but that at the length, they may be made worthy in Christ their Redeemer, by whom they obtaine remission of their sinnes. Fourthly, Christ saveth not what the faithfull are by

Matth. 10.

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the worthinesse of their workes, but by vouchsafement of that grace, through his merits: therefore were they called vouchsafements (Gods in Greeke worthy, Apoc. 3. for so in a manner [illegible] were they also called Gods, and for very it: and the reason why, for Adam was [illegible] and [illegible] Gods by the grace of Christ) so made them as worthy of the joyes of heaven for them, as God is of glory, and [illegible] by our Creeds in a like. For though in many of our English [illegible] yet the word (worthy) being [illegible] yet the worlde are not worthy only by imputation, but by merit of [illegible] inherent, but by [illegible] of the righteousnesse of Christ through faith. Whereof are we so ignorant of the Scripture, but these will know the dignity of Gods grace, whereby not only we are [illegible] but also our labours [illegible] of reward, (for then they should be perfect) but in the merits and worthinesse of Christ, are counted worthy of eternall life.

RHEM. 3 36 Be all to Angels] *Saints of our kinde, how in their soules, and after their [illegible] in body and soule together, shalbe in all things equall to Angels: and for degree of blisse, many Saints of greatest merit shall be above diverse Angels: as S. Iohn Baptist, the Apostles, and others, and our Blessed Lady above all the orders of holy Angels in dignity and blisse; and no marvell, our nature by Christ being so highly exalted above all Angels.* The dignity of Saints.

FVLKE, 3 Our Saviour sayth not, that the Saints are now, but after the resurrection they shall be equall to the Angels. Neither saith he, in all things, but in that, they shall have no need or use of marriage. That any Saints, as the Blessed Virgine Mary, Iohn Baptist, the Apostles, shall be above all Angels in dignity, the Scripture doth not teach, therefore it is presumptuously, and blindly, though never so boldly affirmed. The Saints departed not like the Angels in all points.

CHAP. XXI.

He commendeth the poore widow for her two mites, above all. 5 Having said that the temple shalbe quite destroyed, 7 he foretelleth first many things that shall goe before, 20 then a figne also when it is neere, after which shall come the destruction it selfe in most horrible manner, without hope of restauration, until all nations of the Gentiles be gathered into his Church in the very end of the world. 25 And then what signes shall come of the last day, terrible to the world, 28 but comfortable to us of his Church, 34 so that we be alwaies watchfull.

Mar.12,41. AND beholding, he saw them that did cast their gifts into the treasury, rich persons.

2 And he saw also a certaine poore widow casting two brasse mites.

3 And he said, Verily I say to you, that this poore widow hath cast more then all.

4 For all these of their abundance have cast into the gifts of God: but she ‖ of her penury, hath cast in all her living that she had.

5 And certaine saying of the Temple that it was adorned with goodly stones and donaries, he said,

6 These things which you see, the daies will come wherein ‡ there shall not be left a stone upon a stone that shall not be destroyed.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, when shall these things be: and what shall be the signe when they shall begin to come to passe?

8 Who said, See you be not seduced, for ‡ many will come in my name, saying that I am he: and the time is at hand, go not therefore after them.

9 ♭ And when you shall heare of warres and seditions be not terrified: these things must first come to passe, but the end is not yet by and by.

10 Then he said to them, nation shall rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome.

11 And there shalbe great earth-quakes in places, and pestilences and famines, and terrors from heaven, and there shall be great signes.

12 But before all these things they will ‡ lay their hands upon you: and persecute you delivering you into Synagogues and Prisons,

Mar.14,1. Ma.14,1. Tuesday night ‡ This was fulfilled 40. yeares after the death of Christ, the 19. of August, being the very moneth and day wherein the Babylonians burnt it: from the first building thereof by Salomon 1130. yeres, from the re-edifying thereof under Cyrus, 639. yeares. *Iosep. de bel. Iud. l.7. c.10.*

‡ Many false prophets and heretikes. See Annot. Mat.24. Mar.13.

♭ The Gospel for many Martyrs.

‡ Great persecution of Catholike men.

*As he looked up, * he saw the rich men, which cast their gifts into the treasury.* Mar.12.41.

2 He saw also a certaine poore widow, casting in thether two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poore widow hath put in more then they all.

4 For all these have of their superfluity cast in unto the offrings of God, but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

*5 *And unto some that spake of the temple, how it was purnished with goodly stones and gifts, he said,* Mat.24.1. Mar.13.1. Luke 19.45.

6 As for these things which ye behold, the daies will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not bee throwne downe.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, when shall these things be? and what signe will there be, when these things shall come to passe?

8 And he said, Take heede that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and the time draweth neere: goe ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall heare of warres and seditions, be not afraid: for these things must first come to passe, but the end followeth not by and by.

10 Then shall he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdome against kingdome:

*11 *And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and hungers, and pestilences, and fearefull things: and great signes shall there be from heaven.* Mat.24.8. Mar.13.9.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the Synagogues, and into prisons, and shall bring

HOLY WEEKE. *you, drawing you* [illegible] *and Governours* [illegible] *for my name.*

13 And it shall happen unto you for a testimonie.

14 Lay up in your hearts, not to meditate before what you shall answer. Luke 12.11. Matth.10.19. Mar.13.11.

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisedome, which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainesay.

16 And you shall be delivered up of your parents and brethren, and ‖ kinsmen and friends: and they will put to death of you.

17 And you shall be odious to all men for my Name:

18 And a haire of your head shall not perish.

19 In your patience you shall possesse your soules. ♁

20 And when you shall see Hierusalem compassed about with an army: then know that the desolation thereof is at hand.

21 Then they that are in Iewrie, let them flee to the mountaines: and they in the midst thereof, let them depart: and they in the countreys, let them not enter into it.

22 For these are the dayes of vengeance, that all things may be fulfilled that are written.

23 But woe to them that are with childe and that give sucke in those dayes; for there shall be great affliction upon the land, and wrath on this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword: and shall be led captive into all nations; and Hierusalem shall be troden of the Gentiles: till the times of nations be fulfilled.

The Gospel upon the first Sunday in Advent. Eze.32,7. Ioel 3,15.

25 * And there shall be signes in the Sun and the Moone and the Starres: and upon earth distresse of nations, for the confusion of the sound of sea and waves,

26 Men withering for feare and expectation, what shall come upon the whole world; for the powers of heaven shall be moved:

27 And then they shall see the Sonne of man comming in a cloud with great power and majestie.

28 But when these things begin to come to passe, looke up and lift up your heads: because your redemption is at hand.

29 And he spake to them a similitude. See the figtree, and all trees:

30 When they now bud forth fruit out of themselves, you know that Summer is nigh.

31 So you also when you shall see these things come to passe, know that the kingdome of God is nigh.

32 Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not passe, till all be done.

33 Heaven and earth shall passe: but my words shall not passe. ♁

34 And looke well to your selves, lest perhaps

him, drawing you into Synagogues and Prisons, bringing you before Kings and Rulers for my name sake.

13 And it shall happen unto you for a testimonie.

*14 * Have a fast purpose therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer.* Luke 12.11. matth.10.19. mar.13.11.

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisedome, whereto against all your adversaries shall not be able to gainesay nor resist.

16 You shall be betrayed also of your parents, and brethren, and kinsfolkes, and friends, and some of you shall they put to death.

17 And hated shall ye be of all men for my names sake.

*18 * And there shall in no case one haire of your head perish.* Matt.10.30.

19 Possesse ye your soules by your patience.

*20 * And when ye shall see Hierusalem besieged with an host, then be sure that the desolation of the same is nigh.* Matt.24.15.

21 Then let them which are in Iury, flee to the mountaines, and let them which are in the midst of it, depart out, and let not them that are in other countries enter therein.

22 For these be the dayes of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with childe, and to them that give sucke in those dayes, for there shall be great distresse in the land, and wrath over this people.

24 And they shall fall through the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Hierusalem shall be troden downe of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

*25 * And there shall be signes in the Sunne,* Esay 13.10. *and in the Moone, and in the Starres, and upon the earth trouble among the nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring:* ezec.32.7. matth.24.29. mar.13.24.

26 And men hearts failing them for feare, and for looking after those things which are comming on the world: For the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Sonne of man comming in a cloude, with power and great glory.

*28 And when these things begin to come to passe, then looke up, and lift up your heads, * for your redemption draweth nigh.* Rom.8.23.

29 And he shewed them a similitude, Behold the figtree, and all the trees.

30 When they shoot forth their buds, ye beholding, know of your owne selves that Summer is then nigh at hand.

31 So likewise you, when ye see these things come to passe, be ye sure that the kingdome of God is nigh.

32 Verily I say unto you, this generation shall in no wise passe, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall passe, but my words shall in no wise passe.

34 Take heed to your selves, lest at any time your

perhaps vnto, lest he be ouertaken with surfeiting and drunkennesse, and cares of this life, and so that day come vpon you vnawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come vpon all that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray at all times, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come, and to stand before the Sonne of man.

37 And the daies he was teaching in the temple: but the nights going forth, he abode in the ‡ mount that is called Olivet.

38 And all the people in the morning went vnto him in the Temple to heare him.

your hearts be ouercome with surfeiting and drunkennesse, and cares of this life, and that day come vpon you vnawares.

35 *For as a snare shall it come on all them that sit on the face of the whole earth.*

36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray continually, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come, and that ye may stand before the Sonne of man.*

37 *In the day time he was teaching in the Temple, and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called Olivet.*

38 *And all the people came early in the morning to him in the Temple, for to heare him.*

Annot. 20,15.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXI.

RHEM. 1 37 Mount that is called.] *Solitarinesse to contemplation (as S. Gregory Nazian. saith,) is a godly thing, this doth the mount Carmel, of Elias vnoth, Iohns desert, and the mount vnto which Iesus often retired, and was quietly alone with himselfe. Ser. 26. de amore proximi.*

FVLKE. 1 The godly may take great profit of solitarinesse, though they goe not into the wildernesse. Yet life in solitarinesse, is not so good, as well occupied in the Church.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXI.

RHEM. 2 4 Of her penury.] *To offer or give almes of our superfluities, is not so acceptable nor meritorious, as to bestow some of that which is of our necessary provision, and which we may hardly spare from our selues: for, that proceedeth of greater zeale, will, and intention, which be more respected of God then the substance of the gift.*

FVLKE 2. No almes is meritorious in any respect, nor any almes is acceptable, without true faith and loue. *Beda* allegorizing this widdow to be the Church, saith, *The Church casteth all her liuing into the gifts of God: which vnderstandeth euen all that she liueth not to be of her merit, but of Gods gift, when she saith, God be mercifull to me a sinner.*

CHAP. XXII.

*Iudas doth sell him to the Iewes. 7 After the old Paschal 19 he giueth to his Disciples the bread of life in a mysticall * sacrifice of his body and blood, for an euerlasting commemoration of his passion. 21 He secretly admonisheth the traitour. 24 Against their ambition contention he sheweth them that the majority of any among them in this world is for their seruice as his owne also was: 28 And how he will exalt them all in the world to come: 31 foretelling Peter the * singular preuiledge of his faith neuer failing. 33 and his three negations: 35 and how they should all from be put to their shifts. 39 And that night, after his prayer with sweating of blood, 47 he is taken of the Iewes men, Iudas being their captaine: yet shewing them both by miracle and word, that they could doe nothing vnto him but by his owne permission. 54 Then in the chiefe Priests house he is thrise denied of Peter. 63 & shamefully abused of his keepers. 66 and in the morning impiously condemned of their Councell, for confessing himselfe to be the Sonne of God.*

TEXT 1,2 No word of sacrifice in the text.

TEXT 3,6 Nothing pertaining to the Popes.

Matt.26,2. Mark.14.1. The Passion according to S. Luke in these two chapters, is the Gospel at Masse vpon Tenebre Wednesday. Tenebre Wednesday.

AND the festivall day of the Azymes approched, which is called Pasche:

2 And the chiefe Priests and the Scribes sought how they might kill him: but they feared the people.

3 And Satan entred into Iudas that was surnamed Iscariot, one of the Twelue.

4 And hee went and talked with the chiefe Priests and Magistrates, how he might betray him to them.

5 And they were glad, and bargained to giue him money.

6 And he promised. And he sought opportunity to betray him apart from the multitudes.

THE feast of Sweet bread drew nigh, which is called the Passeouer.

2 *And the high Priests and Scribes sought how they might kill him, for they feared the people.*

3 * *Then entred Satan into Iudas, whose surname was Iscariot, being of the number of the Twelue.* Matt.26.14. mark.14.10.

4 * *And he went his way, and communed with the high Priests and Captaines, how he might betray him vnto them.* Matt.26.17. mark.14.13.

5 *And they were glad and promised to giue him money.*

6 *And he consented, and sought opportunity to betray him vnto them without tumult.*

Matt.26,17. Mark.14.12. Maundy Thursday.

7 * And the day of the Azymes came, wherein it was necessary that the Pasche should be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and Iohn, saying, Go and prepare to the Pasche, that we may eate.

9 But they said, Where wilt thou that we prepare it?

10 And he said to them, Behold, as you enter into the city, there shall meete you a man

7 * *Then came the day of Sweet bread, when of necessity the Passeouer must be killed.* Matt.26.17. marke 14.12.

8 *And he sent Peter and Iohn, saying, Goe and prepare vs the Passeouer, that we may eat.*

9 *They said vnto him, Where wilt thou that we should prepare it?*

10 *And he said vnto them, Behold, when ye shall enter into the city, there shall a man meet you,*

HOLY WEEKE. carrying a pitcher of water: follow him into the house where he entreth.

11 And you shall say to the goodman of the house, The Master saith to thee, Where is the lodge where I may eate the Pasche with my Disciples?

12 And he will shew you a great refectory adorned: and there prepare.

13 And they going, found as he said to them, and prepared the Pasche.

14 And when the houre was come, he sate downe, and the twelue Apostles with him.

15 And he said to them, ‖ With desire I haue desired to eat this Pasche with you before I suffer.

16 For I say to you, that from this time I will not eate it, till it be fulfilled in the kingdome of God.

17 And ‖ taking the Chalice he gaue thanks, and said, Take and diuide among you.

18 For I say to you, That I will not drinke of the generation of the vine, till the kingdome of God doe come.

Matt.26,26. Mar.14,22. 1 cor.11.24. 19 * And taking bread, he gaue thanks, and brake: and gaue to them, saying, ‖ THIS IS MY BODY ‖ WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOV. ‖ Doe this ‖ for a commemoration of me.

20 In like manner the Chalice also, after he had supped, saying, ‡ THIS IS THE CHALICE ‖ THE NEVV TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOV.

Matt.26,21. Mar.14.20. Iohn 13,18. 21 * But yet behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me, is with me on the table.

22 And the Sonne of man indeed goeth according to that which is determined: but yet woe to that man by whom he shall be betrayed.

23 And they began to question among themselues, which of them it should be that should doe this.

Matt.20,25. Mar.10,42. 24 * And there fell also a ‖ contention betweene them, which of them seemed to be greater.

‡ Straight after the former louing checke and admonition, he promiseth to them all that haue him partakers with him of his miseries in this life greater preeminence in heauen, then any Potentate can haue in this world, & therfore that they need not be carefull of dignity or supremacy.

25 And he said to them, The kings of the Gentiles ouerrule them: and they that haue power vpon them, are called beneficiall.

26 But you not so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger: and he that is the leader, as the waiter.

27 For which is greater, he that sitteth at the table, or he that ministreth? is not he that sitteth? but I am in the middes of you, as he that ministreth:

28 And you are they that haue remained with me in my tentations.

29 And I dispose to you, as my father disposed to me, a kingdome:

30 That you may eate and drinke vpon my table in my kingdome, and may sit ‡ vpon thrones, iudging the twelue tribes of Israel.

31 And our Lord said, ‖ Simon, Simon, behold!

you, bearing a pitcher of water, follow him into the house where he entreth.

11 And ye shall say vnto the goodman of the house, The Master saith to thee, Where is the lodge, where I shall eate the Passeouer with my Disciples?

12 And he shall shew you a great upper chamber prepared, there make ready.

13 And they going, found as he had said vnto them, and they made ready the Passeouer.

*14 * And when the houre was come, he sate downe, and the twelue Apostles with him.* Matt.26.20. marke 14.18.

15 And he said vnto them, With hearty desire, I haue desired to eate this Passeouer with you before that I suffer.

16 For I say vnto you, hereafter I will not in any wise eat of it any more, vntill it be fulfilled in the kingdome of God.

17 And when he had taken the cup, and giuen thankes, he said, Take this, and deuide it among you.

18 For I say vnto you, I will not in any wise drinke of the fruit of the vine, vntill the kingdome of God shall come.

*19 * And when he had taken bread and giuen thankes, he brake it, and gaue vnto them, saying, this is my body which is giuen for you, this doe in the remembrance of me.* Matt.26.26. marke 14.22. 1 cor.11.24.

20 Likewise also when he had supped, he tooke the cup, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

*21 * Yet behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me, is with me on the table.* Matt.26.21. marke 14.19. iohn 13.18.

22 And truely the Sonne of man goeth as it is appointed, but woe vnto that man by whom he is betrayed.

23 And they began to inquire among themselues, which of them is was that should doe this thing.

*24 * And there was a strife among them, which of them should seeme to be the greatest.* Matt.20.25. Mar.10.42.

*25 * And he said vnto them, The kings of Nations be lords ouer them, and they that haue authority vpon them, are called benefactours.* Matth.20.25. marke 14.42.

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, shall be as the yonger, and he that is chiefe, shall be as he that doth minister.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serueth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that ministreth.

28 Ye are they which haue continually bidden with me in my temptations.

29 And I appoint vnto you a kingdome, as my father hath appointed vnto me;

*30 That ye may eat and drinke at my table in my kingdome, * and sit on seats, iudging the twelue tribes of Israel.* Mat.19.28.

*31 * And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold,* 1 Pet.5.8.

did you lacke any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 He said therefore unto them, But now he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a scrip: and he that hath not, let him sell his coat and buy a sword.

37 For I say to you, that yet this that is written must be fulfilled in me, *And with the wicked was he reputed.* For those things that are concerning me have an end.

38 But they said, Lord, Loe two swords heere. But he said to them, It is enough.

39 * And going forth he went according to his custome into mount Olivet. And his Disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was come to the place, he said to them, Pray lest ye enter into tentation.

41 And he was pulled away from them a stones cast: and kneeling he prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou wilt, transferre this Chalice from me. But yet not my will, but thine be done.

43 And there appeared to him an Angell from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed the longer.

44 And his sweat became as droppes of blood trickling downe upon the earth.

45 And when he was risen up from prayer, and was come to his Disciples, he found them sleeping for pensivenesse.

46 And he said to them, Why sleepe you? arise, pray, lest you enter into tentation.

47 As he was yet speaking, behold a multitude: and he that was called Iudas, one of the Twelue, went before them, and approched to IESVS for to kisse him.

48 And IESVS said to him, Iudas with a kisse doest thou betray the sonne of man?

49 And they that were about him, seeing what would be, said to him, Lord, shall we strike with the sword?

50 And one of them smote the servant of the high Priest: and cut off his right eare.

51 But IESVS answering, said, Suffer ye thus farre. And when he had touched his eare, he healed him.

52 And IESVS said to them that were come unto him, the chiefe Priests, and magistrates of the Temple, and Ancients, As it were

Esay 53.12.

Thursday night. Matt. 26,36. Mar. 14,32. John 18,1.

Matt. 26,34. mar. 14.30. john 13.38.

Matt. 10.9.

36 *Then said he unto them, But now he that hath a purse, let him take it up, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath none, let him sell his coat, and buy a sword.*

37 *For I say unto you; that yet the same which is written must be performed in me, which is: * Even among the wicked was hee reputed: For these things which are written of me, have an end.* Esa. 53.12.

38 *And they said, Lord, behold, heere are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.*

39 * *And he came out, and went as he was wont to mount Olivet, and his Disciples followed him.* Mat. 26,36. marke 14.32.

40 * *And when he came to the place, hee said unto them, Pray, lest ye fall into temptation.* Matth. 26.41. marke 14.38.

41 *And he was pulled away from them about a stones cast, and kneeled downe, and prayed,*

42 *Saying, Father, if thou wilt, remoove this cup from me, nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.*

43 *And there appeared an Angel unto him from heaven, comforting him.*

44 *And he was in an agony, and he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood, trickling downe to the ground.*

45 *And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his Disciples, he found them sleeping for heavinesse.*

46 *And he said unto them, Why sleepe ye? Rise, and pray, lest ye fall into temptation.*

47 *While he yet spake, behold,* * there came a company, and he that was called *Iudas, one of the twelue, went before them, and preassed nigh unto Iesus, to kisse him.* Matt. 16.47. mar. 14.43. john 18.3.

48 *But Iesus said unto him, Iudas betrayest thou the sonne of man with a kisse?*

49 *When they that were about him, saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with sword?*

50 *And one of them smote the servant of the high Priest, and tooke away his right eare.*

51 *Iesus answered, and said, Suffer ye thus farre forth. And when he touched his eare, he healed him.*

52 *Then Iesus said unto the high Priests & † rulers of the Temple, and the Elders which were*

† Or, captaines.

him, and said that art of them. But Peter said, O man I am not.

59 And after the space as it were of one houre, a certaine other man affirmed, saying, Verily this fellow also was with him; for he is also a Galilean.

60 And Peter said, Man I know not what thou sayest. And incontinent as he was yet speaking, the cocke crew.

61 And our Lord turning looked on Peter. And Peter remembred the word of our Lord, as he had said, That before the cocke crow, thou shalt thrice deny me.

62 And Peter going forth a doores, wept bitterly.

63 And the men that held him, mocked him, beating him.

64 And they did blindfold him, and smote his face. And they asked him, saying, Prophesie, who is it that smote thee?

65 And blaspheming many other things they said against him.

66 And when it was day, there assembled the ancients of the people and chiefe Priests and Scribes, and they brought him into their councell, saying,

67 If thou be Christ tell us. And he said to them, If I tell you, you will not beleeve me:

68 If also I aske, you will not answere me, nor dimisse me.

69 But from henceforth the Sonne of man shall be sitting on the right hand of the power of God.

70 And they all said, Art thou then the Sonne of God? Who said, You say that I am.

71 But they said, What need we testimonie any further? For our selves have heard of his owne mouth.

58 *And after a while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man I am not.*

59 *And about the space of an houre after, another affirmed, saying, Verily this fellow was with him also: for he is of Galilee.*

60 *And Peter said, Man, I wot not what thou sayest. And immediately while he yet spake, the cocke crew.*

61 *And the Lord turned backe, and looked upon Peter: and Peter remembred the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, * Before the cocke crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.* Matth. 26. 34. john 13.38.

62 *And Peter went out and wept bitterly.*

63 *And the men that held Iesus, mocked him, and smote him.*

64 *And when they had blindfolded him, they strooke him on the face, and asked him, saying, Aread, who is it that smote thee?*

65 *And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.*

66 * *And as soone as it was day, the Elders of the people, and the high Priests, and the Scribes came together, and led him into their councell, saying,* Matth. 27.1. mar. 15.1. john 18.28.

67 *Art thou very Christ? Tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, you will not believe us in any wise.*

68 *And if I aske you, you will not in any wise answere me, nor let me goe.*

69 *Hereafter shall the Sonne of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.*

70 *Then said they all, Art thou then the Sonne of God? He said, Ye say that I am.*

71 *And they said, What need we any further witnesse? For we our selves have heard of his owne mouth.*

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REHEM. I

FULKE I

20 THIS IS THE CHALICE.] *The Greeke is here so plaine, that there was very blood in the Chalice shall suffice, that Beza saith it is a corruption in the Greeke. See the Annotations upon this place.*

The Greeke maketh nothing for very blood in the Chalice, but speaketh of the blood of Christ, that was shed upon the Crosse: for in the Chalice it was not shed, but the Cup is the new Testament, in the blood of Christ, that was shed upon the Crosse, for the redemption of the world. Read preface.

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v. 7. Who (the Gr.) [Then it behoved.] *This great Sacrifice of the Paschal Lambe, in which the old Testament and Law, ended, & the new of his Church should begin. For the very passage from the old Law to the new was to be done* The old Paschal ceaseth, and a new is ordained.

Fvlke 2 *our Paschall Lambe was sacrificed on the Crosse, where he was slaine for us.* 1 Cor. 5. 7. And whereof *Sacrament no sacrifice propitiatory.*

Rhem. 3 17 Taking the Chalice.] *This chalice, according to the very evidence of the text it selfe also, is not the holy Sacrament, but that common cup of wine which belonged to the Sacrament, and the Paschal Lambe. Which being a figure specially of the* Two Cups or Chalices at Christs last Supper. Matth. 26, 29.

Fvlke 3 Whether there were two Cups divided, or one onely whereof S. *Luke* speaketh here by anticipation, certaine it is, by S. *Matthew* and S. *Marke*, and the consent of all the ancient writers, that those words, *I will not drinke of the fruit of the vine*, were spoken of the cup of the new Testament. And although they were not, yet you could not so avoid the fruit of the vine: for according to your owne exposition he did drinke the fruit of the vine now in the kingdome of God, which is the celebration of the blessed Sacrament of his blood in the new Testament. Translation.

Rhem. 4 19 This is my body.] Although sense tell thee it is bread, yet it is the body, according to his words: let Christ confirme thee, judge not by sense, after the words of our Lord let no doubt rise in thy minde. *Cyrill. lib. 4. cap. 4.* Of the verity of flesh and blood there is left no place to doubt: by the profession of our Lord himselfe, and by our faith, it is flesh and blood indeed. Is not this words? To them be it untrue, which deny IESVS CHRIST to be true God. *Hilar. lib. 8. de Trin.* The real presence.

Fvlke 4 *As the bread of the Eucharist, after the invocation of the holy Ghost, is no more common bread, but is the body of Christ, so also this holy ointment is no more bare ointment, nor (if a man had rather so call it) common ointment, after it is consecrated, but it is the gracious gift of Christ, which through the comming of the holy Ghost to it, by his Divinitie hath power to worke.* Cyrill. ut sup. As the ointement is the grace or gift of Christ, so the Sacrament is the Body of Christ by his judgement, nor any other transubstantiation in the one, then in the other. Of the veritie of Christs flesh and blood, we doubt not: neither doe we doubt. *But that the same being eaten and drunken, doe bring to passe, that both Christ is in us, and we in Christ:* which words, because you deny the sense of them, you have gelded out of S. *Hilarie* saying, which declare that he speaketh of a spirituall manner of eating, as he saith before: *We doe truly understand this mystery, receiving the flesh of the holy, and thereby we shall be one, because the Father is in him, and he in us.* Reall presence.

Rhem. 5 19 Which is given.] *As the former words make and prove his body not fict, so these words plainly confesse, that it is present, as given, offered, or sacrificed for us: and being uttered in the present tense, it signifieth not onely that it should afterward be given or offered on the Crosse, but that it was then also in the Sacrament given and offered for us. Whereby it is invincibly proved, that his body is present as an host or sacrifice: and that the making or consecrating thereof must needs be sacrificing. And therefore the holy Fathers in this sense call it a sacrifice.* Nissen. orat. de Resur. Leo. Ser. 7. & 8. de Pas. Hesych. l. 2. in Lev. c. 8. Greg. hom. 37. in Evan. & Dial. l. 4. c. 15. Cyr. Hierof. myst. cat. 5. Dionys. Eccl. hier. c. 3. Ignat. Ep. 5. ad Smyrn. Just. in Dial. cum Tryph. circ. med. Iren. l. 4. c. 32. & 34. Tertul. de coron. & ad uxor. l. 2. Cypr. Ep. ad Cæcil. & de Cœn. Dom. Euseb. Demonst. Evang. l. 1. c. 10. Nazi. orat. 3. cont. Iul. Chrys. hom. 83. in 26 March. & 1 ad Hebr. Theod. Sacerd. Ambros. lib. 4. de Sacram. cap. 6. & 5. de Offic. c. 48. Hier. in Ep. ad Hedib. q. 2. & ad Evagr. Ep. 126. tom. 3. Augustin. in Psal. 33. Conc. 1. & alibi sæpe. Græcorum tres in 9. Hebr. & Primasius, Con. Nic. 1. Can. 14. Ephes. 3. & Nestor. Constantinop. 6. Can. 32. Nic. 2. Act. 6. tom. 3. Lateran. Constant. Flor. Trid. Christ sacrificed his body & blood in Sacrament at his Supper. * Quod dictur. τὸ διδόμενον. The sacrifice of the Altar. Cyril. Alex. anathem. 11.

Fvlke 5 The former words prove no prefiace, but mysticall and sacramentall, yet that Christ is truly received of the faithfull. The word of the Present tense, *Which is given*, signifieth, that the body of Christ was then given to be offered on the Crosse, and not in the Sacrament. For Christ offered himselfe but once, like as he died but once, and *by one oblation found eternall redemption*, and *made perfect for ever those that are sanctified. Heb. 7. 27. cap. 9. 12. 25. 26. 28. cap. 10. 10. 12. 14.* Against these plaine testimonies of the Scripture, what blasphemie is it to say, he offered himselfe twice, died twice, shed his blood in sacrifice twice? yea to set up a continuall repetition of that sacrifice which was singular, because once offered it was sufficient, which none could offer but himselfe, who is an eternall Priest, void of sinne, immortall, and which he offered by his eternall Spirit, *Heb. 7. 24. 26. 27. 28. cap. 9. 14.* And therefore the holy Fathers of the Primitive Church, doe not call the celebration of the Lords Supper a sacrifice in that sense, you say, but because it spirituall sacrifice of thankesgiving is offered therein: and unproperly, because it is a memory of the onely sacrifice of Christ offered on the Crosse. Not one of them saith it is a sacrifice propitiatory, or that Christ offered, himselfe twice, or died twice for us. No not *Gregorie Nissen*, whom you place in the first ranke, because he seemeth to say most for you: for his scope is to prove, that Christ suffered death of his owne will, not by necessity of nature, or malice of his enemies: and therefore he saith, *He tarried not for the necessity that lay upon him of Iudas treason, nor the violence of the Iewes, as theeves, nor the unjust sentence of Pilate, that their malice should be the beginning and cause of the common salvation of men: but prevented it by his owne purpose, and by a secret kinde of sacrifice, which could not be seene of men, he offereth himselfe a sacrifice for us, and sacrificeth an oblation, being both the Priest and the Lambe of God, which taketh away the sinne of the world. When did he perform this? When he gave to his Disciples, being gathered together, his body to be eaten, and his blood to be drunken, then he openly declared, that the sacrifice of the Lambe was already finished. For the body of a sacrifice is not meet to be eaten, if it be living: wherefore when he gave his body to be eaten, and his blood to be drunken, unto his Disciples, his body was already offered by a secret and invisible meanes, as it pleased the power of him, that worketh the mysteries. And his life was in them in whom the same power laid it downe, and together with the divine vertue that was ioyned with it, was in that region of the heart. Therefore if any man will begin to measure the time from thence, when the sacrifice was made to God by that great high priest, which by a meane that could not be expressed in words, was secret with God, offered as it were a Lambe, he shall not depart from the truth.* These words of *Nissen* declare, that Christ, in purpose of his death, offered himselfe to God, before he was slaine of the Iewes: not that he instituted

tuted a Sacrifice to be offered to God: Sacrificium, that is the ordinall oblation of bread, wine, the creatures of this world appointed to the mysticall use of the Sacrament, as it were to signifie, that as this bread and wine (which of many graines and grapes, were ordained by mankinde, and could not subsist by themselves) were made one thing: even so we (which of many were ordained by mankinde, and could not subsist by our selves) were made one Church by his ordinall death. Therefore, though in shew of the words, you *destroy the sacrifice, yet in substance of matter he helpeth you nothing at all: for if he be well marked, he doth speak against you.* Looke neither of both the Sermons, calleth the Lords Supper a sacrifice, but speaketh of the onely sacrifice of Christ, offered on the Crosse. In the former he saith, that *Christ being certaine of his purpose, and void of feare in the workes of his Fathers dispositon, fulfilled the old Testament, and did erect a new Paschal: for when his Disciples sate down with him, to eat the ordinall supper, whilst in Caiaphas hall they were treating how Christ might be slaine: he ordaining the Sacrament of his body and blood, did teach what manner of sacrifice should be offered not removing from this mysterie the very substance.* The Sacrament of his body and blood did shew, that his body and blood should be that Sacrifice, which he should offer. For eating that Bread, and drinking this Cup, we shew the Lords death, wherein his body and blood was sacrificed. If you aske of *Leo*, where, and when this sacrifice was offered, in the next Sermon he telleth you: *Christ our Paschall (as the Apostle saith) was offered, who offering himselfe a new and true sacrifice of reconciliation to his Father, was crucified, not in the Temple, the reverence whereof now was ended, nor within the compasse of the city, which was to be destroyed, for the merit of the wickednesse thereof, but abroad and without the tents: that the mysterie of the old sacrifices ceasing, a new sacrifice should be laid on a new Altar, and the Crosse of Christ should not be the Altar of the Temple, but of the world:* of the same sacrifice he speaketh in the apostrophe unto Christ: *Now also, the variety of carnall sacrifices ceasing, that one oblation of thy body and blood, fulfilleth the differences of all sacrifices: for thou art the true Lambe of God, which takest away the sinnes of the world, and dost so perfourme all thy glories in thy selfe, that as there is one sacrifice for all oblations, so there is one kingdome of all Nations.* The e words of *Leo*, as every man may see, pertaine to the death of Christ, which fulfilled the difference of all sacrifices: which thing, if it had beene done by a sacrifice in the Supper, the sacrifice of his death had beene needlesse. *Hesychius* calleth the Lords Supper a sacrifice, by allusion unto the old sacrifices, and as it is a memory of the onely true sacrifice of Christs death, saying: *Aaron and his sonnes, doe rightly eat it: for except Christ entreated by the mouth of the Priests, the cause insufficient, and sufficient the Supper, and the causes those things which are done, they are by no meanes made the Lords sacrifice.* The same mysterie he saith a little before, to be both bread and flesh. And *Lib. 2.* he saith, that *the Crosse did make the flesh of Christ, which was meete to be eaten before his Passion: for who desired to eat the flesh of God? not for meat after his Passion. For if he had not beene crucified, we should not eat the sacrifice of his body. But now we eat this meat, receiving the remembrance of his Passion.* These places of *Hesychius*, doe open his meaning sufficiently, in what sense he calleth the blessed Sacrament a sacrifice. *Gregorie* lived in a corrupt time, more then six hundred yeeres after Christ, yet that he meaneth not a sacrifice properly, but figuratively, it appeareth in the latter place by you quoted most plainly. *But it is necessary, when we doe these things, that we slay our selves in contrition of heart unto God: for we which doe celebrate the mysteries of our Lords Passion, ought to follow that we doe. Therefore it shall then be truly a sacrifice to God for us, when we have made our selves a sacrifice.* See you not that it is a spirituall sacrifice, as the sacrifice of our selves?

Cyrillus, though not so ancient as the Bishop of Hierusalem, whose title the booke of *Dionysius* doth carry; yet doth expressly call it a *spirituall sacrifice. Dionysius* calleth it often *λογικὴν θυσίαν*, sacrifice or holy worke: yet by many words declareth, that he meaneth a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the death of Christ, whereof the Sacrament is a memoriall. *How should the divine initiation* (saith he) *be otherwise performed unto us? if the remembrance of the most holy workes of God, were not alwayes renewed with praises and sacrifices of the Priests. For this we doe, (as the Scripture saith) in the remembrance of him.* In *Ignatius* is nothing but the name of sacrifice; which shewes not what kinde of sacrifice, and therefore if we should admit that Epistle as authenticall, it is nothing to the purpose, to or fro. But *Iustin* doth most expressly say, it is a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and that Christians have none other sacrifice *ἢ τὰς εὐχὰς, &c. For I my selfe doe affirme, that prayers and thanksgiving* (made by worthy persons) *are the onely perfect and acceptable sacrifices to God. For these are the onely sacrifices that Christians have received to make, to be put in minde by their dry and meate sustenance, of the Passion which God the Sonne of God, is recorded to have suffered for them.* Where is now the sacrifice propitiatory of the body and blood of Christ? Likewise *Irenæus* (speaking of the celebration of the Lords Supper) calleth it *an oblation which the Church in all the world doth offer to God, even to him which giveth in nourishment, the first fruits of his gifts in the new Testament, according to the Prophesy of Mal.* Which afterward c. 33. he interpreteth to be the prayers of Saints. And c. 34 he saith, *We offer unto him not as to one that hath need, but giving thankes for his gift, and sanctifying the creature.* Tertul. in neither of both the places hath any more then the name of sacrifice, whereby he meaneth the publike prayers and thanksgiving of the Christians. *We sacrifice* (saith he) *for the Emperours health, but to one God and his, and as God hath commanded, with pure prayer. Ad Scapul.* Likewise the Prophecie of *Malachie* he interpreth of spirituall sacrifices. *Adversus Iudæos*, namely, *setting forth of Gods glory, blessing, praise, and hymnes. Adv. Marc. l. 3.* and *simple prayer out of a pure conscience. l. 4.* Other sacrifices then these *Tertullian* never knew. *Cyprian* in his Epistle to *Cæcilius*, declareth sufficiently that the sacrifice whereof he speaketh, is onely a memoriall of thanksgiving for the Passion of Christ. *Because* (saith he) *we make mention of his Passion, in all sacrifices (for the sacrifice which we offer, is the Passion of our Lord) we ought to do nothing but that which he did.* And so it is called by *Rabbanus Maurus*, who lived 800. yeeres after Christ; and yet he writh that there was none other sacrifice in his time, *De Instit. Cler. l. 1. c. 32.* The celebration of the Supper therefore is a sacrifice, as it is the Passion of Christ, namely, a thankfull memoriall of the sacrifice of Christs Passion.

Eusebius is as plaine as it is possible for the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, prayers and memoriall of Christs one sacrifice offered on the Crosse. *Tῶν ἡμῶν, &c. A memory of this sacrifice we have received to celebrate, at the table by the figures of his body, and of his holy full blood, according to the divine Lawes of the new Testament.* Against he concludeth the whole matter of sacrifice in these words, *We offer sacrifice and incense, when we celebrate the memorie of that great sacrifice according to the mysteries delivered concerning it. And offering to God for our salvation, thanksgiving by divine hymnes and prayers: and when we sacrifice our selves unto him wholly, and to his word, the high Priest ioyning us with body and soule?* What can be plainer against your blasphemous sacrifice? *Nazianzen* onely mentioneth the oblation of unbloody sacrifice, *by which we are united to Christ, and made partakers of his Passion and Divinity*, meaning doubtlesse the memoriall of that sacrifice. For the propitiatory sacrifice of the body of Christ, for the redemption of the world, he calleth, *The sacrifice that cannot be sanctified, to the unsanctifie sacrifice, In sanct. Pasch. Or. 4.* And the Sacrament it selfe, he calleth *The figures of salvation, Ad Imper. Basil. Christ sume* (as other ancient Fathers doe) divers times calleth the Sacrament a sacrifice: but in one place he expoundeth his meaning so plainely, as no man but he that is overcome with impudencie, would wrangle any longer about that terme. For refelling that doubt, how Christ is said to be

ordered daily, whom the Apostle to the *Hebrewes*, vnderstandeth to have offered himselfe but once, he concludeth in these words, *This which we doe, is done in remembrance of that which was then done. For doe this (saith he) in remembrance of me: we offer not another sacrifice on the high priest, but the same we offered: or rather we renewe the remembrance of a sacrifice, in ep. ad Heb. Hom. 17. Ambrose* in the same place saith, *That we offer, having in remembrance his most glorious Passion and Resurrection from the dead, and Ascension into heaven, we offer vnto God this undefiled Sacrifice, this reasonable Sacrifice, this vnbloody Sacrifice, this holy Bread and Cup of eternall life.* And in the first Chapter of that same Booke, he saith, *This reasonable Oblation, the figure of the Body and Blood of Christ*, meaning, a holy signe for memory of Christ offered on the Crosse. In the second place which you quote, he saith, *Before a lambe was offered, now Christ is offered, he is offered as a man as touching his flesh, and he offereth himselfe as Priest, that he may remit our sins: but here in an image, there in truth, where he maketh intercession for us, as an advocate with the Father.* Marke that Christ is not offered here in truth but in an image or similitude: and that he is not offered by the Priest, but by himselfe as he was on the Crosse, seeing the Sacrament is an image and representation of that Sacrifice, not a Sacrifice in truth.

Hierome also diuers times vseth the name of Sacrifice, but his meaning was none other, then of the rest of the Fathers in that time. *Christ* (saith he) *offered in the figure of his Blood, wine and not water.* Again he calleth the institution of the Sacrament, *The mysterie which he expressed for a figure of his Passion, and of proving the truth of his body.* Here is not a sacrifice propitiatory of the body and blood of Christ, but bread and wine offered in a figure of his body and blood, and of his Passion. *Augustine* likewise calleth it a sacrifice, but not in that sense you say. For thus he writeth of it: *Christ is our priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech, which offered himselfe a sacrifice for our sinnes, and hath commended the similitude of that sacrifice to be celebrated in the remembrance of his Passion, that the same thing which Melchisedech offered to God, now we see to be offered in the Church of Christ thorowout the whole world, Osiag. tract. quæst. q. 61.* Now chuse whether you will say, that *Melchisedech* offered praise and thanksgiving, or bread and wine. For the naturall body of Christ he did not offer. But the same that *Melchisedech* offered, the Church doth offer, a similitude of the sacrifice of Christs death. Againe he saith, *This is the sacrifice of the Christians, we being many, are one body: which also the Church frequenteth in the Sacrament of the Altar knowne vnto the faithfull, where it is shewed vnto her that in the same oblation which she offereth, she her selfe is offered, De civit. Dei l. 20. c. 6.* Againe, speaking of the sacrifice of Christs death, he saith, *He himselfe is the Priest that offereth, he himselfe is the oblation, of which thing he would the daily sacrifice of Church to be a Sacrament, seeing he is the head of his owne body, and she is the body of the same head. As well she by him, as he by her accustomed to be offered, cap. 20.* And most plainely against *Faustus* the Manichee, *l. 20. c. 21. Sed quid agam &c. But what shall I doe, and when shall I make manifest to so great blindnesse of the heretikes, what force that hath which is sung in the Psalmes. The sacrifice of praise shall glorifie me, and there is the way where I will shew my saving health: The flesh and blood of this sacrifice before the comming of Christ, was promised by sacrifices of similitudes: in the Passion of Christ, it was given by the truth it selfe: after the ascension of Christ, it is celebrated by the Sacrament of remembrance.* Much more hath *Augustine* in other places, but this is sufficient to declare, in what sense he calleth the celebration of the Lords Supper a sacrifice.

Fulgentius also, which followed him much in doctrine, thereof thus writeth, *Firmissime tene, &c. Hold this most stedfastly, and doubt nothing that God the onely begotten Sonne, the Word, being made flesh, offered himselfe for us, a sacrifice and oblation of sweet sauour vnto God: to whom with the Father and the holy Ghost, by the Patriarches, Prophets, and Priests, in the time of the old Testament beasts were sacrificed: and to whom now, that is in the time of the new Testament, with the Father and the holy Ghost with whom he is one God, the holy Catholike Church ceaseth not to offer the sacrifice of bread and wine in faith and love. For in those carnall sacrifices there was a figuring of the flesh of Christ, which he himselfe being without sinne, was to offer for our sinnes, and of that blood which he was to shed for the remission of our sinnes. But in this sacrifice there is thanksgiving and commemoration of the flesh of Christ, which he offered for us, and of the blood which the same God shed for us.* Marke that Christ is not offered to God his Father, but the sacrifice of bread and wine to Christ, with the Father and the holy Ghost, for thanksgiving and remembrance of the death of Christ.

Your next quotation is, of all the Greekes upon the ninth to the *Hebrewes*. For *Chrysostomes* iudgement you have it before, that the oblation of the Church, is rather a remembrance of a sacrifice, then a sacrifice properly.

Theophylact following him, in *Heb. 10.* saith, *Here ariseth a question, Whether we also doe offer vnbloody sacrifices? I answere, we doe: but we keepe a remembrance of the Lords death, and it is one, not many sacrifices, seeing he was offered but once. For we offer the same Christ alwayes, nay rather we keepe a memory of that oblation, wherein he offered himselfe, as though it were done now.* These words are manifest, that it is called a sacrifice figuratively, and unproperly, which is rather a memoriall of the sacrifice offered by Christ himselfe.

Oecumenius with all the Greekes, out of whom he gathered his Commentarie, hath in a manner the very same words: And saith further, that *Gregorie* in his *Apologetico* saith, That *the mysteries which now are done and prefigured, are exemplers of greater mysteries*: meaning redemption purchased by the death and passion of Christ.

Primasius also agreeing with *Chrysostome*, and the other Greeke interpreters, answereth to the same obiection, Whether our Priests do not daily offer sacrifices? *Truly* (saith he) *they offer, but in the remembrance of his death: and because we sinne daily, and have need daily to be cleansed, because he can die no more, he hath given us this Sacrament of his body and blood, that as his Passion was the redemption and absolution of the world: so this oblation might be redemption and absolution to all that offer in true faith, and have good intention.* Againe he saith, *Iesus, &c. This is not repeated for the infinity thereof, because it could not give perfect health, but in remembrance of the Passion of Christ, as he himselfe said, Doe this in remembrance of me.* His meaning therefore is, that our faith being confirmed by this Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, applieth the benefit of Christs Passion to the forgiuenesse of our daily offences, and therfore is not properly a sacrifice, nor a reputation of the sacrifice of Christ, but a celebration of the remembrance of Christs death, according to Christs owne institution. In which there is no one word that soundeth toward the setting up of a sacrifice: though the celebration of the Supper were commonly called so.

The Councell of Nice 2. nameth oblation and offering in diuers Canons, but in none other sense, then the Fathers before cited.

The Councell of Ephesus in the Epistle to *Nestorius* vse more words, and therefore doe more plainely expresse their meaning: *Annunciantes enim, &c. For shewing the death of the onely begotten Sonne of God, that is of Iesus Christ according to the flesh, and likewise confessing his Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven, we celebrate in the Churches, the vnbloody service of that sacrifice, & so also we come to the mysticall blessings, and are sanctified, being made partakers of the holy body and precious blood of Christ the Redeemer of us all, &c.* It were hard to gather a sacrifice propitiatory of these words, which shewe how the service of the sacrifice is celebrated, namely, by preaching of the Lords Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, and participation of the holy Sacrament of the very body and blood of the Sonne of God.

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The sixth Councell of Constantinople *cap. 32.* ordained, that *the old custome of the Catholike Church touching the Lambe should be kept, which was, that the Lambe should be offered in memory of the true Lambe Christ our God, and should be eaten of the faithfull with reverence, &c. And with it should be eaten the whole body of a goat, Christ by their authority in his &c. passion of S. Matthew and S. Luke, calling wine onely in the holy Table, did commonly water with it.* By the oblation of wine, yet may see they were farre from a propitiatory sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ.

The second Councell of Nice, though it were a collection of an idolatrous and unlearned company of Greekish Prelates, gathered to serve the idolatrous humour of *Irene* the wicked Empresse, yet approving that counterfeit Epistle of *Athanasius*, wherein mention is made of blood that flowed out of an image of Christ, that was crucified at *Beryte*: They allow also these words of it; *This is that blood of our Lord, which is said to be found among many men, neither must true Catholikes thinke otherwise, then that which is written of us, as though any part of the flesh and blood of Christ, might be found in the world, but that which is daily made sacrifically in the altar by the hands of the Priest.* So that although against the Councell of *Ephesus*, they speake grossly of the presence of Christ in the Sacrament, yet they meane not carnally, as the words doe sound, but as appeareth by these words of the Epistle, they meane that the flesh and blood of Christ is present spiritually.

As for the Councels of *Lateran, Constance, Florence*, and *Trent*, being late chapters of heretikall and blasphemous Papists, they are not to be alledged in any controversie betweene us, seeing they were gathered by heretikes, especially and purposely against the faith of the Catholike Church.

REIM. 6 19 Doe this.] *In these words the holy Sacrament of Order is instituted, because power and commission to doe the principall act and worke of Priesthood, is given to the Apostles: that is, to doe that which Christ then did concerning his body: which was, to make and offer his body as a sacrifice for us and for all that have need of sacrifice, and to give it to be eaten as Christs body sacrificed, to all faithfull. For as the Paschal lambe was first sacrificed, and then eaten: so was his body: and thus to doe he here giveth commission and authority to the Apostles, and to all Priests which be their successours in this matter,* Dionys Eccl. Hierar. c. 3. Iren. l. 4. c. 32. Cypr. ep. 2d Cæcil. Chrysost. 17. in ep. 2d Hebr. Ambros. in Ps. 38. & in c. 10 ad Hebr.

The Apostles were made Priests, and had the Sacrament of the body Ordeined.

FULK. 6 In these words authority and commandement is given to the Church, to celebrate the mysterie of the Lords Supper: but the speciall calling, ordaining, and appointing of the Apostles and their successors, to be ministers of the Church, was after his resurrection: as appeareth *Mat 28. Mar. 16. Luke 24.* But most expressly *Ioh 20.* But to make his body, or to offer it in sacrifice, there is no authority given by these words, for Christ instituted a Sacrament, not a sacrifice, of his body and blood. For the faithfull being made perfect by the onely oblation of Christ offered by himselfe on the Crosse, need none other sacrifice, but a memoriall and Sacrament thereof, to confirme their faith in the remission of sinnes, purchased by his sacrifice. And although the Paschal lambe was slaine before it was eaten, yet Christ did institute the Sacrament of his body and blood, before he was slaine, nevertheless to be continued as a perpetuall memoriall of his death. As the Sacrament of the Paschal lambe was instituted before the deliverance of the people out of Egypt, yet to be a perpetuall remembrance of that deliverance, which figured the spirituall deliverance of all the Church, from the tyranny of Satan and the power of hell. Now whereas you quote divers ancient Fathers, to prove that Christ by these words, gave commission and authority to the Apostles and to all Priests that be their successours, to sacrifice his body. Concerning the first, *Dionysius Eccl. Hierar. c. 3.* hath no word of any such matter: and to goe further with you, not in all his workes. *Irenæus* saith, *That Christ giving counsell to his Disciples, to offer unto God the first fruits of his creatures, not as though he had need, but that they themselves should be neither unfruitfull, nor unthankefull: he tooke that bread which is of the creature, and giving thankes, said; This is my body. And the cup likewise, which is of that creature that is with us, he confessed to be his blood, and taught the new oblation of the new Testament, which the Church receiving from the Apostles, offereth to God in all the world, to him which giveth nourishment unto us, the first fruits of his gifts in the new Testament, whereof in the 12. Prophets, Malachie did foreshew, &c.* This Prophecie of the sacrifice, afterward he doth expound of prayers, thanksgiving, praises, and workes of charity, c. 33. & 34. His words declare, that in his time, bread and wine was offered to God, that is, dedicated to the holy use of the Sacrament, whereby thanksgiving, prayers, and praises, were offered to God, and charity among Christians confirmed.

Cyprian in that Epistle to *Cæcilius*, contendeth earnestly for wine to be offered in the Cup, as Christ did institute the Sacrament in wine and not in water. But by the oblation and sacrifice, he meaneth none otherwise then Irenæus doth, and as we have shewed in the Section next before: not a sacrifice of his naturall bodie and blood. *I would have thee know* (saith he) *that we are admonished that in offering the Cup, the Lords tradition be observed, and that nothing else be done, but that our Lord did first for us. That the Cup which is offered in remembrance of him, be offered mixt with wine. For when Christ saith, I am the true vine, the blood of Christ verily is not water but wine. Neither can the blood of him by whom we are redeemed and quickened, seeme to be in the Cup, when to the Cup is wanting wine, by which the blood of Christ is shewed, which is set forth by the Sacrament and testimony of all the Scriptures.* The Cup, the wine, the bread, is offered in remembrance of Christ, not his body and blood properly sacrificed or offered. *Chrysostome Hom. 17. in Ep. ad Heb.* as we have declared before, saith, it is rather a memory of a sacrifice, then a sacrifice indeed, which the Church offereth. *An example of that which was offered once, and offered into the holy of holies. Ambrose in Psal. 38.* saith, *Let us Priests follow him as we may, and offer a sacrifice for the people, &c.* But in *cap. 10. ad Heb.* he hath the very words that *Chrysostome* writeth upon the same text: answering the objection how the Church offereth a sacrifice, when the sacrifice of Christ once offered, was sufficient. *Hoc autem quod nos facimus, &c. This that we doe, is done in remembrance of that which hath beene done. For doe you this (saith he) in the remembrance of me, we offer not another sacrifice as the high priest, but the same always, but rather we worke the remembrance of a sacrifice.* But of this matter, more in the next Section.

REIM. 7 29 For a commemoration.] *This Sacrifice and Sacrament is to be done perpetually in the Church for the commemoration of Christ, specially of his Passion: that is to say, that it may be a lively representation, exemplar, and forme of his sacrifice upon the Crosse. Of which one oblation on the Crosse, not only all other sacrifices of the Law were figures, but this also: though this in a more high, high mysticall, and marvellous sort then any other; for in them Christs death was signified as by resemblance and similitudes of externall creatures and bodies of brute beasts; but in this of the new Testament, his body visibly sacrificed on the Crosse, in and by the selfe same body sacrificed and immolated in Sacrament, and under the shapes of bread and wine, is most secretly and perfectly resembled: and therefore this is most properly commemorative, as most secretly expressing the very condition, nature, efficacie, fruit, and substance of that on the Crosse. For which the holy Fathers call it the very selfe same sacrifice (though in other manner) which was done on the Crosse, as it is the selfe same thing, that is offered in the Sacrament, and on the Crosse. Whereby you may see the perversitie of the Protestants, or their ignorance, that thinke it therefore not to be Christs body, because it is a memory of his body, or a figure of his body upon the Crosse: or to be a true sacrifice, because it is a commemorative*

A commemorative sacrifice is a true sacrifice, no lesse then the prefigurative sacrifices were true sacrifices.

Aug. in 10. Heb. Chrys. hom 17. in eund. locum.

sacrifice; for as the thing that more lively, verely, and truly resembleth or representeth, is a better figure than that which resembleth it afarre off: so this his body in the Sacrament, is more properly a figure of Christs body and sacrifice then any other. Christ himselfe the Sonne of God is a figure and character of his Fathers person, being yet of the selfe same substance; and Christs body transfigured on the holy Mount, was a figure and resemblance of his person glorified in heaven; even so is his body in the Sacrament to a faithfull man that knoweth by his beleefe grounded on Christs owne word, that in the one forme is his body, in the other his blood the most perfect representation of his death that can be. As for the sacrifice it is no lesse a true sacrifice, because it is commemorative of Christs Passion; then those of the old Testament were the lesse true, because they were prefigurative; so that is the condition annexed to all sacrifice of every Law to represent Christs Passion.

To be a figure of a thing, and yet the thing it selfe repugneth not.

LVKE. 7 The text and the ancient Doctors are so plaine in this case, that you are constrained to confesse, that this Sacrament is a lively representation, exemplar and forme, and also a figure of Christs sacrifice upon the Crosse. *But it is so a figure of that sacrifice (you say) that it is the selfe same body sacrificed and immolated in the Sacrament, under the shapes of bread and wine.* This saith none of the ancient Fathers, which say, it is an exemplar, a commemoration, a figure of that sacrifice, no not *Chrysostome* and *Ambrose*, whom you quote, but as I have set downe their words before. It is so the same sacrifice, that it is rather a remembrance of a sacrifice then a sacrifice indeed, or properly. But here you accuse our perversity or ignorance, that thinke it therefore not to be Christs body, because it is a memory or figure of his body. *For to be a figure of a thing, and yet the thing it selfe*, you say in the margent, *repugneth not.* Your ignorance (although it be great) I will not here accuse, but your impudence, that shame not to say, that to be a Relative, and the Correlative of the same at the same time, and in the same respect, repugneth not. I thinke *Sorbone* it selfe, would hisse out this monstrous absurdity: For you may as well say, that *Isaac* to be *Iacobs* father, and *Iacobs* sonne also, repugneth not.

Rastall pretendeth.

But you have examples to demonstrate the matter, that a thing may be a figure of it selfe. First you say, *Christ the Sonne of God, is a figure and character of his Fathers person, being yet of the selfe same substance.* If you had been well jerked when you were lads for giving the Correlative to his Relative, you would have said thus: The Sonne of God is a figure or character of his Fathers person, yet he is the selfe same person that his Father is. And if you will abide by this conclusion, your example may serve to prove: That this is a figure of Christs body and sacrifice, yet is it also the selfe same body and sacrifice. But if you dare not affirme so much, lest you should fall into flat Sabellianisme, what perversity shall I say, or ignorance, or impudence is it, to frame your example, so, as it is nothing like to the matter which it is brought to demonstrate?

Your second example is, *Christs body transfigured in the holy Mount, was a figure and resemblance of his person glorified in heaven:* Why say you not of his body glorified in heaven: that the relation may be right and proper? but because you seeke to runne away under a mist of doubtfull words. But who will grant unto you, that Christs body there transfigured, was a figure of his body glorified, when not his body, but the glorious shape which then he tooke upon him, was a figure or a part of his divine and heavenly glory, wherewith he is now invested in heaven. For his face now shineth not as the Sunne, but ten thousand times more bright then the Sunne: his body is not now covered with garments white as light, but shineth most gloriously as the body of the Sonne of God.

A third example you have, *That the sacrifice is no lesse a true sacrifice, because it is commemorative of Christs Passion, then those of the old Testament were lesse true, because they were prefigurative of the same.* Indeed it wanteth nothing but Christs institution, but that it might be a true sacrifice. For if the Sacrament had beene ordained by Christ to be a sacrifice commemorative, as they were to be sacrifices prefigurative, it had beene as true a sacrifice as they: and yet being commemorative, as it is, though not a sacrifice, it could not have beene the same thing whereof it is commemorative, no more then those sacrifices were the same sacrifice, or thing, whereof they were prefigurative.

RHEM. 8 20 The new Testament in my blood.] Moses *tooke the blood of the first sacrifice that was made after the giving of the Law*, Exod. 24. *and with blood confirmed the covenant and compact betwixt God and his people, and so dedicated the* old Testament, *which without blood (saith S. Paul) was not dedicated.* Moses *put that blood also into a standing piece, and sprinkled all the people, &c. with the same, and said these formall words*, This is the blood of the Covenant, &c. *or (as it is read in* S. Paul) of the Testament which God hath delivered unto you. *Vpon all which, Christ in this action about the second part of this his sacrifice, in every of the Evangelists must thereby alludeth, expressing that the* new Testament *is begun and dedicated in his blood in the Chalice, to wit then the Old was dedicated, begun, and ratified in that blood of Calves contained in the goblet of Moses; with which his owne blood he sprinkled inwardly the Apostles as the first fruits of the new Testament, imitating the words of Moses, and saying*, This is the Chalice the new Testament, &c. *which the other Evangelists spake more plainely*, This is my blood of the new Testament. *By all which it is most certaine, that Christs blood in the Chalice, is the blood of Sacrifice, and that in this sacrifice of the Altar consisteth the externall religion and proper service of the new Testament, to wit then the soveraigne worship of God in the old Law did consist in the sacrifices of the same. For though Christs sacrifice on the Crosse, and his blood shed for us there, be the generall price, redemption, and satisfaction for us all, and is the last and perfectest seale to confirmation of the new Law and Testament: yet the service and sacrifice which the people of the new Testament might resort unto, could not be that violent action of the Crosse, but this on the Altar, which by Christs owne appointment is and shall be the eternall office of the new Testament, and the continuall application of all the benefits of his passion unto us.*

Heb. 9. Both Testaments dedicated in blood.

Verse 20.

The externall religion of the new Testament principally in the sacrifice of the Altar.

FVLK. 8 The Apostle to the Hebrewes, chap. 9. doth most plainely declare, the figure of the sprinkling of blood by *Moses*, *Exodus* 24. to be accomplished in the sacrifice of Christs death, and blood-shedding once offered upon the Crosse: whereof the Sacrament is a memoriall, and no sacrifice. Therefore it is a most wilfull perverting of the sense of the holy Ghost, to draw those words of Christ, (*This Cup is the new Testament in my blood*) to a second sacrifice. And whereas you say, he alludeth unto the words of *Moses*, Exodus 24. it is more like, that he alludeth to the words of *Moses* used about the institution of Circumcision and the Paschal lambe, *Genesis* 17. *Exodus* 12. which were Sacraments as this is. The difference you make of the standing piece or goblet of *Moses* (as you call it) and the Chalice of Christ, is ridiculous. By which you would make foolet believe, that Christ used not a common cup or pot, wherin to be drunke in at meales, but a consecrated Chalice, such as you occupie at Masse. Whereas the Greeke word used by all the three Evangelists, and S. *Paul*, signifieth none other but an usuall drinking cup or pot, whether you will call it a standing piece, bowle, goblet, or Chalice. Wherefore your conclusions are such, as you are accustomed to make, either upon none, or upon false premisses, or upon true premisses most absurdly and brainishly inferred, as in this place. The Cup in the new Testament is Christs blood: Ergo, Christs blood in the Chalice, is the blood of Sacrifice. Whereas by true Logicke, it followeth after this manner, that all the Papists in the world are not able to avoid.

Chalice or cup.

The

The cup is the New Testament in Christs blood. The outward Sacrament of Christs [illegible] in Christs blood. I mention the cup as one chiefe part of the Sacrament, which is a figure and memoriall of the whole, but a Sacrament we have none, but only one outward element. So the elder sonne when he speaketh of Christs [illegible] in a manner of Sacrament Baptisme. And by these Sacraments, in that they be outward things, the benefites of Christs [illegible] unto us, through the working of the holy Ghost, but not by [illegible] against our body and [illegible] Christ. Yet doth not the soveraigne worship of God in the New Testament; consist principally in any externall religion, service, or sacrifice, offered by any mortall creature, but as our Saviour Christ saith expressly, in spirit and truth. *Ioan.* 4. 23.

20 Which shalbe shed.] *It is much to be observed that the relative*, Which, *in these words is not governed as united (as some would perhaps thinke) of the newne blood, but of the word* chalice; *which is most plaine by the Greeke* [illegible] *which taketh away all cavillations and shifts from the Protestants, both against the vaild perfonie and the true Sacrificing. For it followeth evidently, that the blood as the contents of the chalice, was as in the chalice, is shed for us (for so the Greeke readeth in the present tense) and not only as upon the crosse. And therefore as it followeth thereof necessarily, that it is no bare figure, but his blood indeed, so it ensueth necessarily, that it is a Sacrifice, and propitiatory, because the chalice (that is the Blood contained in the same) is shed for our sinnes. For all that know the manner of the Scriptures speeches, know also that this, Blood to be shed for sinne, is to be sacrificed for propitiation or for pardon of sinnes. And this text proveth all this so plainely, that* ^a Beza *turneth himselfe roundly upon the holy Evangelist, charging him with Solecisme or false Greeke, or else that the words (which yet he confesseth to be in all copies Greeke and Latine) are thrust into the text out of some other place: which he rather should upon them that S. Luke should proove incongruously in so plaine a matter. And therefore he saith plainely that it cannot be truely said neither of the chalice it selfe nor of the contents thereof: which is indeed to give the lie to the blessed Evangelist, or to deny this to be Scripture. So shame is the Scripture for us, so miserable slights and shifts is falsehood put unto, God be thanked.*

Rem. 9. Calix qui pro vobis effundetur.

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Beza condemneth the Gospel as false blood and imperfect Greeke.

FVLK. 9 The relative (which) in the Greeke, as well as in the Latine, is governed of the newne blood, and not of the word chalice. For the relative must, according to true Grammer, be referred to that, which went next before it in construction and composition, which is the name blood, and not the word chalice. The Greeke (as it is now read indeed) following the Hebrew phrase, which is visuall in the holy Scripture of the New Testament, goeth somewhat from the common phrase of the Greeke tongue, but of S. *Basil* was read, without all controversie, according to the common Greeke construction. And therefore all your trifling of the reall presence, and true sacrificing, is nothing but vaine and unlearned infatuation. For no ancient writer, for a thousand yeares after Christ, or more, ever observed any such matter, out of this text. And therefore, whereas you say, that *Beza* turneth himselfe roundly upon the holy Evangelist, charging him with *Soloecisme* or false Greeke: without all conscience and honestly you slander him most impudently. For he nameth not *Solœcisme*, or false Greeke, but *Solœcophanes*, which is an appearance of incongruity, where there is none indeed. Except you would be taken for such ignorant asses, that you know not the difference, of *Solœcismus* and *Solœcophanes*, your malicious slander can have none excuse. Indeed, he sayth, that these words might be added to the text, out of the other Evangelists, as in divers other places both he and other have observed, by conference of copies, and testimony of the ancient Fathers: Yet he standeth not upon this conjecture, but that either the ancient reading was, as S. *Basil* translateth, or else, that it is an hebraisme in the same sense, whereof I have shewed like examples out of the Scripture in my defence against *Gregory Martine*, *cap.* 2. *Sect.* 37. 38. 39. And where he sayth, it cannot be truely said, neither of the Chalice it selfe, nor of the content thereof, that it was shed for us: you affirme, it is to give the lie to the blessed Evangelist, or to deny this to be Scripture. But I pray you, consider, upon what ground you charge him with such open blasphemy. Doe you hold inde-ede, that the Chalice (in proper speech) was, or could be shedde for us? Nay, the contents you will say. Well, there is one figure granted. And for the contents, shall we not beleeve the word of Christ, which saith this cuppe is the New Testament? Yes doubtlesse. Why then it followeth, that the New Testament is the contents of the cup. Was the New Testament shedde for us, or could it be shedde for us? No verely. Therefore *Beza* without giving the lie to the holy Evangelist, might say, that it cannot be sayd in proper manner of speaking either of the cup, or of the contents thereof, that it was shed for us. And yet acknowledge, those words to be Scripture, being referred to the newne blood, which was indeed shed for us on the crosse: So miserable be your flights, and shifts of falsehood, forged upon impudence lies, and malicious slanders, grosse ignorance, and unlearned collections, God be praised, who easily maketh your folly and madnesse, more and more manifest to all men.

Beza.

Rem. 10. 24 Contention.] *The Apostles perceiving Christs departure from them and his kingdome to be neere, as before men and not yet endowed with the spirit of God, began to have ambition and aspirations of Superiority one over another: which our Master reproveth in them by exhortation to humility and by his owne example, that being their Lord, yet so lately served them: not forbidding Majority or Superiority in them, but pride, tyrannie, and contempt of their inferiours.*

Ambition.

FVLK. 10. The Apostles were not voyde of the Spirit of God, for no man can acknowledge Iesus to be the Lord, but in the Spirit of God: although they were not so plentifully endued with the gifts of the holy Ghost as afterward.

Rem. 11. 30 Simon, Simon.] *Lastly to put them out of doubt, he calleth Peter twice by name, and telling him the Divell desire to sift and try them all to the uttermost (as he did that night) saith that he hath specially prayed for him, to this end that his faith should never faile, and that he being once converted, should after that for ever confirme, uphold or uphold the rest in their faith. Which is to say, that Peter is that man whom he would make Superiour over them and the whole Church. Whereby we may learne that it was thought fit in the providence of God, that he who should be the head of the Church should have a speciall priviledge by Christs prayer and promise, never to faile in faith, and that none other either Apostle, Bishop, or Priest may challenge any such singular or speciall prerogative either of his office or person, otherwise then joyning in faith with Peter and by holding of him. The danger (saith S. Luke) was common to all the Apostles, but our Lord tooke speciall care of Peter, that the state of all the rest might be more sure, if the head were invincible: God so dispensing the aide of his grace, that the assurance and strength which Christ gave to Peter, might redound by Peter to the rest of the Apostles. S. Augustine also: Christ praying for Peter, prayed for them all, because in the Pastor and Prelate the people is cherished or commended. And S. Ambrose witnesseth that Peter after his conversion was made Pastor of the Church, because it was said to him, Thou being converted confirme thy brethren. Neither was this the priviledge of S. Peters person, but of his Office, that he should not faile in faith, but ever confirme all others in their faith. For the Church, for whose sake that priviledge was thought necessary in Peter the head, is ever to be preserved in light afterward, then in the Apostles time. Whereupon all the Fathers apply this priviledge of not failing and of confirming other in faith, to the Romane Church and Peters successors in the same. To which (saith S. Cyprian) infidelity or false faith cannot come. And S. Bernard saith writing to Innocentius pope, against Abaelard: Vnder the Mastership of the Apostolique all the scandals and perils which may fall, in matter of faith generally,*

Peter saith shall never faile.

Luke 22. Hilary. Lib. 9. Trad.

Sacrifice of the Masse.

Stapleton.

Ambrose. Lib. 4. in Luc. cap. 22.

The Romane Sea of Peters successors cannot faile.

Symeon. For there the defects of faith must be holpen, where faith cannot faile. For to what other [illegible] *ever said* [illegible] *prayed for thee Peter, that thy faith doe not faile? So say the Fathers, not meaning that* [illegible] *Peter* *should* [illegible] *erre in person understanding, private doctrine or manners, but that they cannot nor shall not erre publikely or definitive sentence for falshood or hereſie against the Catholike faith, in their Confistories, Councels, Decrees, deliberations or consultations kept for decision and determination of such controversies, doubts or questions of faith as shall be propoſed unto them: because Christs prayer and promise protecteth them therein for confirmation of their brethren. And we marvell that our Maister would have his vicars Consistory and Seat infallible, seeing even in the old Law the high Priesthood and Chayre of Moses wanted not great priviledge in this case, though nothing like the Churches and Peters prerogative. But in both, any man of sense may see the difference betweene the person, and the office, as well in doctrine as life. Liberius in persecution might yeeld, Marcellinus for feare might commit Idolatry, Honorius might fall to hereſie, and more then all this, some Indian might creepe into the Office: and yet all this without prejudice of the Office and Seate,* in which (*saith S.* Augustine) *our* Lord hath set the doctrine of truth. Caiphas *by priviledge of his Office prophecied right of Christ, but according to his owne knowledge and faith, knew not Christ. The Evangelists and other penners of holy writ, for the execution of that function had the assistance of God, and so farre could not possibly erre: but that* Luke, Marke, Salomon *or the rest might not erre in other their private writings, that we say not. It was not the personall wisdome, vertue, learning, or faith of Christs vicars, that made S.* Bernard *seeke to* Innocentius *the third: S.* Augustine *and the Bishops of Affrike to* Innocentius *the first, and to* Celestinus. ep. 90. 92. 95. *S.* Chrysostome *to the said* Innocentius: *S.* Basil *to the Pope in his time* ep. 52. *S.* Hierom *to* Damasus ep. 57. 58. tom. 2. *but it was the prerogative of their Office and higher degree of Pastour, and Christs ordinance, that would have all Apostles and Pastours in the world, for their conformation in faith and Ecclesiasticall regiment, depend on* Peter. *The taske of knowledge and humble acceptation of which Gods providence, that is, that one is not honoured and obeyed of all the brotherhood, is the cause of all Schismes and Hereſies, saith S.* Cyprian. *A payne of such importance, that all the Twelve being in Apostleship like, Christ would yet for the better keeping of unity and truth, have one to be head of them all, that a head being once appointed, occasion of Schisme might be taken away, saith S.* Hierom lib. 1. adu. Iovinian. c. 14.

Pope may erre personally, not publikely or definitively.

Cyp. ep. 55. tom. 2.
Bernard. ep. 190.
Dam. 21.

Aug. ep. 166. in fine.

The learned Fathers fought to the Bishop of Rome for resolution of doubts.
Bernard. ep. 190.
Chrysost. 2. de Sacerd.
Cyp. ep. 55. tom. 2.

Peters primacie.

FVLK. 11. Our Saviour Christ, by these words giveth no superiority to *Peter*, but foresheweth his infirmity, greater then of the rest, in respect whereof, he had needs of a speciall prayer to uphold him, that his faith should not faile in that great temptation: Admonishing him, what his duety was, after he had experience of his owne frailty, and of the comfort of Gods grace, to strengthen his brethren, by assurance of Gods mercy, whereof he had so great triall in himselfe. And as concerning the Popes supremacy, or prerogative, not to erre, (I say, as in the like collections of the Papists) All the Logicians that are, or ever were, cannot rightly conclude in due forme of Syllogisme, either the one or the other, out of the words of this text. Which is sufficiant to confute all the large discourse that followeth. Nevertheless, I will examine all the arguments, as they lie in order. First, he calleth *Peter* by name twise, not to put them out of doubt, that he is their superiour, but to admonish him seriously, in what danger he specially, and the rest generally, were through the malice of Sathan, and their owne weakenesse, which was not yet knowne unto them. *And lest the eleven Apostles* (saith *Beda*) *should glory, or attribute unto their owne strength, that they almost alone, among so many thousand Iewes should be said to have continued with the Lord in temptation, he sheweth, that they also, if they had not been protected by the aide of the Lord, assisting them, might have been broken in pieces with the rest, through the same storme or tempest.* Neither doth any of the ancient Fathers for 500. yeeres after Christ, gather out of this place *Peters* superiority or prerogative of not erring: and although they had done so, yet their collection should have had no ground out of the words of the text. *Prosper cont. Coll. cap. 35. Hujus tolerantiæ fortitudo unde descenderet beatus Petrus, & in illo omnis Ecclesia Veritatis ipsius voce disceret, dicentis: Ecce Satanas postulavit ut cribraret vos: Ego autem rogavi pro te Petre, ne deficiat fides tua. Quisquis igitur in tribulatione non deficit, ab illo se non dubitet adjuvari, ad quem quotidie corde universorum fidelium clamant: Ne inferas nos in tentationem, &c.* De vocatione gentium lib. 2. cap. 24. *In evangelio secundum Lucam, Deum dare se in fide perseverantiæ promittitur: Dixit autem Ipsum* Petro, Simon, &c. Fratres tuos: & rogare ne intretis in tentationem. *Voluisset quidem Satanas, sicuti desiderasse, tentare Petrum colaphizare, cribrare sicut triticum, donec omnem ob eo fidei medullam excussisset: Sed ego, inquit, Petre rogavi pro te, ut non deficiat fides tua. Vide respexit cum Christum, & egressus foras flevit amarè.* Drogo de sacrum. Dominicæ passion. Bernardi contemporaneus. S. *Basil* citeth this text to proove that we ought to pray for them that are sought in tentations. *In exhort.* Secondly, you say *he prayed specially for* Peter, *to this end that his faith should never faile, and that he being once converted, should after that for ever, confirme, establish, or uphold the rest in their faith.* But the truth is, he prayed specially for *Peter*, because *Peter* specially, and through his greater presumption, was in danger of greater temptation: that in so grievous a fall, he should not through weakenesse of faith, fall away, for that signifieth the word ἐκλείπειν: but be converted, and become an example of Gods mercy, to all penitent sinners. *Aret* (saith *Bede* speaking in the person of Christ) *have by prayers protected thy faith, lest by temptation of Sathan it should have failed: So thou also remember, to lift up and comfort thy weake brethren, by example of thy repentance, lest peradventure they should dispaire of pardon.* In these words therefore, is taught the duety of *Peter*, and of every Christian man, that hath tasted of Gods protection in temptation: to use his example and experience, to the comfort of others, no prerogative granted, that *Peter* from henceforth shall never erre, nor any that succeedeth in his chayre at Rome, whereof heere is no mention in the world. Neither was *Peter* ever after this, appoynted to confirme, establish, or uphold the rest of the Apostles in their faith otherwise, then a fellow member, of charity to comfort them, in this present danger, or in any like. And as for the confirmation, establishing, or upholding of the rest of the Apostles in the truth of the Gospel, they received it of the Spirit of Christ, equally with *Peter*, and not of the prerogative of *peters* chayre. Yea when *Peter* walked not aright according to the truth of the Gospel, in a contention being stirred up, by *Cerinthus* the heretike (as *Epiphanius* reciteth) at Antioche in his owne See, he was reprehended openly by *Paul*, and so his faith, which began to waver, was confirmed by another Apostle, as the faith of the rest at another time was by him. Therefore *Peter*, by these words, was not made superiour over the rest of the Apostles, and the whole Church: neither had any singular priviledge, by Christs prayer and promise, that his faith should never faile. Christ prayeth for all his Apostles, that God would *sanctifie them in his truth*, Yea for *all that should believe in him through their preaching*, yet hath not every true Christian such a priviledge, but that he may erre from the true faith, though not finally unto condemnation.

The Pope may erre.

Further, where you say that none other Apostle, Bishop or Priest, may challenge any such prerogative, either of his office or person, otherwise, then joyning in faith with *Peter*, and by holding of him: In part it is true. For neither *Peter*, nor any other man hath any such prerogative, as you surmise. But *Paul* the Apostle, neither joyning with *Peter*, nor holding of *Peter*, was bold to reprehend *Peter*, *Barnabas* and other, upon assurance of the truth of the Gospel, which he had learned by revelation, according to the Scripture, and to convince him

John 17.

Rom. 1.
Gal. 1. 2.

[illegible] *Lord* Vrsula *has would doe not a* [illegible] *world, especially* [illegible] *you would leave us in hands, by your* [illegible] *disobedience.* The words of Gaelus theſe; *Pro fide Petri propria tempore aliorum fratrum, magnis sæpe fortium, simoni Petro, &c. & diutinæ gratiæ ordinatæ auxilium, ne fortitudo quæ per Christum Petro redundare in fratres, &c. Prayer is made specially for the faith of Peter, as though the faith of the other Apostles were not in question, if the mind of the principall were not to be overcome. In Peter especially, the strength of all is defended, and the aide of Gods grace is ordered, that the firmenesse, which by Christ is given to Peter, by him should be communicated to the Apostles.* In theſe words *Peter* is neither called the head, nor said to be [illegible]. But if we will further take of Leo, how this dedifinatiue is conferred by *Peter* to the rest of the Apostles, and to the whole Church, he will not suffer, by his Successor the Pope: but *Confirmatur non exhortationibus solis, & pro nobis orare non cessat, ne nostra titubatione superemur. Confirming us by his exhortations, and not ceasing to pray for us, that we be not foyled, or made titubatione superemur. Confirming us by his exhortations, and not ceasing to pray for us, that we be not overcome by any temptation.* And this he saith not onely for himselfe, as Pope and Peters Successor, but for all the people of God, and specially for the citizens of Rome, where *Peter* sate and died, as in the words following it is manifest. Therefore Leo out of theſe words of Christ, gathered no such superiority or prerogative of the Pope, in not erring, as you vainly endevour out of him, but without any warrant of his words or meaning.

Cyp. ep. 55. tom. 2.

Next followeth *Augustine lib. 8. Nov. Test. q. 15.* an Author worthy to vouch such a matter. Namely, a counsaile *Augustine*, for a false interpretation, which no man but more then beastly impudent, will ascribe unto S. *Augustine* the Ancient Father, whom neither in words, nor matter, this Writer doth any thing resemble, but rather vttereth many things directly against S. *Augustine*. And yet he is falsified both in words and sense: for theſe are his words; *Pro Petro rogabat, & pro Iacobo & Ioanne non rogabat, ut cateros tacerem? Manifestum est in Petro omnes continuit. Quis & in aliis hoc dixit, Ego pro his rogo quos mihi dedisti Pater, & non pro isto rogo? Ille pro omnibus, & ipse pro uno. He prayed for Peter, and he did not pray for* Iames *and* Iohn, *that I should speak not of the rest? It is manifest, that in Peter all are contained. But must he saith in another place, I pray for them Father, whom thou hast given unto me, and I will that where I am, they also be with me.* These words (if the authority of the writer were any thing worth) are against the prerogative of *Peter*, shewing that the prayer of Christ, extended to all the Apostles as well as to *Peter*. But the circumstance of the text is plaine, that it was specially for *Peter*, in respect of his greater infirmity and danger.

Thirdly, S. *Ambrose* is brought in, writing (but no place noted where) lest your falsification and false collection might more easily be espied. But by likelihood you meane, *Epist. in Psal.* 43. where he hath these words, *Cogitur autem adversarius, &c. The adversary is compelled to tempt the holy ones of the Lord to his own hurt. For while he tempteth them, he maketh them better that he which is tempted may instruct us here, who seemed weake to his owne selfe. Finally* Peter *is set over the Church, after he hath been tempted of the devill. And these fore our Lord signifieth beforehand, what thing that is, that afterward he chose him a Pastor of the Lords flocke. For to him he said: But thou after thou be converted, confirme thy brethren. Therefore the holy Apostle* Peter, *was converted to his amendment, to be become good corne, and was sifted as wheat, that with the Saints of the Lord, he might be one bread which should be nourishment unto me. For while we reade the Acts of* Peter, *and know the prayers of* Peter, *he is made unto us a nourishment unto eternall life and salvation.* Here is *Peter* made an example of the people, that the Saints scape by temptation, but no priviledge of supremacie or prerogative, of not erring, ascribed either to his person, or office, or succession. But you argue that the Church was to be preserved, no lesse afterward, then in the Apostles time, therefore the privilege was granted to the office in succession, and not to the person of *Peter*. Thankes be to God, the Churches preservation is otherwise provided for by Christ the only true head thereof, and needeth not the Popes supremacie, or infallibility, as is manifest by the Scripture, *Ephes.* 4. 11, 12, 13, &c. This argument therefore, consisteth of two vile sophismes: The one a beggerly petition of the whole controverse, that *Peter* had such a privilege and prerogative, as cannot ever be proved out of the holy Scriptures: the other a false allegation of that to be cause, which is no cause at all of the Churches preservation. Yet you are not ashamed to say, *Ambrose all the Fathers apply this privilege of not failing, and of confirming other in faith, to the Romane Church and Peters successors in the same.* And yet you are not able to bring any one of the ancient and authenticall Fathers, that lived within foure or five hundred yeeres after Christ, that either acknowledgeth such a privilege of the Romish Church, or of the Bishops thereof, or that gather any such thing out of this text. *Cyprian* saith: *To the Romanes, whose faith by commendation of the Apostle is praised* (perfidia) *forbad not false dealing can have no entrie,* He speaketh against the impudencie of certaine heretikes, that being driven out of Africa, sought intercommunicate at Rome, which the godly Church there would not consent unto. *Cyprian* therefore speaketh not of the Romanes absolutely, but those whose faith was praised by the Apostle, from which faith, if they swerved, (as they confesse themselves) it should be no their greater shame. *Ep.* 52. Againe he speaketh not of errour in faith, but of false dealing, and neglect of discipline. For if *Cyprian* had been perswaded, that the Church and Bishop of Rome could not erre, he would never have so openly dissented from them as he did in the question of rebaptizing of them, that were baptized by heretikes; in which he joyned with the Councell of Africa, and openly reproved Stephen Bishop of Rome, and the Church of Rome also, as many other Bishops of the East Church did, declaring thereby that the Bishop of Romes authority, in these times was not acknowledged, nor his privilege of not failing in faith, once heard of. And as for this present text, of Christs prayer for *Peter*, it is so farre off, that *Cyprian* could gather any prerogative of the Bishop of Rome out of it, that he doth extend it generally, to all the members of Christ: *Ista lex prayed so earnestly for us* (saith he) *that we weake in another place: And the Lord said to* Peter: *Behold Satan hath desired to sift you, as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith should not fail. If then he exhorteth, hath defended, and prayed for us, and our offences, how much more ought we to be earnest in prayer, and to pray, and watch and prayeth

[illegible] who [illegible] should [illegible] Cyprian [illegible] Augustine [illegible] that the supreme, [illegible] as no authority, [illegible] he were deceived in [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] Fathers of the Primitive Church would [illegible] thereupon. As for the [illegible] that the Emperour was [illegible], he was [illegible], in [illegible], [illegible] neither of both parts, [illegible] he proved one of the Emperours. Nowhere find the high Priesthood, or Bishops Chaire any [illegible] [illegible] subject to their [illegible], that the high Priest could not erre: Nowhere, the contrary is manifest in the Scripture. Pride [illegible] [illegible] would fain set up an idolatrous chair in the Jewish Temple, and did offer sacrifice upon it, 1 Mac. 1. Alcimus, through ignorance of Gods Law, consorted himself with Tobia the Ammonite, and [illegible] him a great chamber in the house of the Lord, Nehem. 13. 4. [illegible] was a Sedducee, and condemned Christ: But admitting your distinction, it is to be granted that Bishops of Rome have erred personally, and definitively. The Bishop of Rome in Cyprians time erred not only personally, but also definitively, when he acknowledged the prophecies of Montanus, Prisca, and Maximilla, and gave letters of peace to the heretiecall Churches of Asia and Phrygia, which had been excommunicated by his Predecessour, as witnesseth Tertullian contr. Praxeam. Liberius erred not personally, but publikely, and definitively, when he subscribed to the Arrians, as testifieth Athanasius, Apolog. 2. and [illegible] ad eum agentes, Hieronym. in Catalogo, Damasus in Pontificali. Marianus Scotus, Petrus Damianus epist. 15. c. 16. Honorius did not onely fall into heresie, but also in a decretall Epistle, did publish and confirme the same, as was proved in the Councell of Constantinople, the sixth, where he was condemned for an Heretike. Cum his vero simul, &c. With these also (saith the Councell) we have forstene to be cast out of the holy Catholike Church of God, and to be accursed, Honorius, which had beene Pope of old Rome, because we finde by his writings, which he made to Sergius, that in all things he followed his minde, and confirmed wicked doctrines. Concil. 6. act. 13. Likewise Leo 2. in his Epistle to Constantine, approving the sixth generall Councell, writeth thus, Likewise we accurse the inventors of this new error, Theodorus Bishop of Faran, Cyrus of Alexandria, Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paulus, Petrus, Successors of the Church of Constantinople rather then Prelates. And also Honorius, which did not lighten this Apostolike Church, with the doctrine of Apostolike tradition, but by profane treason, endeavoured to subvert the Immaculate faith. S. Augustine also citeth the decretall Epistle of Innocentius to the Bishops of Numidia, wherein he holdeth, that to receive the Communion, it is necessary for infants, Conc. Aurel. Ep. 90. ad Bonifac. lib. 2. cap. 4. Conc. Milevit. cap. 2. And saith of him expresly, Qui dicit parvulos defuisse, &c. Who declared that little children, cannot have life in them, except they eat his flesh of the Sonne of Man. Thus did Innocentius erre definitively, in a matter confessed by the Papists themselves, to be an errour, that the Communion is necessary for infants: which was a common errour in S. Augustines time, holden of all the Church, for any thing that we can reade to the contrary. And it is a monstrous lie to report, that S. Augustine saith: That in the office, or seat of the Pope, our Lord hath set forth the doctrine of truth. For writing against the Schisme of the Donatists, he speaketh of the Chaire of unitie, not of Poperie. Our heavenly Master (saith he) hath foreseene the thing (meaning Schisme or dissention) so greatly to be avoided, that if evill governours be offered the people, that the Chaire of wholesome doctrine should not be forsaken of them, in which even evill men, are compelled to speake good things. For they are not their masters which speake them, but God, who hath placed the doctrine of truth in the chaire of unitie. Wherefore be being true, and the truth it selfe, of governours doing their owne evill things, and speaking the good things of God, saith: Doe yee those things which they say, but doe not those things which they doe, for they say and doe not. All men see, that here is nothing in the world, for the prerogative of the Popes Chaire that he cannot erre: but that unitie is not to be broken for the evill manners of the teachers, so long as they teach the truth. When you prove, that the Pope for his publike, judiciall and definitive Writings, hath as good warrants, as Luke, Matthew, Salomon, had for their Gospels, the proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Canticles, we will admit their case to be like. But while the world standeth you shall never prove the best of the Popes writings, to be equall with the Canonicall Scripture. For in any mens writings, although there be the like truth, yet is there not equall authority, as S. Augustine saith.

That S. Augustine and the Bishops of Affrica, did write to Innocentius and Caelestine, Bishops of Rome, it was not for that they ascribed this pretended prerogative, either to their persons, or to their office and seat, but as good Catholike Bishops, have alwayes used to conferre one with another, when any question hath arisen in the Church, to require their mutuall consent in the truth, and against heresie, as in those three Epistles quoted, which were written to Innocentius, of their proceeding against the Pelagians it appeareth: But when the Bishops of Rome, would have usurped authority over the Churches of Affrica, by colour of a counterfeit Canon of the Councell of Nice, they were not regarded, either in respect of their persons, or their office and seat, Conc. Affric. c. 105. Yea they count it an absurd thing, That any man should believe, that God could absolve any one man, unto the justice of Communion, and did deny the same, to innumerable Priests, gathered together in Councell, as they were, to cut off appeales unto the See of Rome, Epist. ad Coelest. Neither doth Gregory, in his Epistles to Innocentius, acknowledge any such prerogative or privilege of the See of Rome, but as one Christian friend to another, being himselfe in banishment, desireth his furtherance for the benefit of the Church, the wrong how injuriously he had beene dealt withall.

S. Basil also in purposing to write to the Bishop of Rome for his counsell, concerning the affaires of the Church, and touching the Councell of Arimanum, doth but practise the care of all Churches, which in the same Epistle he commendeth in Athanasius, without ascribing any superiority or prerogative to the Bishop of Rome. If Hieronyme being a Priest of the Church of Rome, doth write to have the counsell of Damasus his proper Bishop and Diocesian: what great marvell is it? or what privilege or prerogative of the See doth he acknowledge? which confesseth that Ellebius alleaged to the Arrians. And yet in divers Epistles Hieronyme useth counsell of Heronne in many questions, as Heronne did of him in ours, about the use of the terme Hypostasis for unities sake.

Cyprian in the place quoted, speaketh not of the Bishop of Romes prerogative, but of obedience to be given to every Bishop in his owne Diocesse, and namely to himselfe, against the unreasonable of Cornelius Bishop of Rome, who was moved by the threatning letters of one Fortunatus, a wicked Schismatike, excommunicated by Cyprian and other Bishops of Affrica, to yeeld to receiving into him. Whereupon Cyprian therewith, what inconvenience would ensue, if he did not continue constant, in rejecting him and his synod excommunicate company, after their cause both beene once judged by their proper Bishops, in the Province where their offences were well knowne. And therefore writing against their gathering to the See of Rome: he thinks their course evill, and what could follow, to wit, that they being Priests of Christ, would approve their own Bishops Acts, unless they were pleased with that they have done, shall continue fast in their communion, as they be, and so they have with their Bishop received. Thus saith he, and more besides, and every man confesseth the truth there, where the matter was considered, and question of the fact is pleaded to every purpose.

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14 Said vnto them, Ye haue brought vnto me this man, as one that peruerteth the people, and behold, I hauing examined him before you, haue found no fault in this man, touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him, and lo, nothing worthy of death is done vnto him.

16 I will chasten him therefore and dimisse him.

17 And he of necessity had to release vnto them vpon the feast day, one.

18 But the whole multitude together cried out, saying, Dispatch him, and release vs Barabbas.

19 Who was for a certaine sedition made in the city and murder, cast into prison.

20 And Pilate againe spake to them, desirous to release IESVS.

21 But they cryed againe, saying, Crucifie, crucifie him.

22 And he the third time sayd to them, Why, what euill hath this man done? I find no cause of death in him. I will correct him therefore and let him goe.

23 But they were instant with loud voices requiring that he might be crucified. And their voyces prevailed.

24 And Pilate adjudged their petition to be done.

25 And hee released vnto them him that for murder and sedition had beene cast into prison, whom they demanded: but IESVS he delivered to their pleasure.

26 And when they led him, they tooke one Simon of Cyrene comming from the countrey: and they layd the crosse vpon him to carie after IESVS.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women which bewailed and lamented him.

28 But IESVS turning to them, sayd, Daughters of Hierusalem, weepe not vpon me, but weepe vpon your selues, and vpon your children.

29 For behold the dayes shall come, wherein they will say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombes that have not borne, and the pappes that have not given sucke.

30 Then shall they beginne to say to the mountaines, Fall vpon vs: and to the hilles, Cover vs.

31 For if in the greene wood they doe these things, in the dry what shall be done?

32 And there were led also other two malefactours with him to be executed.

33 And after they came to the place which

15 *No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him, and lo, nothing worthy of death is done vnto him.*

16 *I will therefore chasten him, and release him.*

17 *For of necessity he must haue released vnto them at the feast.*

18 *And all the people cryed altogether, saying, Away with him, and deliver vs Barabbas.*

19 *Which for a certaine insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast in prison.*

20 *Pilate therefore spake again to them, willing to let Iesus loose.*

21 *But they cryed saying, Crucifie him, crucifie him.*

22 *He sayd vnto them the third time, What euill hath he done? I haue found no cause of death in him, I will therefore chasten him, and let him goe.*

23 *And they were instant with loud voyces, requiring that he might be crucified: and the voyces of them, and of the high Priests prevailed.*

24 *And Pilate gaue sentence that it should be as they required.*

25 *And he let loose vnto them, him that for insurrection and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired, and he delivered Iesus to their will.*

26 * *And as they led him away, they caught one Simon of Cyrene, comming out of the field, and on him layd they the crosse, that he might beare it after Iesus.* Matt.27.32. marke 15.21.

27 *And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewayled and lamented him.*

28 *But Iesus turning backe vnto them, said, Ye daughters of Hierusalem, weepe not for me, but weepe for your selues, and for your children.*

29 *For behold, the daies are coming, in the which they shall say, Happy are the barren, and the wombes that never bare, and the pappes which never gave sucke.*

30 *Then shall they begin to say to the mountaines, Fall on vs: and to the hilles, Cover vs.* Esay 2.19. ofsee.10.8. apoc.6.16.

31 *For if they doe these things in a moyst tree, what shall be done in the dry?*

32 * *And there were other two evill doers, led with him, to be put to death.* Matt.27.38. marke 15.27. john 19.18.

33 *And after that they were come vnto the place*

† Holding.

34 Then said Iesus, Father, forgiue them, for they know not what they doe. But they deuiding his garments, cast dice.

35 And the people stood † beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, Others he hath saued, let him saue himselfe, if he be Christ, the elect of God.

36 And the souldiers also mocked him, comming to him and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the King of Iewes, saue thy selfe.

38 And a superscription was also written ouer him in Greeke and Latine, and Hebrew letters, THIS IS THE KING OF THE IEWES.

39 And one of those theeves that were hanged, blasphemed him, saying, If thou be Christ, saue thy selfe, and vs.

40 But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Neither doest thou feare God, whereas thou art in the same damnation?

41 And we indeed justly, for we receive worthy of our doings: but this man hath done no evill.

42 And he said to Iesus, Lord, remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdome.

43 And Iesus said to him, Amen I say to thee ‖ this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.

44 And it was almost the sixth houre: and there was made darkenesse vpon the whole earth vntill the ninth houre.

‡ This eclipse was seene and wondred at as a thing above nature, of *Dionysius Areopagita* at Thebes when he was yet a Pagan. *Dionysius ad Polycarpum et ad Apollophanem.* Pfal.30,6.

45 And the ‡ Sunne was darkened: and the vaile of the Temple was rent in the mide.

46 And Iesus crying with a loud voyce, said, Father, *into thy hands I commend my spirit.* And saying this, he gaue vp the ghost.

47 And the Centurion seeing that which was done, glorified God, saying, Indeed this man was just.

48 And all the multitude of them that were present together at that sight, and saw the things that were done, returned knocking their breasts.

49 And all his acquaintance stood afarre off, and the women that had followed him from Galilee seeing these things.

Matth.27,57. Marke 15,43. John 19,38.

50 * And behold a man named Ioseph, which was a Senatour, a good man and a just,

51 He had not consented to their counsell and doings, of Arimathea a city of Iewrie, who also himselfe expected the kingdome of God.

52 This man came to Pilate, and asked the body of Iesus.

53 And taking it downe, wrapped it in sindon, and laid him in a monument hewed of

35 *And the people stood beholding, and the rulers mocked them, saying, He saued others, let him saue himselfe, if he be that Christ the elect of God.*

36 *The souldiers also derided him, comming to him, and offering him vinegar,*

37 *And saying, If thou be the King of Iewes, saue thy selfe.*

38 *And a superscription was written ouer him, with letters of Greeke, and Latine, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE IEWES.*

39 *And one of the evill doers, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, saue thy selfe and vs.*

40 *But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Fearest thou not God, seeing thou art in the same damnation?*

41 *And we worthily are righteously punished, for we receive according to our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amisse.*

42 *And he said vnto Iesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdome.*

43 *And Iesus said vnto him, Verily I say vnto thee, To day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.*

44 *And it was about the sixth houre, and there was a darkenesse ouer all the earth, vntill the ninth houre.*

45 *And the Sunne was darkened, and the vaile of the Temple was rent, euen thorow the mids.*

46 *And when Iesus had cryed with a loud voyce, he said, Father into thy hands I will commend my Spirit: And when he had thus said, he gaue vp the ghost.* Pfal.31.6.

47 *When the Centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Verily this was a righteous man.*

48 *And all the people that came together vnto that sight, when they saw the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.*

49 *And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afarre off, beholding these things.*

50 * *And behold, there was a man named Ioseph, a counseller, and he was a good man, and a iust:* Matth.27.25. marke 15.43. john 19.38.

51 (*The same had not consented to the counsell and deed of them*) which was of Arimathea, a city of the Iewes, which *same also* waited for the kingdome of God.

52 *He went vnto Pilate, and begged the body of Iesus.*

53 *And when he had taken it down, he wrapped it in a linnen cloth, and laid it in a sepulchre*

of those, || wherein never yet any man had lyen before.

54 And it was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath drew neere.

55 And the women that were come with him from Galilee, followed after, || and sawe the monument, and how his body was laid.

56 And returning they prepared spices and ointments: and on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandement.

of those, wherein never yet man before was layd.

54 And that day was the preparing of the Sabbath, and the Sabbath drew on.

55 The women that followed after, which had come with him from Galilee, beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments, but rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandement.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XXIII.

Rhem. 34 Forgive them.] *A perfect example of charity in our Saviour praying for his enemies, which the first martyr S. Steven did follow, Act. 7. and the prayers of both were heard: Christ's prayer taking effect in the Centurion and others, Stevens in Paul.*

Rhem. 1 43 In Paradise.] *This mayest thou perceive (deerely beloved) that no man ought to despaire, how lewde soever his life hath been before, if he truly repent him in the last houre of his life, how loathe to leave salvation by faith and confession of Christ, yea how unprofitable to be received into heaven without satisfaction, penance, or punishment for his former sinnes and life ill spent, yea how certain and assured a thing it is to have remission of sinnes, and to challenge security and certaine knowledge of thy salvation: for this good theeves case is not common, but a rare example of mercie and prerogative, but for the first point; learne easily not to despaire, though thou hast been ill to the last moment of thy life: for the second, that faith, hope and charity, repentance, and good will be sufficient, and good workes not required, where for want of time and opportunity they cannot be had: for the third, that Christ gave to this happie man for his zealous confession of him and reprehending his fellow, not only remission of his sinnes, but also by extraordinary grace, a pardon of all penance and satisfaction due either in this life or in the next for the same: even as the holy Church by his example and commission giveth pardons also to some of her zealous children, of all punishment due for their offences, and such go straight to heaven: lastly, that every one hath not a revelation of his salvation in this sort had, and therefore cannot be so sure as he was.* Pardon of due penance and satisfaction.

Fulke 1 No man ought to deferre conversion, but to repent as soone as he is called, as this theefe did, for God giveth not the grace of repentance, according to the will of man, but according to his owne pleasure, and purpose. Neither must any man looke to obtaine salvation by faith, which is void of good workes. For such was not the faith of this penitent theefe, but fruitfull of good workes, as the place and time could suffer. But to goe straight to heaven, without satisfaction or punishment for his former sinnes, every Christian man may be assured; not onely by this example, but also by manifest testimonies of Scripture, if he die in the Lord, *Apoc. 14. 13. Iob. 17. 24. 1 Cor. 5. 1. Iob. 5. 24 &c.* And as for satisfaction and punishment for our former sinnes, is not found in the scripture, but is contrary to the generall doctrine of remission of sinnes by the free grace and mercy of God. For thereby every one that truly beleeveth and confesseth Christ, may challenge as certaine knowledge of his salvation by the generall promises of God in the Scriptures, as the theefe by these speciall words of Christ uttered unto him. Neither was this good theefe saved by any other meanes, then all Christians are saved, namely, by the free mercy of God in Iesus Christ apprehended by faith; *Prosp. cont. Coll. c. 21. In latrone iustificatione etiam sine ulla operatis gratiæ intelligentia sit indicio, manifestum est cum omnibus credentibus eidem iustificationem tribuisse. Idem ? dicente Domino, Omnia mihi tradita sunt a patre meo. Et cum exaltatus fuero, a terra omnia trahum ad me. Præceps Gazeus in Gen. c. 3. Cum per legem iis ex bene exhorruisset mors, necessitas requirebat, ut per alterum regnum, Christus, crucifixus, vita contraria. Admirandus ordo Dei sapientia primitus vetera constituit, in hunc modum nos edocendo ? Hodie mecum eris in paradiso,* Which *Angelomus in 3 Reg. 22.* confirmeth by the example of *Peter*; and this theefe.

Drogo de sacra Dom. passion. Non dixit, decima Paradisum intravit He maketh this theefe to be *Adam* that is a patterne of all sinners that are saved. *Iulian. Toler prog. l. 2. c. 2. Quod ita deberi credi Dominus noster Iesus Christus sua auctoritate firmavit, ubi latroni dicendo, Hodie mecum eris in Paradiso, sine ulla ambiguitate probavit, quod beatas animas suis exutas corporibus Paradisus celestis sine ullo intervallo temporis susciplat.* Wherefore we should learne, not onely not to despaire, but to beleeve stedfastly, that if we doe truly repent as this theefe did, we shall as certainely receive pardon for our sinnes, at what time soever it be; as God promiseth by *Ezechiel 18. 21.* For God will not reject an humble and contrite heart, *Psal. 51. 19.* Secondly, that true faith is never void of good workes, as repentance, love of God and our neighbour, hatred of sinne, confession, and other externall workes, as time and opportunity may serve. Thirdly, that Christ gave remission of sinnes freely, and not of merit, for zeale or reprehension of his fellow, but of his meere mercy and grace, by which he gave him faith and repentance: as he doth to all that are converted to him. So the Ministers of the Church ought to assure penitent sinners of forgivenesse and the kingdome of heaven, without any satisfaction or punishment for satisfaction, which is never required on their part in the holy Scriptures. Neither have they any commission to require it of any of Gods Elect, or to delay the reward of any for whom Christ hath satisfied to his Father, as he hath for all that are redeemed by him. Last of all, every man that by faith applieth unto himselfe the generall promises of God, may be as sure of salvation, as he was. For they are as true of every one in singular, as they are of all in generall. *And this theefe was justified on the Crosse (saith S. Augustine) by that consummation and brevity (which the Apostle* Rom. 10. *maketh generall to all men) who having all other members of his body fastened to the crosse, and having theefe two free, believed with his heart to righteousnesse, and confessed with his mouth to salvation; and immediately obtained to heare, This day thou shalt be with me in paradise. Ad Simpliciu lib. 1. q. 2.* Likewise *Ambrose* saith: *It is a most excellent example to desire conversion, that pardon is so soone granted to the theefe, and that grace is more plentifull then his prayer: for our Lord doth always grant more then is asked,* In Luc. cap. 23. The like comfort for all penitent sinners, is gathered out of this example, by *Cypr. de Cæn. Dom. num. 7.* And *Chrys. in Gen. Hom. 53.* and in a manner by all the ancient Fathers. Therefore the Papists doe unadvisedly goe about to make it almost singular and extraordinary. A lively faith. Satisfaction. Purgatory.

Rhem. 53 Wherein never.] *As in the wombe of Mary none was conceived before nor after him, so in this monument none was laid before nor after him: which prerogative (no doubt) was of Gods providence, that Ioseph might leave all things afterward to be buried in it, then the other Ioseph from copulation with the mother of our Lord. S. Augustine.*

Rhem. 55 Saw the monument.] *These good women of great devotion observed the Sepulchre for the behoof of the holy body. Whereupon the devotion of faithfull folke watching and visiting on Good Friday and Easter over the sepulchre made* Visiting of the Sepulchre, or Sepulchres.

Fulke 1 [illegible] Or if [illegible] were understood to be a remembrance of Christ, [illegible] A relike they seeke, to sparkle the A[illegible] and Sepulcher of Christs body, why doe they not [illegible] a spade to dissolve sepulchres with thornes, and make it into a cradle, as well as they bury in, and [illegible] of the Sepulchre. Worshipping of reliques.

CHAP. XXIIII.

Devout women not finding his body in the Sepulchre, 4 Angels tell them that he is risen according to his owne prediction: 9 yet the Apostles will not believe it: 12 but neither Peter findeth his body there. 13 He walketh with two Disciples, delivering all this unto them out of the Scriptures, and is known of them by breaking of bread. 36 The same day he appeareth to the Eleven and others being together, is felt of them, and eateth with them: 45 finally by teaching them out of the Scriptures not only of his Passion and Resurrection, 47 but also of his Catholike Church, 49 he promiseth the holy Ghost to confirme them: 50 and so ascendeth into heaven.

Easter Day Matth. 28, 1. Marke 16, 1. Iohn 20, 1.

AND in the † first of the Sabbath very early they came to the monument, carrying the spices which they had prepared.

BVT * upon the first day of the Sabbaths, very early in the morning, they came unto the Sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and other women with them. Marke 16. 1. Iohn 20. 1.

2 And they found the stone rolled backe from the monument.

2 *And they found the stone rolled away from the Sepulchre.*

3 And going in, they found not the body of our Lord IESVS.

3 *And they went in, but found not the body of the Lord Iesus.*

4 And it came to passe: as they were astonied in their minde at this, behold two men stood beside them in glistering apparell.

4 *And it came to passe, as they were amazed thereat, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.*

5 And when they feared and cast downe their countenance toward the ground, they said unto them, Why seeke you the living with the dead?

5 *And as they were afraid, and bowed downe their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seeke ye the living among the dead?*

6 He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake to you, when he yet was in Galilee.

6 *He is not here, but is risen: * Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,* Matth. 17. 23. marke 9. 31. luke 9. 22.

Luke 9, 22. 7 Saying, * That the Sonne of man must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and the third day rise againe.

7 *Saying, The Sonne of man must be delivered into the hands of sinfull men, and be crucified, and the third day rise.*

8 And they remembred his words.

8 *And they remembred his words.*

9 And going backe from the monument, they told all these things to those Eleven, and to all the rest.

9 *And returned from the Sepulchre, and told all these things unto those Eleven, and to all the remnant.*

10 And it was Mary Magdalene, and Ioane, and Mary of Iames, and the rest that were with them, which said these things to the Apostles.

10 *It was Mary Magdalene, and Ioanna and Marie Iacobi, and other that were with them, which told these things unto the Apostles.*

11 And these words seemed before them as dotage, and they did not beleeve them.

12 But * Peter rising up ran to the monument: and stooping downe he saw the linnen clothes lying alone, and went away marvelling with himselfe at that which was done.

Iohn 20, 3. Luke 24, 12. Marke 16, 12. The Gospel upon Munday in Easter weeke.

12 *Then arose Peter, and ran unto the Sepulchre, and when he had looked in, he saw the linnen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondring in himselfe at that which was come to passe.* Iohn 20. 6.

13 * And behold, two of them went that same day into a towne which was the space of sixty furlongs from Hierusalem, named Emmaus.

13 *And behold, two of them went the same day, to a village called Emaus, which was from Hierusalem about threescore furlongs.* Marke 16. 12.

14 And they talked betwixt themselves of all those things that had chanced.

14 *And they talked together of all these things that had come to passe.*

15 And it came to passe, while they talked and reasoned with themselves, IESVS also himselfe approaching went with them.

15 *And it came to passe, that while they communed together, and reasoned, Iesus himselfe drew neere, and went with them.*

16 But their eyes were holden that they
should not know him.

17 And he said vnto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another as ye walke, and are sad?

18 And one whose name was Cleophas, answering, said to him, Art thou only a stranger in Hierusalem, and hast not knowne the things that have beene done in it, these dayes?

19 To whom he said, What things? And they said, concerning IESVS of Nazareth, who was a man a Prophet, mighty in worke and word before God and all the people,

20 And how our chiefe Priests and Princes delivered him into condemnation of death, and crucified him.

21 But wee hoped that it was hee that should redeeme Israel: and now besides all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 But certaine women also of ours made us afraid: who before it was light, were at the monument,

23 And not finding his body, came, saying that they saw a vision also of Angels, who say that he is alive.

24 And certaine men of ours went to the monument: and they found it so as the women said, but him they found not.

25 And he said to them, O fooles, and slow of heart to beleeve, in all things which the Prophets have spoken.

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning from Moses and all the Prophets, he did interpret to them in all the Scriptures the things that were concerning him.

28 And they drew nigh to the towne whither they went: and he made semblance to goe further.

29 And they forced him, saying, Tarry with us, because it is toward night, and the day is now farre spent. And he went in with them,

30 And it came to passe, whiles he sate at the table with them, he ‖ tooke bread, and blessed, and brake, and did reach to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to the other, Was not our heart burning in us, whiles he spake in the way, and opened unto us the Scriptures?

33 And rising up the same houre they went backe into Hierusalem: and they found the eleven gathered together, and those that were with them,

34 Saying, that our Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told the things that were done in the way: and how they knew him in the breaking of bread.

36 And

16 *But their eyes were holden that they*
should not know him.

17 *And he said vnto them, What manner of*
communications are these that ye have one to
another as ye walke, and are sad?

18 *And the one of them, whose name was*
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a stranger in Hierusalem, and hast not knowne
the things that are come to passe there in these
dayes?

19 *He said unto them, What things? And*
they said unto him, Of Iesus of Nazareth, which
was a Prophet, mighty in deed and word before
God and all the people,

20 *And how the high Priests and our Rulers*
delivered him to be condemned to death, and
have crucified him.

21 *But we trusted that it had been he which*
should have redeemed Israel: and as touching
all these things, to day is even the third day
since they were done.

22 *Yea, and certaine women also of our com-*
pany made us astonied, which came early unto
the Sepulchre,

23 *And when they found not his body, they*
came, saying, that they had seene a vision of An-
gels, which say that he was alive.

24 *And certaine of them which were with*
us, went to the Sepulchre, and found it even so as
the women had said, but him they saw not.

25 *And he said unto them, O fooles, and slow*
of heart, to beleeve all that the Prophets have
spoken:

26 *Ought not Christ to have suffered these*
things, and to enter into his glory?

27 *And he began at Moses, and all the*
Prophets, and throughly interpreted unto them in
all the Scriptures, those things which were writ-
ten of himselfe.

28 *And they drew nigh unto the village*
which they went unto, and he made as though he
would have gone further.

29 *And they constrained him, saying, Abide*
with us, for it draweth towards night, and the
day is far passed: And he went in to tarry with
them.

30 *And it came to passe, as he sate at meat*
with them, hee tooke bread, and blessed it, and
brake, and gave to them.

31 *And their eyes were opened, and they knew*
him, and he † vanished out of their sight.

32 *And they said one unto another, Did not*
our hearts burne within us, while he talked with
us by the way, and opened to us the Scriptures?

33 *And they rose up the same houre, and re-*
turned againe to Hierusalem, and found the E-
leven gathered together, and them that were
with them,

34 *Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and*
hath appeared to Simon.

35 *And they told what things were done in*
the way, and how he was knowne of them in the
breaking of the bread.

36 * *And*

† Or, departed out of their sight, or ceased to be seene of them.

The Gospel upon Tuesday in Easter week. Marke 16, 14. Iohn 20, 19.

36 * And while they thus spake, IESVS himselfe stood in the middest of them, and saith to them, Peace be unto you: it is I; feare not.

37 But they being troubled and frighted, imagined that they saw a spirit.

38 And he said to them, Why are you troubled, and cogitations arise into your hearts?

39 See my hands and feet, that it is I my selfe; handle, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me to have.

40 And when he had said this, he shewed them his hands and feet.

41 But they yet not beleeving and marvelling for joy, he said, Have you here any thing to be eaten?

42 But they offered him a piece of fish broiled, and a hony combe.

43 And when he had eaten before them, taking the remaines he gave to them.

44 And he said to them, These are the words which I spake to you, when I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalmes of me.

45 Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.

46 And he said to them, That so it is written, and so it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise againe from the dead the third day:

47 ‡ And ‖ penance to be preached in his name and remission of sinnes unto all nations, ☞ beginning from Hierusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

Act. 1, 8. 2, 1.

49 * And I send the promise of my father upon you: but you, tarry in the city, till you be endued with power from high.

Ascention Day. Marke 16, 19.

50 And he brought them forth abroad into Bethania; and lifting up his hands he ‖ blessed them.

Act. 1, 9.

51 * And it came to passe, whiles hee blessed them, he departed from them, and was carried into heaven.

52 And they adoring went backe into Hierusalem with great joy:

53 And they were alwayes in the Temple praising and blessing God.

36 ** And as they thus spake, Iesus himselfe* Marke 16, 14. Iohn 20, 19.
stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them,
Peace be unto you.

37 *But they were abashed and afraid, and*
supposed that they had seene a spirit.

38 *And he said unto them, Why are yee*
troubled, and why doe thoughts arise in your
hearts?

39 *Behold my hands and my feet, that it is*
even I my selfe: handle me and see, for a
spirit hath not flesh and bones, as yee see me
have.

40 *And when he had thus spoken, he shewed*
them his hands and his feet.

41 *And while they yet beleeved not for joy,*
and wondred, he said unto them, Have ye here
any meat?

42 *And they offered him a piece of broiled*
fish, and of an hony combe.

43 *And hee tooke it, and did eat before*
them.

44 *And he said unto them; These are*
the words which I spake unto you, while I
was yet with you, that all must needes bee
fulfilled which were written of me in the Law
of Moses and in the Prophets, and in the
Psalmes.

45 *Then opened he their † wits, that they* † Or, miracles.
might understand the Scriptures,

46 *And said unto them, Thus it is written,*
and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise
from death the third day:

47 *And that repentance and remissi-*
on of sinnes should be preached in his Name a-
mong all nations, and must begin at Hierusa-
lem.

48 *And ye are witnesses of these things.*

49 ** And behold, I will send the promise of* Iohn 15, 26.
my Father upon you: But tarry ye in the city of Acts 1, 4.
Hierusalem, until ye be indued with power from
on high.

50 *And he led them out into Bethanie, and*
lift up his hands and blessed them.

51 ** And it came to passe, as he blessed them,* Marke 16, 19.
he departed from them, and was carried up into Act. 1, 9.
heaven.

52 *And when they had worshipped him, they*
returned to Hierusalem with great joy:

53 *And were continually in the Temple*
praising and laiding God. Amen.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXIIII.

Rhem. 1 — 1 First of the Sabbath.] *That is first after the Sabbath, which is (saith S. Hier. q. 4. ad Hedib.) dies Dominica, our Lords day, wherein he arose; for the weeke is divided into the Sabbath, and the 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. of the Sabbath, and the Apostle (1 Cor. 16, 2.) commanded a collection of money to be made on the first of the Sabbath, whereby we learne, both the keeping of Sunday, and the Churches count of dayes by the 2, 3, 4. of the Sabbath, to be Apostolicall, which S. Sylvester afterward named 2, 3, 4. feriam, &c.* Breviar. Roman. Decemb. 31.

Fvlke 1 — The observation of the Lords day, is taught in the Scripture to be Apostolically, and not grounded upon uncertaine Tradition unwritten, as other Papists affirme. — The Lords day. The Scripture sufficient.

Rhem. 2 — 47 And [a] penance.] *As he shall be Antheus (saith S. Augustine) which preacheth that Christ neither suffered nor rose againe, because we learne by the Gospel,* That it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise againe the third day: *so he shall also be Antheus, whosoever preacheth the Church to be elsewhere then in the communion of all nations: because by the selfe same Gospel we learne by the words next following,* and penance to be preached in his name and remission of sinnes thorowout all nations. Aug. ep. 48.

Fvlke 2 — The Papists are under this curse, which preach that the Church consisteth in communion of the Romish Pope, and not in the communion of all nations. — The Popish communion.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXIIII.

RHEM. 3 — 39 Vnder bread.] *The Fathers in diuers places take this to be vnder the formes of the blessed Sacrament.* Athan. operis imperf. hom. 17. S. Augustine l. 3. de consens. Euang. c. 25. & tract. 1. 40. de temp. ser. 59. & Paulinus q. 7. [illegible] in the next Epistle before that, writing S. Augustines. *Venerable* Bede *also vpon this place.* Theophylact *vpon this place. And that it should be meant of the holy Sacrament, and some of soeuer taking the bread into his hands, blessing it, breaking it, and reaching it to his Disciples (exceeding proper to the consecration, and communion vsed in the Church) and the singular effect in remitting Christs wordes vnto them, doe proue. And if it be the Sacrament (as it is most probable) then is it an euident example and warrant of ministration in one kinde.* — The blessed Sacrament in one kinde.

FVLKE 3 — Although this were to be vnderstood, of the celebration of the Lords Supper, (as some of the ancient Fathers doe thinke) yet it is no example, nor warrant of ministration in one kinde. For the breaking of bread, should be here taken figuratively for the whole Sacrament, by *Synecdoche*, which is vsed when a part is named for the whole. And *Chrysostome* vpon that promise of Christ, (that he will drinke the cup of the fruit of the vine, anew in the kingdome of his Father) saith expressly, *Post resurrectionem in vnda non legimus vinum vsus est. Ex genimine autem olivitis, quæ circa vinum non aquam producit. After his resurrection in the bare table of this mysterie, he vsed wine. Of the fruit of the vine* (saith he) *which verely bringeth forth wine and not water.* Neither is there any of the ancient Fathers which thinke that our Saviour Christ here gaue the Sacrament, that gathereth example or warrant of ministration in one kinde. Finally, you cannot say, that he gaue bread onely, as the Sacrament, except you will also say that he consecrated in one kinde, which you all confesse to be vnlawfull and sacrilegious. — Communion in one kinde.

RHEM. 4 — 47 Penance to be preached.] *He shewed vnto them out of the Scriptures, not onely the things that were now accomplished in himselfe, but also that were yet to come about his Church: as, where it should begin, to wit, at Hierusalem: and how far it should goe to wit, to all nations: that he might not suffer us (saith S. Augustine) to erre neither in the Bridegroome nor in the Bride. For thus maketh manifestly against all Heretickes and Scismatickes, that set vp new Churches in particular countreys, drawing the people from the foresaid onely true Church, which from Hierusalem so groweth* [a] *ouer all nations, till the end of the world come.* — The Catholike or vniuersall Church. *De unit. Eccl. 10.* [a] Matth. 24, 14.

FVLKE 4 — The vniuersall Church of Christ, is whersoeuer the Gospel or doctrine of salvation is embraced, and not tied to the city or Congregation of Rome, which when it was a member of Christ, was a particular Church, and not the vniuersall Church. S. *Hierome* misliking the custome of the Church of Rome, that a Priest should be ordained by the testimony of a Deacon, saith: *Quid mihi profers ritum vrbis conscientiam? What doest thou bring forth vnto me the custome of vrbanity?* But now Rome is neither the vniuersall Church, nor any sound part thereof: but the whore of Babylon, the seat of Antichrist, *Apoc.* 17. 18.

RHEM. 5 — 50 Blessed them.] *Christ our high Priest, [a] prefigured specially therein by Melchisedec, often gaue his blessing to his: sometimes by words, as,* Peace be to you: *sometimes by imposing his hands: and now here by lifting vp his hands ouer his Disciples as it were for his farewell. In what forme, the Scripture doth not expresse, but very like it is that in forme of the crosse, as Iacob the Patriarch blessed his nephewes for signification of Christs benediction: for now the crosse began to be glorious among the faithfull, and the Apostles (as it is most certaine [b] by the Fathers which call it an ancient tradition) vsed that signe for an externall note of benediction. Yea S.* Augustine *saith* (in Psal. 30. Conc. 3.) *that Christ himselfe not without cause would haue his signe to be fixed in our foreheads as in the seat of shamefastnes, that a Christian man should not be ashamed of the reproach of Christ: and what forme can a Christian man vse rather to blesse himselfe or others, then that which was dedicated in Christs death, and is a verie Sacrament materiall of the same? However it be that the Bishops and priests of Gods Church blesse with an externall signe, no man can reprehend, being warranted by Christs owne example and action.* — Christ blessed diuers wayes. Blessing with the signe of the crosse.

[a] Heb. 7, 6. Ioh. 20, 21. 26. Mar. 10, 16. Gen. 48, 14. [b] Tertul. de coron. milit. cap. 3. Basil. de Spir. sanct. c. 27.

FVLKE 5 — Seeing the Scripture doth not expresse, in what forme Christ lifted vp his hands, it is great presumption to affirme, that it was in the similitude of the crosse. Neither is it any thing like, because *Iacob* laid his hands ouerthwart, or a crosse vpon his nephewes heads, that Christ did so, seeing here was not the like cause: For *Iacob* laid his hands after that forme, because the younger sonne which should be the greater, was placed at his left hand, and the elder at his right hand. Neither was the signe or figure of the crosse in any estimation with the Apostles, or the faithfull in their time: *Valentine* the Hereticke, was the first that made any great account of it, as testifieth *Irenæus* l. 1. c. 1. *Tertullian* indeed, reckoneth signing with the crosse to be an old tradition, which yet it is no more certaine to haue beene vsed by the Apostles, then other like ceremonies which he there nameth, as the tasting of milke and honey by them that were baptized, and the abstinence from washing for a weeke after Baptisme, oblations for birth dayes, and such other long since abolished, which they should not haue beene, if they had beene ordained by the Apostles, as necessary for Christian religion. The like may be said of *Basils* testimony. S. *Augustine* in the place noted, speaketh not of the signe of the crosse, which Christ neuer commanded to be set on mens foreheads, but of the seale or marke wherewith the true worshippers of Christ are marked, *Apoc.* 7. in their foreheads, to signifie that they should not be ashamed to confesse the reproach of Christ, which is the glory of the Christians. Finally, when you aske what forme a Christian man can vse to blesse himselfe, rather then the signe of the crosse? I would first know, how a Christian man can blesse himselfe, seeing the Apostle saith, it is without all controuersie, that the lesser is blessed of the greater or better, *Heb* 7. 7. — The signe of the crosse, or crossing.

Secondly, that the signe of the crosse is dedicated in the death of Christ, rather then the signes of other things that were likewise instruments of his Passion.

Thirdly, how is it a conuenient memoriall of Christs death, which is not ordained of Christ, nor taught by his Apostles to be such.

But you say howsoeuer it be, *that Bishops and priests doe blesse with an externall signe, no man can reprehend, being warranted by Christs owne example and action:* As though euery action of Christs, were an example for vs to follow. But admitting this to be an example, and action to be followed, Popish Bishops and Priests are fully to be reprehended, because they are not content with that externall action of Christ, which they reade in the holy Scripture, of imposition or lifting vp of hands, but they will vse another, whereof they haue no warrant in the Scriptures, which it is not like that Christ at any time did vse.

THE

THis Gospel may be deuided into foure parts.

The first part is of the acts of Christ before his solemne manifestation of himselfe, while Iohn Baptist was yet baptizing: *Chap.* 1, 2, 3, 4.

The second, of his acts in Iury (hauing now begun his solemne manifestation in Galile, *Mat.* 4. 12.) the second Easter or Pasche of his Preaching: *Chap.* 5. For of the first Pasche, we had in the first part. *Chap.* 2. 13. And the Pasche of [a] the Iewes was at hand. *And that feast whereof we heare in this second part, Chap.* 5, 1: After this there was a festiuall day of [a] the Iewes, is thought of good authors, to be the feast of Pasche. — [a] This speech very common in this Gospel, as appeareth by the places here marked, declareth that he writeth to the Gentiles. Iren. l. 2. cap. 39.

The third part is, of his acts in Galilee, and in Iury, about the third Pasche, and after it: *Chap.* 6, to the 12. For so we haue *chap.* 6, 4: and Pasche the festiuall day of [a] the Iewes was at hand.

The fourth part is of the fourth Pasche (which we haue in the end of the chap. 11, 55: And the Pasche of [a] the Iewes was at hand) that is to say of the holy worke of his Passion in Hierusalem: *ch.* 12. vnto the end of the booke.

By which diuision it is manifest, that the intent of this Euangelist writing after the other three, was, to omit the acts of Christ in Galilee, because the other three had written them at large: and to repeat his acts done in Iury, which they had omitted.

And this he doth, because Iury with Hierusalem and the Temple, being the principall part of the Countrey: there abode the principall of the Iewes, both for authority, and also for learning in the Law, or knowledge of the Scriptures, and therefore that was the place, where our Lord IESVS *finding in the head it selfe, and in the leaders of the rest, such wilfull obstinacy and desperate resistance, as the Prophets had foretold, did by this occasion, much more plainely then in Galilee, both say and proue, or sundry times; euen euery yeare of his Preaching, himselfe to be the* CHRIST *that had beene so long promised vnto them, and expected of them: and the same* CHRIST *to be not onely a man, as they imagined, but also the naturall, consubstantiall, and coeternall Sonne of God the Father, who now had sent him. Therefore these were the words and deeds that serued best the purpose of this Euangelist, being, to shew the glory and excellency of this person* IESVS; *that thereby the Gentiles might see, how wilfully Hierusalem and the Iewes were reprobated, who had refused, yea, and crucified such an one: and how well, and to their owne saluation the nations might doe, to receiue him and to beleeue in him. For this to haue beene his purpose, himselfe declareth in the end, saying:* These are written, that you may beleeue that IESVS is CHRIST the Sonne of God: and that beleeuing, you may haue life in his name.

Ioh. 20, 31.

And heereupon it is, that S. Hierome *writeth thus in his life: Iohn the Apostle,* [a] *whom* IESVS *loued very much, the* [b] *sonne of Zebedee,* [b] *the brother of Iames the Apostle,* [c] *whom Herod after our Lords Passion beheaded, last of all wrote the Gospel, at the request of the Bishops of Asia, against Cerinthus, and other Heretikes, and especially against the assertion of the Ebonites then rising, who say that Christ was not before* MARIE. *Whereupon also he was compelled to vtter his Diuine Nativity. Of his three Epistles, and of his Apocalypse, shall be said in their owne places.*

Hier. in Catal.
[a] Io. 21, 20.
[b] Mat. 4, 21.
[c] Act. 12, 2.

It followeth in S. Hierome, *that* In the second persecution vnder *Domitian*, fourteene yeeres after the persecution of *Nero* he was exiled into the Ile Patmos. But after that *Domitian* was slaine, and his acts for his passing cruelty repealed by the Senate: vnder *Nerua* the Emperour he returned to Ephesus, and there continuing vnto the time of *Trajane* the Emperour, he founded and gouerned all the Churches of Asia, and worne with old age, he died the threescore and eighth yeare after the Passion of our Lord, and was buried besides the same city.

Whose excellency the same holy Doctor thus briefly describeth lib. 1. Aduers. Iouinianum.

[a] Io. 13, 23. 24. &c. 21, 20.

IOhn *the Apostle, one of our Lords Disciples, who was the youngest among the Apostles, and whom the faith of Christ found a virgin, remained a virgin, and therefore is* [a] *more loued of our Lord, and did lie vpon the breast of* IESVS: *and that which Peter durst not aske, he be desired him to aske: and after the resurrection, when Mary Magdalen had reported that our Lord was risen againe, both of them ran to the sepulchre,* [b] *but he came thither first: and when they were in the ship and fished in the lake of Genezareth,* IESVS *stood on the shore, neither did the Apostles know whom they saw: onely the virgin knoweth the virgin, and sayth to Peter,* It is our Lord. *This* Iohn *was both an Apostle, and Euangelist, and Prophet; an Apostle, because he wrote to the Churches as a Master: an Euangelist, because he compiled a booke of the Gospel, which (except Matthew) none other of the twelue Apostles did: a Prophet, for he saw in the Ile Patmos, where he was banished by Domitian the Emperour for the testimony of our Lord, the Apocalypse, containing infinite mysteries of things to come. Tertullian also reporteth, that at Rome being cast into a barrell of hot boyling oyle, he came forth more pure and fresher then he went in. Yea and his Gospell it selfe sauoureth differeth from the rest. Matthew beginneth to write as of a man: Marke of the Prophesy of Malachie and Esay: Luke of the Priesthood of Zachary: the first hath the face of a man, because of the genealogie: the second the face of a lion, for the voyce of one crying in the desert: the third the face of a calfe, because of the Priesthood. But Iohn as an Eagle flyeth to the things on high, and mounteth to the Father himselfe, saying:* In the beginning was the WORD, *and the* WORD *was with God, and God was the* WORD. *Thus farre S.* Hierome.

[b] Io. 20, 4.
[c] Ioa. 21, 7.

RHEM. 1 — *Vpon this Gospel there are the famous commentaries of S.* Augustine, *called* Tractatus in Euang. Ioan. *tom. 9. and twelue bookes of S.* Cyrills *commentaries.*

FVLKE 1 — There are but eight bookes of S. *Cyrillus* commentaries remaining, foure of them being lost. In steed of which *Iodocus Clitoveus*, added foure of his owne writing, namely the fifth, the sixth, the seuenth, and the eight, which of these great learned Doctors of Rhemes, are counted for the bookes of *Cyrillus*, and sometime deuoutly alleaged, as the authority of *Cyrillus*: as in the Preface and c. 10. v. 29. of this Gospel, and elsewhere.

THE

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF IESVS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN.

CHAP. 1.

The preface of the Euangelist, commending Christ (as being God the Sonne incarnate) to the Gentiles, and setting out the blindnesse of the Iewes in not receiuing him. 19 Then, the testimonies of Iohn Baptist, first to the Priests and Levites. 29 secondly, when he saw Iesvs come to him. 35 thirdly, to his owne disciples, preparing them ever from himselfe to Iesvs. 41 he made it plainer to them that he is Christ. 43 and so went he also to have Disciples.

The 1. part. The Acts of Christ before his manifestation, whiles John Baptist was yet baptizing.

The Translation of Rhemes.

IN THE beginning || was the WORD, and the WORD was || with God, and || God was the WORD.

2 This was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by || him: and without him was made † nothing. That which was made,

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men:

5 And the light shineth in darkenesse, and the darkenesse did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was Iohn.

7 This man came for testimony: to give testimony of the light, that all might beleeve through him.

8 He was not the light, but to give testimony of the light.

9 It was the true light, which lightneth every man that commeth into this world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came into his owne, and his owne received him not.

12 But as many as received him, || he gave them power to be made the sonnes of God, to those that beleeve in his name.

13 Who, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God are borne.

14 AND || THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt in us (and we saw the glory of him, glory as it were of the onely-begotten of the Father) full of grace and verity.

15 Iohn giveth testimony of him, and cryeth saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that shall come after me, ‡ is made before me: because he was before me.

16 And of his fulnesse all we have received, and grace for grace.

17 For the Law was given by Moses, grace and verity was made by IESVS Christ.

18 God || no man hath seene at any time: the only begotten Sonne which is in the bosome of the father, he hath declared.

The Gospel at the third Masse upon Christmas day. And every day at the end of Masse.

† Nothing that was made.

ET VERBVM CARO FACTVM EST.

‡ He is preferred and made of more dignity and excellency then I, because he was before me, and all things, eternall God.

The Translation of the Church of England.

IN the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and † God was that word.

2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*

3 *All things were made by it, and without it was made nothing that was made.*

4 *In it was life, and the life was the light of men.*

5 *And the light shineth in the darkenesse, and the darkenesse comprehended it not.*

6 *There was a man sent from God, whose name was Iohn:* Matth.3.1. marke 1.2. luke 3.2.

7 *The same came for a witnesse, that he should beare witnesse of the light, that all men through him might beleeve.*

8 *He was not that light, but was sent to beare witnesse of the light.*

9 *That light was the true light, which lighteth every man that commeth into the world.*

10 *He was in the world, * and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.* Heb.11.4.

11 *He came into his owne, and his owne received him not.*

12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he † power to be the sonnes of God, even to them that beleeved on his name,* † Or, dignity.

13 *Which † were borne not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor yet of the will of man, but of God.* †Or, was made

14 * *And the same word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and wee saw the glory of it, as the glory of the onely begotten sonne that came from the Father) full of grace and trueth.* Matt.1.16. luke 2.7.

15 *Iohn beareth witnesse of him, and cryed, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that commeth after me, is preferred before me, for he was † before me.* † Or, worthier then I.

16 *And of his * fulnesse have all we received, and grace for grace.* Coloss.1.19.

17 *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and trueth came by Iesus Christ.*

18 * *No man hath seene God at any time, the onely begotten sonne, which is in the bosome of the father, he hath declared him.* 1 Iohn 4 12. 1 tim.6.16.

19 *And*

The Gospel upon the 3. Sunday in Advent.

19 And this is Iohns testimony, when the Iewes sent from Hierusalem Priests and Levites to him, that they should aske him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and did not deny: and he confessed, That I am not CHRIST.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou * Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou ‡ * the Prophet? And he answered, No.

22 They said therefore unto him, Who art thou, that we may give an answere to them that sent us? what sayest thou of thy selfe?

23 He said, * *I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of our Lord,* as Esay the Prophet said.

24 And they that were sent, were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said to him, Why then doest thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet?

26 Iohn answered them saying, *‡ I baptize in water: but there hath stood in the middest of you whom you know not.

27 The same is he that shall come after me, that is made before me: whose latchet of his shoe I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethania beyond Iordan, where Iohn was baptizing.

The Gospel on the octaue of the Epiphanie.

29 The next day Iohn saw IESVS comming to him, and he saith, *Behold the lambe of God, behold him that taketh away the † sinne of the world.*

† sinnes AGNVS DEI. at Masse.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me there commeth a man, which is made before me: because he was before me.

31 And I knew him not, but that he may be manifested in Israel, therefore came I baptizing in water.

32 And Iohn gave testimony, saying, That I saw || the Spirit descending as a dove from heaven, and he remained upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize in water, he said to me, He upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining upon him, he it is that baptizeth in the holy Ghost.

34 And I saw: and I gave testimony that this is the sonne of God.

The Gospel upon S. Andrewes eve.

35 The next day againe Iohn stood, and two of his disciples.

36 And beholding IESVS walking, he saith, Behold the lambe of God.

37 And the two disciples heard him speaking, and they followed IESVS.

38 And IESVS turning, and seeing them following him, saith to them, What seeke you? Who said to him, Rabbi (which is called by interpretation, Master) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith to them, Come and see. They came, and saw where he abode and they tarried

Deut.18,15. Mal.4,5. ‡ By like the Iewes ignorantly understood not the place in Deuteronomy, of Christ, and therefore they aske also whether he be the Prophet there spoken of. See also c.7,40. Esa.40,3.

Matt.3,11. Mar.1,8. Luke 3,16.

19 *And this is Iohns testimonie, when the Iewes sent Priests and Levites from Ierusalem to aske him, Who art thou?*

20 *And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainely, I am not that Christ.*

21 *And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that Prophet? And he answered, No.*

22 *Then said they unto him, what art thou, that we may give an answere to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thy selfe?*

23 * *He said, I am the voyce of a crier in the wildernesse: Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Esaias.* Esa.40.3. matth.3.3. luke 3.4.

24 *And they which were sent, were of the Pharisees.*

25 *And they asked him, and said unto him, why baptizest thou then, if thou bee not that Christ, nor Elias, neither † a Prophet?* †Or, that Prophet.

26 *Iohn answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not,*

27 * *He it is, which though he came after me, was before me, whose shoes latchet I am not worthy to unloose.* Matt 3.2. mar. 1.7. luke 3.16. acts 19.4.

28 *These things were done in † Bethabara beyond Iordane, where Iohn was baptizing.* † Or, some reade Bethania.

29 *The next day, Iohn seeth Iesus comming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lambe of God which taketh away the sinne of the world.*

30 *This is he of whom I said, After mee commeth a man, which is preferred before me: for he was before me.*

31 *And I knew him not: but that he should be declared to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.*

32 * *And Iohn bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven, like unto a done, and it abode upon him.* Matt.3.16. marke 1.10. Luke 3.22.

33 *And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Vpon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and tarying still on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the holy Ghost.*

34 *And I saw, and bare record, that this is the sonne of God.*

35 *The next day after, Iohn stood againe, and two of his disciples.*

36 *And when he beheld Iesus walking, he saith, Behold the Lambe of God.*

37 *And the two disciples heard him speake, and they followed Iesus.*

38 *And Iesus when he turned about, and saw them following him, saith unto them, What seeke ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say if one interpret it, Master) where dwellest thou?*

39 *He sayth unto them, Come and see. They came, and saw where he dwelt, and abode with*

united with him that day: and it was about the tenth houre.

40 And Andrew the brother of Simon Peter was one of the two (that heard of Iohn, and followed him.

41 He findeth first his brother Simon, and saith to him, We have found ‡ MESSIAS, which is being interpreted, CHRIST.

42 And he brought him to IESVS. And IESVS || looking upon him, said, Thou art Simon the sonne of Iona: Thou shalt bee called ‡ *Cephas*, which is interpreted, *Peter*.

43 On the morrow he would goe foorth into Galilee, and he findeth Philip. And IESVS saith to him, Follow me.

44 And Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith to him, Him whom Moses in the law, and the Prophets wrote of: we have found IESVS the sonne of Ioseph, of Nazareth.

46 And Nathanael said to him, From Nazareth can there be any good? Philip saith to him, Come and see.

47 IESVS saw Nathanael comming to him, and he saith to him, Behold an Israelite in very deede, in whom there is no guile.

48 Nathanael saith to him; How knowest thou me? IESVS answered and sayd to him, Before that Philip did call thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered him, and sayth, Rabbi, thou art the sonne of God, thou art the king of Israel.

50 IESVS answered, and said to him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou † beleevest: greater then these things shalt thou see.

51 And he saith to him, Amen, Amen I say to you, You shall see the heaven opened, and the * Angels of God ascending and descending upon the Sonne of man.

The Gospel in a Votive Masse of the holy Angels.

Psal. 44.

Gen. 28. 12.

with him that day: for it was about the tenth houre.

40 One of the two which heard Iohn speake, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peters brother.

41 The same findeth his brother Simon first, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is by interpretation, the † anointed,

† Or, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Iesus. And when Iesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the sonne of Iona, thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

43 The day following, Iesus would goe forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Philip was of Bethsaida, out of the city of Andrew and Peter.

*45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom * Moses in the Law and the * Prophets did write, Iesus of Nazareth the sonne of Ioseph.*

Gen. 49. 10. Deut. 18. Esay 42.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see,

47 Iesus saw Nathanael comming to him, and saith of him; Behold a right Israelite, in whom is no guile.

48 Nathanael sayth unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Iesus answered, and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, being under the fig-tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered, and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art, even the very sonne of God, thou art the king of Israel.

50 Iesus answered, and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou † believest: thou shalt see greater things then these.

† Or, believest thou?

51 And he said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Sonne of man.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. I.

RHEM. 1. 26. I baptize in water.] *He doth often times signifie the great difference of his baptisme and of Christs, as of his person and Christs. See Aug. Mat. 3.*

FVLKE 1. *Iohn* acknowledgeth, that he is onely a minister of the externall action and element, and that Christ is the author and giver of the spirituall grace: other difference he sheweth not. Iohns baptisme.

RHEM. 2. 42 *Cephas*, which is interpreted.] Cephas *in Syriake, and Peter in Greeke, in English*, Rocke. *See Mat. 16, 18.* Peters preroga-

FVLKE 2. *Cephas* signifieth any stone, such as *Peter* was one, appointed to be one of the twelve foundation stones of the saintly Church. Beside the Pope cannot erre in his decretall Epistles, *Anacletus* saith it signifieth *as head, or beginning, or first*. Dist. 22. cap. Sacro sanct. Anacl. Epist. Vigilius Euthero.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. I.

RHEM. 1 Was the word.] *The second person in Trinity which is the naturall, onely, and eternall Sonne of God the Father, is called the WORD: not as the holy Scriptures or speeches of the prophets and Apostles (written and spoken by Gods commandement for the uttering of his diuine will towards men) be called his word; but in a more likelike, and neere, and inseparable sort, to expresse vnto vs (by a terme agreeable to our capacity) how the Sonne of God is in, and so from euerlasting is borne of God the Father, as our prime conceit (which is our interiall and mentall word) is and issueth out of our intelligence and mind. This WORD then, Sonne, or second Person in the holy Trinity, was and had no beginning, & therefore cannot be a creature, as many Heretikes before the writing of this Gospell thought, and as the Arrians after taught. And this first sentence of the Gospel not onely the faithfull, but the Platonikes did so admire (as S. Augustine writeth) that they wished it to be written in gold.* How God the Sonne is called the WORD. *August. de Ciu. Dei. l. 10. c. 29.* The Platonikes.

RHEM. 3 With God.] *Because a man might say, If the WORD was before any thing were created, where or how could he be? the Euangelist preuenting that carnall conceipt, saith first, that he was with God, whose being (as saith he) vpon*

FVLKE. 3 *[illegible] of Caluin, who teacheth none otherwise of the Godhead of Christ, then the Papists [illegible] of God the Father, in respect of personal [illegible] yet very God of [illegible] (saue Caluin) that the Father is God, which is plaine Arrianisme. [illegible] and perpetuall [illegible] of the Church, he [illegible] is his writings, against the Arrians, S. Bellarmine, and Theritesof [illegible], where [illegible] of this Church [illegible] and [illegible] opposeth themselues against [illegible]. See this c. 8. sect. 3.* Slander.

RHEM. 4 1 God was the Word.] *Lest we make vpon the premisses, which set forth the relation and distinction of the second person from the first, we declare that the Father onely is God, the Euangelist expresly teacheth, the WORD to be God; for though the one be former in order of nature (because we know of purpose followed the elegancy of the Euangelist himself observed in placing them so, and therefore they stand so both in Greeke and Latine) yet the other is that, The WORD was God, and as (in his first Epistle the same Apostle writeth) true God: but not the God (as we haue said) that he was God indeed, but we truely and naturally, but by vnion as adoption or making as good men be also called the sonnes of God. What wonderfull wrangling and perplexion the [illegible] to auoide the euidence of this place, we [illegible] S. Augustine l. 3. de Doct. Christ. c. 2. euen such as [illegible] the like words, This is my [illegible], concerning the Blessed Sacrament.* The WORD not a creature but the creatour.

The [illegible] all nothing like the Arians, for they acknowledge the words of Christ to be true, in such [illegible], and as the ancient Fathers of the Church [illegible] them, for many [illegible] Christ, as in places conuenient is proued: see the notes vpon *Matt. 8. Mar. 1. and Luke 2.* The Protestants are like the wrangling Arians.

RHEM. 3 By him.] *Against, by this he signified the eternity, deitie, omnipotency, and equality of the WORD or Sonne, with God the Father, because by him all things were created; all things he saith, both visible of this world: and inuisible, as Angels and spirituall creatures. Whereupon it is euident also, that himselfe is no creature, being the creator of all: neither is that of his creation, being a defect of a thing, rather then a thing it selfe: and therefore neither of nor by him.* The WORD not a creature but the creatour.

RHEM. 5 an Hee gaue them power.] *Free-will to receiue or acknowledge Christ, and power given to men, if they will, to be made by Christ the sonnes of God: but not forced or drawne thereunto by any necessity.* Free-will.

FVLKE 5. Men haue no freedome of will, to accept the grace of God offered, vntill they be by grace preuented. And although they be not forced or drawne by necessity, yet they are by the grace of God made willing, which by nature were altogether vnwilling. The word which they haue heere translated power, signifieth dignity, or authority, which is giuen onely of Gods grace (as the words of the text are, manifest) to them that receiue Christ by faith: which is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but is the gift of God. Eph. 2. 8. Rom. 9. 16. By this power (sayth Cyrillus vpon this place) *he vnderstandeth adoption and grace, afterward most fitly be inferred: that they are borne of God, that he might shew the greatnesse of grace, which ioyneth together strangers from God, and maketh them the sonnes of God, and of loue giueth freely the nobility of the Lord to his seruants.* Euseb. Emiss. hom. in nat. Dom. *Quid enim his miseris desperatius, quàm ex effectu filij Dei: si enim filij (vt ait Apostolus) & hæredes.* Free-will.

RHEM. 6 14 The Word made flesh.] *This is the high and diuine testimony of Christs incarnation, and that he vouchsafed to become man: for the acknowledging of which inexplicable benefit, and giuing humble thankes, for the same: all Christian people in the world by tradition of the Fathers, prostrate themselues or kneele downe, when they heare it sung or sayd at the holy Masse, either in this Gospell: or in the Creede by these words, ET HOMO FACTVS EST.* Humble kneeling at the solemne words of Christs incarnation.

FVLKE 6. Blind deuotion of ignorant Papists; who vnderstand not the words, much lesse the mysterie expressed in these words, *Verbum caro factum est*, or *Homo factus est*, at which they kneele (as you say) although I suppose it is not generally obserued of all Papists. Superstition.

RHEM. 18 No man hath seene.] *Neuer man in this mortality saw God in the very shape and naturall forme of the diuine essence, but men see him onely in the shape of visible creatures, in or by which it pleaseth him to shew himselfe vnto many diuersly in this world: but neuer in such sort as when he shewed himselfe in the person of the Sonne of God, becoming made truely man and conuersing with men.* How mortall men see God.

32 The Spirit.] *Heere is an euident testimony of the third Person in Trinity, which is the holy Ghost: so that in this one Chapter we finde expresly against all Heretikes, Iewes, and Pagans, set forth the truth of the Churches doctrine concerning the whole Trinity.* The blessed Trinity.

RHEM. 7. 42 Looke vpon him.] *This beholding of Simon, insinuateth Christs displacement and preferring of him to be the chiefe Apostle, the Rocke of the Church, and his Vicar; and therefore vpon that Diuine prouidence and intention he accordingly changeth his name, calling him for Simon, Cephas, which is a Syriake word, as much to say as Rocke or stone. And S. Paul commonly calleth him by his name Cephas, where as other both Greekes and Latines call him altogether by the Greeke word Peter, which signifieth the selfe same thing. Whereof S. Cyrill sayth, that our Sauiour by foretelling that his name should no more now be Simon, but Peter, did by the word it selfe aptly signifie, that on him, as on a Rocke and Stone most firme, he would build his Church.* Peter by his new name designed to be the Rocke of the Church. *Cephas. Petrus. Lib. 2. c. 12. in Ioan.*

FVLKE 7 A wretched conclusion: *Christ looked vpon Peter; ergo, he appointed and preferred him to be chiefe Apostle, the rocke of his Church, and his Vicar.* The addition of his name *Cephas*, proueth that he was appointed to be a stone, whereon the Church should be builded, but not a singular or the onely rocke thereof, no more then the addition of *Boanerges* prooueth that *Iames* and *Iohn* were the onely children of thunder, or that *Barnabas* was the onely sonne of Consolation. Neither was the name of *Simon* changed, for he was still called *Simon*, by our Sauiour Christ, *Matt. 16. 17. ch. 17. 25. Luke 22. 31. & Iohn 21. 15.* and by *Iames Acts 15. 14.* That Christ builded his Church vpon *Peter*, as vpon a rocke, and most firme stone, (as *Cyrillus* sayth) it is no controuersie, seeing hee built it ioyntly vpon the foundation of all the Apostles: and the faith and doctrine of *Peter*, which was the faith and doctrine of all the Apostles, is the rocke, whereupon the Church is builded, and not the person of *Peter*, as the same *Cyrill* testifieth, *Dialog. de Trinit. lib. 4. in Esai. lib. 4.* Peters prerogatiue.

CHAP. II.

RHEM. 1 *At the request of his mother he worketh his first miracle, turning water into wine, at a marriage in Galile: although the time of his manifestation be not yet come.* 12 *Then in Hierusalem at Pasche, being hee and his disciples there, throweth out of the Temple, most iustly all the marchants.* 18 *And being vrged of the Iewes asked*

AND the third day there was a mariage made in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of IESVS was there.

2 And || IESVS also was called, and his Disciples to the marriage.

3 And the wine failing, the mother of IESVS saith to him, || They have no wine.

4 And IESVS sayth to her, || What is to me and thee woman? my houre commeth not yet.

5 His mother sayth to the ministers, || Whatsoever he shall say to you doe ye.

6 And there were set there sixe waterpots of stone, according to the purification of the Iewes, holding every one two or three measures.

7 Iesus saith to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the toppe.

8 And IESVS saith to them, Draw now, and carry to the chiefe steward. And they caried it.

9 And after the chiefe steward tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the ministers knew that had drawen the water: the chiefe steward calleth the bridegrome,

10 And saith to him, Every man first setteth the good wine: and when they have wel drunke, then that which is worse. But thou hast kept the good wine untill now.

11 This beginning of miracles did IESVS in Cana of Galilee: and he manifested his glory, and his Disciples beleeved in him.

12 After this he went downe to Capharnaum himselfe and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and there they remained not many dales.

13 And the Pasche of the Iewes was at hand, and IESVS went up to Hierusalem:

14 And hee found in the Temple them that sold oxen and sheepe and doves, and the bankers sitting.

15 And when he had made as it were a whip of little coardes, he || cast them all out of the temple, the sheepe also and the oxen, and the money of the bankers he powred out, and the tables he overthrew.

16 And to them that sold doves, he said, Take away these things hence, and make not the house of my father, a house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembred that it is written, *The zeale of thy house hath eaten me.*

18 The Iewes therefore answered and said to him, What signe doest thou shew us, that thou doest these things?

19 IESVS answered and said to them,

* Dissolue

The Gospel upon Munday in the fourth weeke of Lent.

Psal 68,10.

A Nd the third day there was a mariage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of IESVS was there.

2 And IESVS also was called, and his Disciples to the marriage.

3 And when they had want of wine, the mother of Iesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Iesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to doe with thee? mine houre is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the † ministers, Whatsoever he saith unto you doe it.

6 And there were set there sixe waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Iewes, containing two or three ‡ firkins a peece.

7 Iesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brimme.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and beare unto the governour of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine (and knew not whence it was, but the ministers which drew the water knew) the governour of the feast calleth the bridegroome,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, and when the ghestes have well drunke, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Iesus in Cana of Galilee, and shewed his glory: and his Disciples beleeved on him.

12 After this he went downe to Capernaum, and his mother, and his brethren, and his Disciples, and there continued not many dayes.

13 And the Iewes Passeover was at hand, and Iesus went up to Hierusalem.

14 And found sitting in the Temple those that sold oxen, and sheepe, and doves, and changers of money.

15 And when he had made as it were a scourge of small cordes he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheepe and oxen, and powred out the changers money, and overthrew the tables:

16 And said unto them that solde doves, Have these things hence, and make not my Fathers house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembred that it was written, *The zeale of thine house hath even eaten me. Psal.69.10.

18 Then answered the Iewes, and said unto him, What token shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Iesus answered, and said unto them,

* Destroy

† Or, ministers.

‡ Or, measures.

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. II.

RHEM. 2 2 Were made vnto] *He that seeth water turned into wine, seeth not a litle worke, but a great one, as his body.*

FVLKE 2 He that seeth water turned into wine, and seeth that by all senses it is judged so to be, hath seen a great worke, how bread is turned into the natural body of Christ, contrary to the judgement of all the senses: but the Scripture never mencioneth any such conversion: yea which is more to the purpose, the Scripture never mencioneth the essentiall properties of a body, be it never so much need to know, how the body of Christ could have a shape, vnles in it there no essentiall properties of a natural organicall body.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. II.

2 IESVS also was called.] *By his vouchsafing to come with his to the marriage, he approveth the mariage of the faithfull in meeting at honest feasts and recreations for mainteinance of love, peace, and vnity among them: he represseth the heresie of Tatian, Marcion, and such like condemning wedlocke: lastly (as S. Cyprian saith) he honoureth and blesseth the marriage of the faithfull in the new Testament, making it a new creature, and a figure of the mistical vnion and dilection that is betwixt him and his Church.* By which benediction the first diuorces, the manifold vncleannesses and disorders wherein it was before, By which benediction the first diuorces, the manifold vncleannesses and disorders wherein it was before, and pluralities of wiues, and the seruile subjection and impiety it took vse, were abolished and reduced to the primitive institution, and so Christian mariage made a Sacrament. See S. Aug. de nupt. & concup. lib. 1. c. 11. lib. 1. de adult. coniugio 8.

FVLKE 3 The onely presence of Christ at the mariage, is not sufficient to make it a Sacrament; for the Lords Supper are Sacraments. But his word of institution, must come to the outward element, that it may be made a Sacrament: as Augustine teacheth expresly, *Tract. 70. in Ioan. & Catechiss. cap. 3. §. 4.* where the places by you quoted, much more regard Sacraments, as he doth in my other things: but not Sacraments of the new Testament, the institution whereof, he acknowledgeth to have beene before mans fall, *De ciuit. lib. 22.* the same teacheth the maister of the sentences *lib. 4. dist. 2.*

RHEM. 4 4 They have no wine.] *Our Lady many wayes vnderstood not now the time approached of manifesting herselfe to the world by miracles and preaching, and hearing doubted but rest he would now begin at her request. He hereby we learne that Christ ordinarily giueth vs no graces, but humbly asked and requested for vs: and that his intercession is more then vsually effectuall, and that he denieth vs not may.*

FVLKE 4 Whether the blessed Virgine knew the time of the manifestation of Christ, it is not certaine: but it is most certaine, that Christ knew his owne time better then she, and therefore had no need to be admonished by her. Although the words doe import no request, but onely signifie that the wine failed. Whereby she might meane, that he did modestly referre it to his pleasure, whether he would supply the want of the wine by some godly exhortation, or by working a miracle. If she were perswaded that he would begin his miracles at her request (as you are bold without all warrant to affirme) she was much deceived: for he would not yeeld to her motion, whatsoever her meaning was. Therefore this place nothing fauoureth her intercession to Christ, and much lesse our prayers to her.

RHEM. 5 4 What is to me and thee?] *Because this speech is subiect to diuers senses, we keepe the words of our text best by turning it into any English phrase, we might bring it to the holy Ghosts intention to some certaine sense either not intended, or not only intended, and so take away the choice and indifferencie from the reader, wherein (in such Scripture specially) all Translators must be sure. Christ here must needs be, as in a glasse, to vs and to all beleeuing soules, but strangers, that they want time? In some interpret it: Of (what is it the more proper vse of that kinde of speech in holy writ) what haue I to doe with thee? that is, why should I vse request to thy desire in this case? I haue here nothing to doe with my charge, and the commission of my Father for preaching, working miracles, and to be tied to flesh and blood. Which was not a reprehension of our Lady, or signification that he would not heare her in this or other things pertaining to Gods glory or the good of men, for the euent sheweth the contrary: but it was a lesson to the company that heard it, and namely to his Disciples, least respect of kinred should not draw them to doe any thing against reason, or to be the principall motiue why they doe those things, but Gods glory.*

FVLKE 5 The phrase is no more subiect to diuers senses here, then *Matth. 8. 29.* where the onely sense is, What haue we to doe with thee, Iesus thou Sonne of God. Therefore your latter interpretation is right. Christ had nothing to doe with his mother, not the with him, in matters pertaining to his office, and commission of his Father. And therefore his words were a reprehension of her intermedling, with that whereto she had nothing to doe. But we may not so excuse her, that we accuse our Saviour Christ, who did not reprehend her vniustly, but as the

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Translation of Luke 2. diligently.

Christ with his presence honoureth and approueth marriage. *Cyprian de simplic. prælat.* LVKE 2

Marriage no Sacrament.

Papists confession

Mariage of Papists.

The intercession of the blessed Virgine.

The blessed Virgine not free from sinne.

Our Lady doubteth not but Christ will graunt her petition. Luke 1.ver.45.

The Virgin *Mary* justly reprehended

15 Cast them out.] *By this chastising corporally the despisers and abusers of the Temple, he doth not onely shew his power, that being but one poore man he could by force execute his pleasure upon so many sturdy fellowes: but also his authority, even to offenders, and that not upon their soules onely, as by excommunication: and spirituall penalties, which is proper for the execution of spirituall jurisdiction, upon their bodies and goods also. That the Prince may learne, how farre and in what cases, for iust zeale of Christs Church, they may use and exercise both spirituall and temporall their forces and faculties against offenders, specially against the professors of Gods Church, to the Apostles allusion, 1 Cor. 3. If any defile the Temple of God, him will God destroy.*

The tyranny of Antichrist.

As King and high Priest, yea very God, had all authority to punish offenders, in soule, body, and goods: but the ministers of the Church his servants by this example, may not take upon them temporall punishment of men, in body and goods at their pleasure: whereby you insinuate the Anuchristian power, which the Pope would usurpe, not onely to excommunicate Princes, but also to procure conspiracies against their lives, to murder them, and to deprive them of their kingdomes and dignities, contrary to the manifest Scriptures, and the judgement of all the godly Fathers of the Primitive Church. For it is manifest that Christ in this place, useth his Divine authority, as he declareth by raising up the temple of his body, after it was by them put to death, Cyr. in Ioan. l. 2. c. 32. Christ in Ioan. hom. 22. None but Antichrist therefore, that boasteth himselfe as God, will presume to doe that which Christ here did, by the same warrant that he did it. The civill authority of Magistrates, is otherwise sufficiently established over mens bodies and goods.

Trad. in Io. 11. The blessed Sacrament is not to be given to novices or youngelings in faith.

24 Iesvs committed not himselfe.] *S. Augustine applieth this their first faith and beleefe in Christ, suddenly raised upon the admiration of his wonders, but yet not fully formed or established in them, unto the faith of Novices or Catechumens in the Church: and Christs not committing his person to them as yet, to the Churches like wisedome; in not opening nor giving to them our Lord in the blessed Sacrament, because all were not to be trusted with that high mist without full triall of their faith.*

Ignorance in the Popish Church.

Howsoever this doctrine be grounded upon the text, the Papists practise commonly against it, who give the Sacrament commonly to them who were never instructed in the mysteries of Christian Religion, if they once come to yeeres of discretion, although they know neither the Lords Prayer, ten Commandements, Articles of faith, or any thing else necessary to salvation; except it be to pronounce the words ill favouredly, in a tongue whereof they have none understanding.

CHAP. III.

The necessity of Baptisme.

Nicodemus shewes that to come to the kingdome of God, Baptisme is necessary, as being our Regeneration. 10 Which point Nicodemus as then not understanding, 13 he sheweth that they must beleeve him, and what good cause there is for them so to doe. 16 After this he also baptizeth, and John likewise at the same time. 25 Whereupon a question being moved, Whether Baptisme is better, 27 John answereth it by saying, that he is so far inferiour to Christ, as a meere man is to God most high.

Spirituall Baptisme with the holy Ghost, is necessary to salvation, as our regeneration: wherevnto the outward Baptisme is a seale, not to be neglected where it may be had according to Gods institution.

THere was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a Prince of the Iewes.

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a Ruler of the Iewes.

2 This man came to Iesvs by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art come from God a master, for no man can doe these

2 *The same came to Iesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for, no man can doe these*

‡ We follow rather S. Aug. & those ancient fathers, which most commonly vnderstand this place of the holy Ghost, & not of the winde: although both senses be good.

miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Iesvs answered, and said to him, Amen, Amen I say to thee, Vnlesse a man be borne againe, he cannot see the kingdome of God.

3 *Iesus answered, and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be borne from above, hee cannot see the kingdome of God.*

4 Nicodemus said to him, How can a man be borne, when he is old? can he enter into his mothers wombe againe and be borne?

4 *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be borne when hee is old? can he enter the second time into his mothers wombe, and bee borne?*

5 Iesvs answered, Amen, Amen I say to thee, Vnlesse a man be ‖borne againe of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdome of God.

5 *Iesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man bee borne of water and of the Spirit, hee cannot enter into the kingdome of God.*

6 That which is borne of the flesh, is flesh: and that which is borne of the spirit, is spirit.

6 *That which is borne of the flesh, is flesh, and that which is borne of the spirit, is spirit.*

7 Marvell not, that I say to thee, You must be borne againe.

7 *Marveile not thou that I sayd unto thee, Yee must be borne from above.*

8 The Spirit breatheth where the will: and thou heare'st his voyce, but thou know'est not whence he commeth and whither he goeth: so is every one that is borne of the Spirit.

8 *The winde bloweth where it listeth, and thou heare'st the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it commeth, and whither it goeth: So is every one that is borne of the spirit.*

9 Nicodemus answered, and said to him, How can these things be done?

9 *Nicodemus answered, and said unto him, How can these things be?*

10 Iesvs answered, and said to him, Thou art a master in Israel, and art thou ignorant of these things?

10 *Iesus answered, and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?*

11 Amen, Amen I say to thee, that we speake that which we know, and that which we have seene we testifie, and our testimonie you receive not.

11 *Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speake that we do know, and testifie that we have seen: and ye receive not our witnesse.*

12 If I have spoken to you earthly things, and you beleeve not: how if I shall speake to you heavenly things, will you beleeve?

12 *If I have told you earthly things, and yee beleeve not: how shall yee beleeve if I tell you of heavenly things?*

13 And no man hath ascended into heaven, but hee that descended from heaven, the Sonne of man which is in heaven.

13 *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came downe from heaven, even the sonne of man which is in heaven.*

Nu. 21, 9.

14 And as * Moyses exalted the serpent in the desert, so must the Sonne of man bee exalted:

14 * *And as Moses lift up the serpent in the wildernesse: even so must the Sonne of man be lift up:* Num. 21, 9.

15 That every one which beleeveth in him, perish not, but may have life everlasting.

15 *That whosoever beleeveth in him, should not perish, but have eternall life.*

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16 For so God loved the world, that hee gave his onely-begotten Sonne: that every one that beleeveth in him, perish not, but may have life everlasting. ☞

16 * *For God so loved the world, that he gave his onely begotten sonne: that whosoever beleeveth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.* 1. Iohn 4. 9.

17 For God sent not his Sonne into the world, to judge the world, but that the world may be saved by him.

17 *For God sent not his sonne into the world to condemne the world: but that the world through him might be saved.*

18 He that beleeveth in him, is not judged; but hee that doth not beleeve, ‖ is already judged: because hee hath not beleeved in the name of the onely-begotten Sonne of God.

18 *Hee that beleeveth on him is not condemned: but hee that beleeveth not, is condemned already, because hee hath not beleeved in the name of the onely begotten sonne of God.*

19 And this is the judgement: because the light is come into the world, and men have loved the darkenesse rather then the light: for their workes were evill.

19 *And this is the condemnation, * that light is come into the world, and men loved darkenesse rather then light: because their deeds were evill.* Iohn 1. 4.

20 For every one that doth ill, hateth the light, and commeth not to the light, that his workes may not be controuled.

20 *For every one that evill doeth, hateth the light, neither commeth to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*

21 But hee that doth veritie, commeth to the light, that his workes may be made manifest, because they were done in God. ☞

21 *But hee that doth truth, commeth to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

22 After these things Iesvs came and his Disciples into the countrey of Iewry: and there he abode with them, and baptized.

23 And Iohn also was baptizing in Ænon beside Salim: because there was much water there, and they came, and were baptized.

24 For Iohn was not yet cast into prison.

25 And there rose a question of Iohns Disciples with the Iewes concerning purification.

26 And they came to Iohn, and said to him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Iordan, to whom *thou didst give testimony, behold he baptizeth, and all come to him.

27 Iohn answered, and said, A man can not receive any thing, unlesse it be given him from heaven.

28 Your selves doe beare me witnesse, *that I said, I am not Christ: but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the Bride, is the Bridegroome: but the friend of the Bridegroome that standeth and heareth him, rejoyceth with joy for the voyce of the Bridegroome. This my joy therefore is filled.

30 He must increase, and I diminish.

31 ‖ He that commeth from above, is above all. He that is of the earth, of the earth he is, and of the earth he speaketh. He that commeth from above, is above all.

32 And what he hath seene and heard, that he testifieth: and his testimony no man receiveth.

33 He that hath received his testimony, hath signed that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God; for God doth not give the Spirit by measure.

35 The Father loveth the Sonne: and he hath given all things in his hand.

36 He that beleeveth in the Sonne, hath life everlasting: but he that is incredulous to the Sonne, shall not see life, but the wrath of God remaineth upon him.

Iohn 1.19.

Iohn 1.20.

22 *After these things, came Iesvs and his Disciples into the land of Iury, and there he tarried with them, and baptized.*

23 * *And Iohn also was baptizing in Ænon, neere to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.* Iohn 4.1.

24 *For Iohn was not yet cast into prison.*

25 *And there arose a question betweene Iohns Disciples and the Iewes, about purifying.*

26 *And they came unto Iohn, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Iordan, * to whom thou bearest witnesse, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.* Iohn 1.19.

27 *Iohn answered, and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.*

28 *Ye your selves are witnesses, how that I said, * I am not that Christ, but am sent before him.* Iohn 1.20.

29 *He that hath the Bride is the Bridegroome: but the friend of the Bridegroome, which standeth and heareth him, rejoyceth greatly because of the Bridegroomes voyce: This my joy therefore is fulfilled.*

30 *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

31 *He that commeth from on high, is above all: he that is of the earth, is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that commeth from heaven, is above all.*

32 *And what hee hath seene and heard, that he testifieth: and no man receiveth his testimonie.*

33 *He that hath received his testimonie, * hath set to his seale that God is true.* Rom. 3.4.

34 *For he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: For God giveth not the Spirit by measure* unto him.

35 *The Father loveth the Sonne, and hath given all things into his hand,* Matth. 10.26.

36 * *He that beleeveth on the Sonne, hath everlasting life: he that beleeveth † not the Sonne, shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him.* Habac. 2.4. 1 Iohn 5.10. † Or, he that obeyeth not the Sonne.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. III.

Rhem. 2 5 Borne againe of water.] *As no man can enter into this world nor have his life and being in the same, except he be borne of his carnall parents: so more can a man enter into the life and state of grace which is in Christ, or attaine to life everlasting, unlesse he be borne and baptized of water and the holy Ghost. Whereby we see first, this Sacrament to be called our regeneration or second birth, in respect of our naturall and carnall which was before. Secondly, that this Sacrament consisteth of an externall element of water, and internall vertue of the holy Spirit: wherein it excelleth Iohns Baptisme, which had the externall element, but not the spirituall grace. Thirdly, that no man can enter into the kingdome of God nor into the fellowship of holy Church, without it. Whereby the* Pelagians and Calvinists be condemned, that promise life everlasting to young children that die without Baptisme, and all other that thinke onely faith to serve, or the externall element of water superfluous or not necessary: our Saviours words being plaine and generall. Though in this case, God which hath not bound his grace, in respect of his owne freedome, to any Sacrament, may and doth accept them as baptized, which either are martyred before they could be baptized, or else depart this life with vow and desire to have that Sacrament, but by some remedilesse necessity could not obtaine it. Lastly, it is proved that this Sacrament giveth grace ex opere operato, that is, of the worke it selfe (which all Protestants deny) because it so breedeth our spirituall life in God, as our carnall birth giveth the life of the world.* Baptisme in water necessary to salvation. * *Aug. haeres. 88.* Baptisme in two cases not necessary, but otherwise wise supplied.

Fvlke 2 It is not necessary in this place by water to understand materiall water, but rather the purifying grace of Christ, as in the 4. Chap. vers. 11. whereof the washing with water in Baptisme, is an outward signe or seale, which also is termed fire, Matth 3. 11. The water therefore in Baptisme is not our regeneration properly, but a Sacrament and seale thereof. *Isidorus Origin. lib. 7. Cap. de Spirit. Sancto. Aliud est aqua Sacramenti, aliud aqua que significat Spiritum Dei. Aqua enim Sacramenti visibilis est, aqua Spiritus sancti invisibilis est. Ista abluit corpus & significat quid fit in anima: per illum autem Spiritum sanctum anima mundatur & sagnatur.* The necessity of Baptisme.

Secondly,

Secondly you say, that *Iohns baptisme had not the spirituall grace*, it is false: for it had remission of sins ioyned with it, Luke 1.4. although not of the ministery of Iohn, but of Christ the fountaine of all grace. Iohns Baptisme.

Thirdly you say, No man can enter into the kingdome of heaven, without externall Baptisme, you teach the contrary your selfe soone after, saying, that in two cases it is not necessary. And S. Augustine affirmeth as much, saying, *That the visible Sacrament is then supplied invisibly, when not the contempt of religion, but the article of necessity excluded the mysterie of baptisme.* De Baptis. cont. Don. lib 4. cap. 22.

Fourthly, you slander *Calvin*, to match him with the Pelagians, which promised eternall life to all infants, without Baptisme, in respect of their innocencie, denying Originall sinne. Whereas *Calvin* holdeth all infants under the sentence of eternall damnation for the guilt of Originall sinne, yet excepteth the Elect who are borne againe by the Spirit of God, although the Sacrament of Baptisme be sometime lacking, not through their default, but because they are prevented by death. In which case it is otherwise supplied, as in your two cases. Slander.

Fiftly, you slander *Calvin* and us, whom you charge to thinke, that onely faith doth so serve, that the externall element of water is superfluous or not necessary when it may be had according to Christs institution. For in some cases you confesse it not necessary. And indeed the words of our Saviour Christ, are not properly of the externall Sacrament, more then *Ioh. 6.* of the other Sacrament. *Except you eat the flesh of the Sonne of man, and drinke his blood, you have no life in you.* Whereas all infants are excluded from that Sacrament, and consequently should be excluded from life, if the words were meant of the outward Sacrament. And the Fathers of the ancient Church, which thought Baptisme was necessary, did likewise thinke the Communion to be as necessary for infants, as *Augustine*, *Innocentius* Bishop of Rome, and all the Churches of their time, for any thing that we can gather by their writings. Finally, when the word of water in this text, signifieth the purifying grace of Christ, rather then the outward element of Baptisme, here can be no Argument drawne out of this place, that Sacraments conferre grace of the worke wrought, but according to the dispensation of Gods Spirit, which worketh according to his owne pleasure, as in this Chapter, verse 8. and 1. Cor. 12. Slander. Worke wrought.

Rhem. 18 Is judged already.] *He that beleeveth in Christ with faith which worketh by charity (as the Apostle speaketh) shall not be condemned at the latter day, nor at the houre of his death; but the infidell, be he Iew, Pagan, or Heretike, is already (if he die in his incredulity) by his owne profession and sentence condemned, and shall not come to judgement either particular or generall, to be discussed according to his workes of mercy done or omitted. In which sense S. Paul saith that the obstinate Heretike is condemned by his owne judgement, preventing in himselfe, of his owne freewill, the sentence both of Christ, and of the Church.* Gal 5,4. Every infidel, and namely heretikes, are judged already. Tit 3,11.

Rhem. 3 31 He that commeth from above.] *Although he should say, No marvell that men resort to Christ so fast, and make lesse account of me; for his Baptisme, and his preaching, and his person, are all from heaven immediatly. He bringeth all from the very bosome, mouth, and substance of God his Father; whatsoever is in me, is but a little drop of his grace. His Spirit and graces are above all measures or meer gifts; even according to his Manhood: and all power temporall and spirituall, the kingdome and the Priesthood, and all soveraignty in heaven and earth, are bestowed upon him as he is man also.* The excellencie of Christs power and graces.

Fvlke 3 The Doctrine and Baptisme of *Iohn* was from heaven, though there was infinite difference betweene the ministery of *Iohn*, and the Majestie of Christ. Iohns Baptisme.

CHAP. IIII.

Rhem. 1 *Leaving Iewry because of the Pharisees, in the way to Galilee he talketh with a Samaritane woman, telling her that he will give her water of everlasting life, 16 shewing himselfe to know mens secrets, 19 preferring the Iewes religion before the Samaritanes, but ours (the Christian Catholike religion) before them both, 25 and uttering unto her that he is Christ, 28 which by her testimony and his preaching very many Samaritanes doe beleeve: he in the meane time foretelling his Disciples, of the harvest he will send them into. 45 The Galilæans also receive him, where againe he worketh his second miracle.*

Fvlke 1 Popery is not the Catholike Christian Religion which Christ preferreth, seeing it consisteth as much as the Iewish or Heathenish, in externall observation and ceremonies not instituted of God, but devised by men, to overshadow the light of the Gospel, therefore worshippeth God in vaine, not according to his word, in spirit and truth, *Matth. 15. 9. Col. 2. 22, 23.* Popery is not the Catholike Christian Religion.

WHen Iesvs therefore understood that the Pharisees heard that Iesvs maketh moe Disciples, and baptizeth, then Iohn,

2 (Howbeit ‡ Iesvs did not baptize, but his Disciples)

3 He left Iewry, and went againe into Galilee.

4 And he had of necessity to passe thorow Samaria.

The Gospel upon Friday in the third week in Lent. Gen. 48, 2.

5 He commeth therefore into a city of Samaria which is called Sichar: * beside the mannour that Iacob gave to Ioseph his sonne.

6 And there was there the fountaine of Iacob. Iesvs therefore wearied of his journey, sate so upon the fountaine. It was about the sixth houre.

‡ This woman is a figure of the Church, not yet justified, but now to be justified, *Aug. tract. 15. in Io.*

7 There commeth ‡ a woman of Samaria to draw water, Iesvs saith to her, Give me to drinke.

8 For his Disciples were gone into the city, to buy meats.

9 There-

AFter that the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Iesus made and baptized moe Disciples then Iohn,

2 (*Though that Iesus himselfe baptized not, but his Disciples:*)

3 *He left Iewry, and departed againe into Galilee.*

4 *For it was so that he must needs goe thorow Samaria.*

5 *Then commeth hee to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, neere to the possession * that Iacob gave to his sonne Ioseph.* Gen. 33.19. & 48.22. Ios. 24.32.

6 *And there was Iacobs well. Iesus then being weary of his journey, sate thus on the well: and it was about the sixth houre.*

7 *And there commeth a woman of Samaria to draw water: Iesus saith unto her, Give me drinke.*

8 *For his Disciples were gone away into the towne to buy meat.*

9 Then saith that Samaritane woman unto him, How doest thou being a Iew, aske drinke of me, which am a Samaritane woman? For the Iewes ‡ doe not communicate with the Samaritanes.

10 Iesvs answered, and said to her, If thou didst know the gift of God, and who he is that saith unto thee, Give me to drinke: thou perhaps wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee c living water.

11 The woman saith to him, Sir, neither hast thou wherein to draw, and the well is deepe: whence hast thou the living water?

12 Art thou greater then our father Iacob, who gave us the well, and himself drank of it, and his children, and his cattell?

13 Iesvs answered, and said to her, Every one that drinketh of this water, shall thirst againe: but he that shall drinke of the water that I will give him, shall not thirst for ever,

14 But the water that I will give him, shall become in him a fountaine of water springing up unto life everlasting.

15 The woman saith to him, Lord, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come hither to draw.

16 Iesvs saith to her, Goe, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered, and said, I have no husband. Iesvs saith to her, Thou hast said well, that I have no husband.

18 For thou hast had five husbands: and he whom thou now hast, is not thy husband, this thou hast said truly.

19 The woman saith to him, Lord, I perceive that thou art a Prophet.

20 ‖ Our fathers adored in this mountaine, and you say, * that at Hierusalem is the place where men must adore.

21 Iesvs saith to her, Woman beleeve me, that the houre shall come, when you shall neither in this mountaine, nor in Hierusalem adore the Father.

22 * You adore that you know not: we adore that we know, for salvation is of the Iewes.

23 But the houre commeth, and now it is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father ‖ in spirit and verity; for the Father also seeketh such, to adore him.

24 God is a Spirit, and they that adore him, must adore in Spirit and verity.

25 The woman saith to him, I know that Messias commeth, (which is called Christ:) therefore when he commeth, he will shew us all things.

26 Iesvs saith to her, I am he, that speake with thee.

27 And incontinent his Disciples came: and they marvelled that he talked with a woman. No man for all that said, What seekest thou, or why talkest thou with her?

28 The

9 *Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Iew, askest drinke of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Iewes meddle not with the Samaritanes.*

10 *Iesus answered, and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me drinke: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee water of life.*

11 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deepe: from whence then hast thou that water of life?*

12 *Art thou greater then our father Iacob, which gave us the well, and he himselfe drank thereof, and his children, and his cattell?*

13 *Iesus answered, and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water, shall thirst againe:*

14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never be more athirst: but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

15 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me of that water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.*

16 *Iesus saith unto her, Goe, call thy husband, and come hither.*

17 *The woman answered, and said unto him, I have no husband. Iesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband.*

18 *For thou hast had five husbands: and he whom thou now hast, is not thy husband: In that saidst thou truly.*

19 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a Prophet.*

20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountaine, and ye say that * in Hierusalem is the place where men ought to worship.* Deut.12.6.

21 *Iesus saith unto her, Woman, beleeve me, the houre commeth, when ye shall neither in this mountaine, nor yet at Hierusalem worship the Father.*

22 **Ye worship ye wote not what, we know what we worship: for salvation commeth of the Iewes.* 4 King.17.29.

23 *But the houre commeth, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit, and in truth: for such the Father also requireth to worship him.*

24 ** God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit, and in the truth.* 2 Cor.3.17.

25 *The woman saith unto him, I wote that Messias commeth which is called Christ: When he is come, he will tell us all things.*

26 *Iesus saith unto her, I that speake unto thee, am* he.

27 *And immediatly came his Disciples and marvelled that he talked with the woman: Yet no man said, What seekest thou, or, Why talkest thou with her?*

28 *The*

c He speaketh of his baptizing in the holy Ghost. See 10.37, 39.

Deut. 12,6. Psal. 121,13.

4 King. 17, 28,36.

28 The woman therefore left her water-pot: and she went into the city, and sayth to those men,

29 Come, and see a man that hath told me all things whatsoever I have done. Is not he Christ?

30 They went forth therefore out of the city, and came to him.

31 In the meane time the Disciples desired him, saying, Rabbi eate.

32 But he sayd to them, I have meate to eate which you know not.

33 The Disciples therefore sayd one to another, Hath any man brought him for to eate?

34 Iesvs sayth to them, My meate is to doe the will of him that sent me, to perfit his worke.

35 Do not you say that yet there are foure moneths, and harveſt commeth? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes, and see the countries, that they are white already to harveſt.

36 And he that reapeth, receiveth hire, and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting: that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoyce together.

37 For in this is the saying true: that it is one man that soweth, and it is another that reapeth.

38 I have sent you to reape that which you laboured not: others have laboured, and you have entred into their labours.

39 And of that city many beleeved in him of the Samaritanes, for the word of the ‡ woman giving testimony, that he told me all things whatsoever I have done.

40 Therefore when the Samaritans were come to him, they desired him that he would tary there. And he taried there two dayes.

41 And many moe beleeved for his owne word.

42 And they sayd to the woman, That now not for thy saying doe we beleeve: for our selves have heard, and do know that this is the Saviour of the world indeed.

43 And after the two dayes he departed thence: and went into Galilee.

44 For Iesvs himselfe gave testimony that a Prophet hath not honour in his owne country.

Matt.4,12. Mar.1,14. Luke 4.14. 45 Therefore * when he was come into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, whereas they had seene all things that he had done at Hierusalem in the festivall day: for themselves also came to the festivall day.

The Gospel upon the 20. Sunday after Pentecost. Iohn 2,9. 46 He came againe therefore into Cana of Galilee, * Where he made water wine. And there was a certaine lord whose sonne was sicke at Capharnaum.

47 He having heard that Iesvs came from Iewry into Galilee, went to him, and desired him that he would come downe and heale his sonne; for he began to die.

48 Iesvs

28 *The woman then left her water-pot, and went her way into the city, and sayeth to the men,*

29 *Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not he that Christ?*

30 *Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.*

31 *In the meane while his Disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eate.*

32 *He sayd unto them, I have meate to eate that ye wot not of.*

33 *Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eate?*

34 *Iesus sayth unto them, My meate is that I doe the will of him that sent me, and finish his worke.*

35 *Say not you, There are yet foure moneths, and then commeth harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and looke on the regions: * for they are white already unto harvest.* Matt.9.37. Luk.10.2.

36 *And he that reapeth, receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternall: that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, might rejoyce together.*

37 *And herein is the saying true, That one soweth, and another reapeth.*

38 *I sent you to reape that whereon you bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entred into their labours.*

39 *Many of the Samaritanes of that city beleeved on him, for the saying of the woman, which testified, That he told me all that ever I did.*

40 *So, when the Samaritanes were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and hee abode there two dayes.*

41 *And many moe beleeved, because of his owne word:*

42 *And sayd unto the woman, Now we beleeve, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him our selves, and know that this is even that Christ, the Saviour of the world.*

43 *After two dayes he departed thence, and went away into Galilee,*

44 ** For Iesus himselfe testified, that a Prophet hath none honour in his owne country.* Matt.13.58. marke 6.4. luke 4.24.

45 *Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, when they had seene all the things that he did at Hierusalem at the feast: For they went also unto the feast day.*

46 ** So Iesus came againe into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certaine ruler, whose sonne was sicke at Capernaum.* Iohn 2,1.

47 *When the same heard that Iesus was come out of Iury into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come downe, and heale his sonne: for he was even at the point of death.*

48 *Then*

48 IESVS therefore sayd to him, Vnlesse you see signes and wonders, you beleeve not.

49 The Lord sayth to him, Lord, come downe before that my sonne die.

50 IESVS saith to him, Goe, thy sonne liveth. The man beleeved the word that IESVS sayd to him, and went.

51 And as he was now going downe, his servants met him: and they brought word, saying, That his sonne lived.

52 He asked therefore of them the houre, wherein he was amended. And they sayd to him, That yesterday at the seventh houre the fever left him.

53 The father therefore knew that it was in the same houre wherein IESVS sayd to him, Thy sonne liveth; and himselfe beleeved and his whole house.

Io.2,11. 54 This againe the * second signe did IESVS, when he was come from Iewry into Galilee.

48 *Then said Iesus vnto him, Except ye see signes and wonders, ye will in no wise beleeve.*

49 *The ruler sayth vnto him, Sir, come downe or ever that my sonne die.*

50 *Iesus sayth vnto him, Goe thy way; thy sonne liveth. And the man beleeved the word that Iesus had spoken vnto him, and he went his way.*

51 *And as he was now going downe, the servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy sonne liveth.*

52 *Then inquired he of them the houre when he began to amend: and they sayd vnto him, Yesterday at the seventh houre the fever left him.*

53 *So the father knew, that it was done the same houre, in the which Iesus sayd vnto him, Thy sonne liveth: and he beleeved, and all his household.*

54 *This is againe the second miracle that Iesus did, when he was come out of Iewry into Galilee.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 2. 2 Iesus did not baptize.] *He did not baptize ordinarily; yet that he baptized his Apostles, S.* Augustine *thinketh it very probable, ep.108.*

FVLKE 2. *S. Augustine* thinketh the Apostles were baptized by Christ himselfe, rather then by *Iohn*, but without authority of the Scripture, and contrary to this expresse text. And therefore we must rather admit that which he faith in the same Epistle, reconciling this text with that of *Iohn* 3.22. *That he baptized with the presence of his Majestie, but he baptized not with his owne hands. For the Sacrament of baptisme was his, but the ministery of baptizing, pertained to his disciples.* Againe, *he baptized not by himselfe, but by his disciples.* And *Tract. 15. in Ioan.* he affirmeth, that Christ baptized in spirit, as he doth continually, not in body. *Chrysost.* also in *Ioan.* 3.22. hath these words: *The Evangelist sheweth afterward that Iesus himselfe baptized not, but his disciples, whereupon it is manifest, that in this place also it is so to be understood. In Ioan. Hom.* 28. and upon this text he sayth: *He himselfe did not baptize, but the messengers did so report, when they would stirre up the hearers to hatred of him:* Hom. 30. *Cyrillus* also upon the former text, sayth: *Christ baptized by his disciples.* In *Io. lib.* 2. *cap.* 57. *Euthymius* upon that place *Io.*3.22. readeth in the plurall number: *They baptized, and not he, for the Evangelist sayth afterward, that Iesus himselfe baptized not, but his disciples. Againe* he sayth, *some copies have,* He baptized, *which is understood that he did not by himselfe, but by his disciples. Bede* also following S. *Augustine*, saith upon this text: *Iesus did both baptize and not baptize. He himselfe baptized because he himselfe deased, he himselfe baptized not, because he did not himselfe dip in water. Theophylact in Io.* 3.22. sayth: *When thou heares that he baptized, thinke not that he baptized by himselfe, but by his disciples, for that worke of the disciples, the Evangelist referreth to their master.* Therefore the consent of so many Fathers is to be preferred, before the bare conjecture of one Father, and that against the expresse words of the text.

Christ baptized not with water.

RHEM. 3 39 Woman giving.] *This woman mystically being the Church, it is here signified, that they which at the first beleeve because the Church teacheth so, afterward be much confirmed, finding it in the Scripture also, and by other instructions.*

FVLKE. 3 They which beleeve because the Church teacheth so, must afterward much rather beleeve, when they heare Christ himselfe, teach in the holy Scriptures.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 4 20 Our fathers adored.] *By adoration it meant doing of sacrifice; for other offices of Religion might be done in any place. The Samaritanes to defend their adoring in Garizim, pretended their worshipping there to be more ancient then the Iewes in Hierusalem, referring it to* Iacob: whereas indeed that Patriarch adoring there before the Temple *was appointed, or the Law given, made nothing for their Schisme: which was begun by* Manasses *a fugitive Priest, only to hold his unlawfull wife thereby, and to obtaine superioritie in Schisme: which he could not doe in the unity of his brethren: long after the Temple of Hierusalem, from which the revolt was made. Therefore Christ giveth sentence for the Iewes and the Temple of Hierusalem, affirming that they had a good ground therof, but the Samaritanes none at all.*

The Schismatical temple condemneth against the true Temple. *Iosephus lib. antiq. 11. cap.8.*

Iosephus *also recordeth how the Samaritanes demanded of* Alexander *the Great, the like privileges, and immunities as he had granted to the high Priest and Temple of Hierusalem, pretending their Temple to be as great and as worthy, and themselves to be Iewes as the other, and to worship the same God, but their Schismatically hypocrisie was easily spied and dimissed with nothing. Another time the Iewes and Samaritanes (as the same writer testifieth) made a great suite in Alexandria about the truth and antiquity of the Schismaticall temple and service in Garizim and the other true Temple of Salomon: insomuch that the matter was put to arbitrement by Ptolomæus the kings commandement, onely to try whether of the two was first. And the Schismatikes (as their custome is)* per salsum *can make their Church or service as old as they list, referring it to the Patriarches, as our Schismatikes doe now to Christ and the Apostles. But when the triall was made, onely they of Hierusalem did invincibly prove by continuall succession of their Priests, and by the just note of the time when the Schismatikes went out from them, that theirs was the lawfull, and the other the false temple and false adoration; and so it was judged, and the Samaritanes put to silence. Afterward the sayd Schismatikes (which is lightly the end of all Schismes) revolted quite from the Iewes religion, and dedicated their temple in Garizim to* Iupiter Olympius, *as* Calvins *supper and his bread and wine is like at length to come to the sacrifice of* Ceres *and* Bacchus.

The true Temple prevaileth. *Ioseph. lib. 13. antiq. cap.6.*

The true Temple is proved by continuall succession.

FVLKE 4 By adoration, is meant worshipping of God generally as the word plainely signifieth, and not offring of sacrifice

True worship of God.

[illegible] of Religion [illegible] with the Arke and Temple [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] it had [illegible] the [illegible] Neither had the true Temple at Hierusalem [illegible] in the true worship of God, for it was divers times prophaned, and the worship of God cleane taken [illegible] it, as in the dayes of *Athaz* 2. *Reg.* 16. and in the time of *Manasses* 2. *Reg.* 21. Then was it layd waste and destroyed, by the space of 70. yeares, and was not after that fully builded in 46. yeares *Ioan* 3. After that restitution it was divers times prophaned and polluted with idolatry, as in the tyranny of *Antiochus*, when it was dedicated to *Iupiter Olympius*. 2. *Macc.* 6. and at other times. Therefore the authority of the Scripture, was the onely sufficient warrant thereof, as it is of true religion at this day. The Lord revenge your blasphemy against his holy Supper, which is celebrated by our Church, according to that we have received of the Lord himselfe in the Gospel, where [illegible] shew no ground for your Popish Masse.

The authority of the Scripture, Slander.

RHEM. 5 23 In spirit and verity.] *Our Saviour foreseeth her that the end and ceasing of their sacrifice and adoration in both the Temples should shortly be, and even then was begun to be fulfilled: instructing her in three things concerning that point; 1. That the true sacrifice should be tied no more to that one place or nation, but that true adoration should be throughout all Nations, according to the Prophecy of* Malachy. *2. That the grosse and carnall adoration by the flesh and blood of beasts and other externall corruptible creatures, not having in them grace, spirit, and life, should be taken away, and another sacrifice succed, which should be in it selfe invisible, celestiall, divine, full of life, spirit and grace;* Mal.1,11. *and 3. That this adoration and sacrifice should be the verity it selfe, whereof all the former sacrifices and hosts were but shadowes and figures; and he calleth that heere spirit and truth, which in the first Chapter is called grace and truth. All which is no more but a prophetic and description of the Sacrifice of the faithfull Gentiles in the body and blood of Christ: not that it is not by externall meanes given to us (for otherwise we being men consisting of flesh and blood could not be capable thereof) but that it is spirit and life in it selfe, being the flesh of the* WORD *of God. And if a man inlarge the word of Adoration, (which heere as is sayd, signifieth properly the worship of God by sacrifice) to all the Sacraments of the new Law, they all likewise be spirit and grace; the holy Ghost working invisibly and interiorly upon our soules by every one of them: whereupon our Baptisme, is water and the Holy Ghost: our Penance, the word of absolution and the holy Ghost: our Confirmation, oyle and the holy Ghost by imposition of hands; finally, all the adoration of the Catholike Church, is properly spirituall, though certaine externall creatures for our natures, state and necessity, be joyned thereunto. Take heed therefore thou gather not of Christs words, that Christian men should have no use of externall ossice towards God: for that would take away all sacrifice, Sacraments, Prayers, Churches and society of men in his Service.* Io.1,17.

Christian adoration throughout all nations in every place, in spirit and verity: that is, in the Sacraments and service of the new law, full of spirit and grace: in the verity of things before prefigured, specially the true sacrifice of Christs body and blood.

FVLKE 5. The spirituall sacrifice prophesied by *Malachie*, is interpreted by all ancient writers that speake of it, to be prayers and thanksgiving, and not the oblation of the naturall body of Christ; but the sacrifice of thanksgiving, offered in the celebration thereof. *Irenæus lib 4. c.35 Iustinus dial. cum Tryphon. Tertull. adver. Iudæos. Cyp. contra Marc. lib.3. Cypr.lib.3. Cypr. lib.1. adver. Iudæos, Num. 16. Chrysost. in Ps.93. & 95. Hier. in Zach. lib.2. c.8. in Malach. c.1: Cyrill in Ioan. lib 2. cap.91. Aug. adversus Iudæos. Theod. in Malach.1.* who alleageth this very text, and *Paul 1. Tim.8.* for *Prayer. S. Augustine* also, applyeth it *to spirituall and inward prayer.* Tract. 15. *Chrysostome to the spirituall sacrifice of our selves*, required of the Apostle, *Rom. 12. In Ioan. Hom 32. Cyril* understandeth by spirit, *spirituall worship, and the rule of life according to the doctrine of the Gospel*, which is acceptable to *God the Father. In Ioan. lib. 2. c.93.* Origen to the same effect understandeth *worship proceeding from them, which having the earnest of the spirit, walke according to the spirit. In Ioan. Tom. 14.* Euthymius expoundeth it: *for prayers, prayses, and thanksgiving, and the sacrifice of righteousnesse. Theophilact* for *worshipping of God in mind & soule.* So that the whole consent of the ancient Fathers, beside the evidence of the text, is contrary to this popish interpretation, whereby spirit and truth is referred to the grosse counterfeit sacrifice of the Masse. Finally, though some externall elements, as water, bread, and wine, by the Scripture, are required unto the service of God, in respect of our infirmity, yet the true worship of God even in the use of these, is of any other externall rite allowed by the Scripture, is in spirit and truth, not in body and shadow.

Sacrifice of the Masse.

CHAP. V.

Curing a bedrid man at the pond of miracle, because he doth it on the Sabboth, the Iewes do persecute him. 7 *and againe because he saith that God is his naturall father.* 19 *He thereupon continueth saying, the Fathers operation and his to be in every thing all one, and that he shall doe greater things then these miraculous cures, to wit,* 21 *quicken the dead in soule by sin, as being appointed iudge of all,* 28 *yea and quicken the dead in bodies also; in continuing judging all uprightly.* 31 *And that these are not traps of his owne, but his witnesses to be,* 33 *Iohn Baptist,* 36 *his owne miraculous works,* 37 *his fathers voyce at his baptisme.* 39 *the scriptures also namely of Moses.*

The second part. The Acts of Christ in Iewry (having already begun his solemn Manifestation in Galile Mt.4,12.) the second pasche of his preaching. Levit.23.2. deut.16.1.

The Gospel upon Friday in the first weeke of Lent.

AFter these things there was a festivall day of the Iewes, and IESVS went up to Hierusalem.

AFter * this, there was a feast day of the Iewes, and Iesus went up to Hierusalem.

2 And there is at Hierusalem upon [b] Probatica a ‖ pond which in Hebrew is surnamed † Bethsaida, having five porches.

2 *And there is at Hierusalem by the sheepe † market, a poole, which is called in the Hebrew tongue* Bethesda, *having five porches.*

† Or, gate.

3 In these lay a great multitude of sicke persons, of blind, lame, withered, expecting the stirring of the water.

3 *In which lay a great multitude of sicke folke, of blind, halt, and withered, waiting for the moving of the water.*

4 And an Angel of our Lord descended at a certaine time into the pond: and the water was stirred. And he that had gone downe first into the pond, after the stirring of the water, was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he was holden.

4 *For an Angel went downe at a certaine season into the poole, and troubled the water: Whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in, was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.*

5 And there was a certaine man there that had beene eight and thirty yeares in his infirmity.

5 *And a certaine man was there, which had beene diseased thirty and eight yeares.*

b By our Latine text and the Greeke, this miraculous pond was in or upon *Probatica*, that is, a place where the sheepe to be sacrificed, were kept. But by other latine copies, S. Hicrom, and some Greeke fathers, *Probatica* is the very pond it selfe: so called, because the sheep of sacrifice were there washed. † *Bethesda.*

6 Him 6 *When*

6 Him when IESVS had seene lying, and knew that a he had now a long time, he ſayeth to him, Wilt thou bee made whole?

7 The ſicke man anſwered him, Lord, I have no man when the water is troubled, to put me into the pond. For whiles I come, another goeth downe before me.

8 IESVS ſaith to him, Ariſe, take up thy bed, and walke.

9 And forthwith he was made whole: and he tooke up his bed, and walked. And it was the Sabboth that day.

10 The Iewes therefore ſayd to him that was healed, It is the Sabboth, thou mayeſt not take up thy bed.

11 He anſwered them, He that made me whole, he ſayd to me, Take up thy bed, and walke?

12 They asked him therefore, What is that man that ſayd to thee, Take up thy bed, and walke?

13 But he that was made whole, knew not who it was. For IESVS ſhrunke aſide from the multitude ſtanding in the place.

14 Afterward IESVS findeth him in the Temple, and ſayd to him, Behold, thou art made whole: || ſinne no more, leſt ſome worſe thing chance to thee.

15 That man went his way, and told the Iewes that it was IESVS that made him whole.

16 Thereupon the Iewes perſecuted IESVS, becauſe he did theſe things on the Sabboth.

17 But IESVS anſwered them, My father worketh untill now: and I doe worke.

18 Thereupon therfore the Iewes ſought the more to kill him: becauſe he did not only breake the Sabboth, but alſo he ſayd God was his father, making himſelfe æquall to God.

19 IESVS therefore anſwered, and ſaid to them, Amen, Amen I ſay to you, The Sonne cannot doe any thing of himſelfe, but that which he ſeeth the Father doing. For what things ſoever he doth, theſe the Sonne alſo doth in like maner.

20 For the Father loveth the Sonne, and ſheweth him all things that himſelfe doeth, and greater workes then theſe will he ſhew him, that you may marvell.

21 For as the Father doth raiſe the dead and quickeneth: ſo the Sonne alſo quickeneth whom he will.

22 For neither doth the Father judge any man: but all judgement he hath given to the Sonne,

23 That all may honour the Sonne, as they doe honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Sonne, doth not honour the Father, who ſent him.

24 Amen,

6 *When Ieſus ſaw him lye, and knew that he was long time had bene diſeaſed, he ſayth unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?*

7 *The ſicke man anſwered him, Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled, to put me into the poole: but in the meane time, while I am about to come, another ſteppeth downe before mee.*

8 *Ieſus ſaith unto him, Riſe, take up thy bed, and walke.*

9 *And immediatly the man was made whole, and tooke up his bed and walked. And on the ſame day was the Sabbath.*

10 *The Iewes therefore ſaid unto him that was made whole, It is the Sabbath day, a it is not* Ieremy 17.21. *lawfull for thee to carry thy bed.*

11 *He anſwered them, He that made me whole, ſayd unto me, Take up thy bed, and walke.*

12 *Then asked they him, What man is that which ſayd unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walke?*

13 *And he that was healed, wiſt not who it was: for Ieſus had gotten himſelfe away, becauſe that there was preaſe of people in that place.*

14 *Afterward Ieſus findeth him in the Temple, and ſayd unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: ſinne no more, leſt a worſe thing come unto thee.*

15 *The man departed, and told the Iewes that it was Ieſus which had made him whole.*

16 *And therefore did the Iewes perſecute Ieſus, and ſought* the meanes *to ſlay him, becauſe he had done theſe things on the Sabbath day.*

17 *Ieſus anſwered them, My father worketh hitherto, and I worke.*

18 *Therefore the Iewes ſought the more to kill him, not only becauſe he had broken the Sabbath, but ſaid alſo that God was his father, and making himſelfe equall with God.*

19 *Then anſwered Ieſus and ſayd unto them, Verely, verely I ſay unto you, The ſonne can doe nothing of himſelfe, but that he ſeeth the father doe: for whatſoever he doth, that alſo doth the ſonne likewiſe.*

20 *For the Father loveth the ſonne, and ſheweth him all things that he himſelfe doth: and he will ſhew him greater workes then theſe, becauſe ye ſhould marvell.*

21 *For likewiſe as the Father raiſeth up the dead, and quickeneth them: even ſo the Sonne quickeneth whom he will.*

22 *Neyther judged the Father any man: but hath committed all judgement unto the Sonne,*

23 *Becauſe that all men ſhould honour the Sonne, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Sonne, the ſame honoureth not the Father which hath ſent him.*

24 *Verely,*

‖ Is paſſed.

The Sabboth upon the ſeaſes day.

so he hath given to the Sonne also to have life in himselfe:

27 and he hath given him power to doe judgement also, because he is the Sonne of man.

28 Marvell not at this, because the houre commeth, in the which all that are in the graves ſhall heare his voyce,

29 and they that have ‡ done good unto the reſurrection of life: and they that have done evill, unto the reſurrection of judgement.

30 I cannot of my ſelfe doe any thing. As I heare, I judge: and my judgement is juſt, because I ſeeke not my will, but the will of him that ſent me.

31 If I give teſtimony of my ſelfe, my teſtimony is not true.

32 There is another that giveth teſtimony of me: and I know that the teſtimony which he giveth of me, is true.

John 1.19. 33 You ſent to Iohn: and he gave teſtimony to the truth.

34 But ‖ I receive not teſtimony of man: but I ſay theſe things that you may be ſaved.

35 He was the lampe burning and ſhining. And you would for a time rejoyce in his light.

36 But I have a greater teſtimony then Iohn. For the workes which the Father hath given me to perfit them: the very workes themſelves which I doe, give teſtimony of me, that the Father hath ſent me.

37 And the Father that ſent me, himſelfe hath given teſtimony of me: neither have you heard his voyce at any time, nor ſeene his ſhape,

Mat. 3.17. 38 And his word you have not remaining in you: becauſe whom he hath ſent, him you beleeve not.

39 ‖ Search the ‡ Scriptures, for you thinke in them to have life everlaſting: and the ſame are they that give teſtimony of me.

40 And you will not come to me that you may have life.

41 Glory of men I receive not.

42 But I have knowen you, that the love of God you have not in you.

43 I am come in the name of my Father, and you receive me not. If ‡ another ſhall come in his owne name, him you will receive.

44 How can you beleeve, that receive glory

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so he hath given to the Sonne also to have life in himselfe:

27 *and hath given him power alſo to judge, becauſe he is the Sonne of man.*

28 *Marvell not at this: for the houre is coming, in the which all that are in the graves*

29 *and ſhall come forth: they that have done good unto the reſurrection of life, and they that have done evill, unto the reſurrection of damnation.*

30 *I can of mine owne ſelfe doe nothing: as I heare, I judge: and my judgement is juſt, becauſe I ſeeke not mine owne will, but the will of the Father which hath ſent me.*

31 *If I beare witneſſe of my ſelfe, my witneſſe is not true.*

32 *There is another that beareth witneſſe of me, and I know that the witneſſe which he* Mat. 3.17.

33 *Ye ſent unto Iohn, and he bare witneſſe* John 1.19. *unto the truth.*

34 *But I receive not the record of man: howbeit, theſe things I ſay, that ye might be ſaved.*

35 *He was a burning and a ſhining light: and ye would for a ſeaſon have rejoyced in his light.*

36 *But I have greater witneſſe then the witneſſe of Iohn: for the workes which the Father hath given me to finiſh, the ſame works that I doe, beare witneſſe of me, that the Father hath ſent me.*

37 *And the Father himſelfe which hath ſent me, hath borne witneſſe of me. Ye have* Mat. 3.17. *not heard his voyce at any time,* and 17.5. *nor ſeene his* Deut. 4.12. *ſhape.*

38 *And his word have ye not abiding in you: for whom he hath ſent, him ye believe not.*

39 *Search the Scriptures, for in them ye thinke ye have eternall life: and they are they which teſtifie of me.*

40 *And ye will ye not come to me, that ye might have life.*

41 *I receive not the praiſe of men.*

42 *But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.*

43 *I am come in my Fathers name, and ye receive me not: if another ſhall come in his owne name, him ye will receive.* John 12.43.

44 *How can you believe, which receive*

MARGIN ALL NOTES. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 1

FVLKE 1.

RHEM. 2

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RHEM. 3

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RHEM. 4

FVLKE 4

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

Him. de loco Hebr. post med.

Nouelty of Baptisme.

Same the cause of sicknesse and of miracles.

Popery not to be proued out of the Scriptures.

Antichrist.

1 Verse of miracles giueth 1 creatures.

2 The same good especially to iustified creatures.

3 Miracles done at one time more than at another, especially in greater solemnities.

4 Angels and diuers purposes and workes in places of miracles

5 Miracles in certaine places, and wrought upon certaine holy dayes, especially visit the same. See S. Augustine ep. 137.

6 All reasoning in these matters must yeeld to Gods pleasure.

7 This water is a figure of baptisme.

8 Christ extraordinarily healeth and taketh vnto our creation.

Miracles.

Miracles meddle not about the Sacraments.

Nouelty of Baptisme.

Same the cause of sicknesse and of miracles.

RHEM. 5.

FVLK. 5.

RHEM. 6.

FVLK. 6.

RHEM. 7.

Neither Iewes nor Heretickes find the truth, because they search not the Scriptures deepely, but rest superficially.

FVLK. 7.

The sufficiency of the Scriptures

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The GOSPEL upon Midlent Sunday. Mar. 14, 13. Marke. 6, 32. Lu. 9, 10.

CHAP. VI.

Hauing with fiue loaues fed fiue thousand, 26 (walking also the night after vpon the sea) 22 the morrow the people thereupon resorting vnto him, 27 he preacheth vnto them of the bread which he will giue: telling them that he is come from heauen, and therefore able to giue such bread as can quicken the world, euen his owne flesh: and that all his elect shall beleeue in him. 60 Many notwithstanding doe murmure at this doctrine, yea euen become Apostates, though he tell them that they shall see by his ascension into heauen, that he is descended from heauen, but the Twelue sticke vnto him, beleeuing that he is God omnipotent, as he said: among whom also (that no man be scandalized) he signifieth that he foreknoweth which will become a traitor: as among the first said, which would become Apostates.

AFter these things IESVS went beyond the sea of Galilee which is of Tiberias: 2. And a great multitude followed him because they saw the signes which he did upon those that were sicke.

3 IESVS therfore went up into the mountaine, and there he sate with his Disciples. 4 And the Pasche was at hand, the festivall day of the Iewes.

5 When IESVS therefore had lifted up his eyes, and saw that a very great multitude commeth to him, he saith to Philip, Whence shall we buy breaid: that these may eate?

6 And this he said, tempting him; for himselfe knew what he would doe.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every man may take a litle peice.

8 One of his Disciples, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, sayth to him,

AFter these things, Iesus went his way over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Iesus went up into a mountaine and there he sate with his Disciples.

4 And the Passeover, a feast of the Iewes, was nigh. Leuit. 23. 2. Deut. 16. 1.

5 When Iesus then lift up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shal we buy bred, that these may eat? Mat. 14. 14. Mar. 6. 38. Luke. 9. 13.

6 (This he said to prove him: for he himselfe knew what he would doe.)

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred peny worth of bread are not sufficient for them, that everie man may take a litle.

8 One of his Disciples, Andrew, Simon Peters brother, saith unto him,

…There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 Iesvs therefore said, Make the men sit downe. And there was much grasse in the place. The men therefore sate downe, in number about five thousand.

11 Iesvs therefore tooke the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that sate; in like manner also of the fishes as much as they would.

12 And after they were filled, he said to his Disciples, Gather the fragments that are remaining, lest they be lost.

13 They gathered therefore, and filled twelve baskets with fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained to them that had eaten.

14 Those men therefore when they had seene what a signe Iesvs had done, said, That this is the Prophet indeed that is to come into the world.

15 Iesvs therefore when hee knew that they would come to take him, and make him King, * he fled again into the mountaine himselfe alone.

Mat.14.23. Mar.6.46.

16 And when even was come, his Disciples went downe to the sea.

17 And when they were gone up into the ship, they came beyond the sea into Capharnaum: and now it was darke, and Iesvs was not come unto them.

18 And the sea arose, by reason of a great winde that blew.

19 When they had rowed therefore about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Iesvs walking upon the sea, and to draw nigh to the ship, and they feared.

20 But he sayth unto them, It is I, feare not.

21 They would therefore have taken him into the ship: and forthwith the ship was at the land to which they went.

22 The next day, the multitude that stood beyond the sea, saw that there was noe other boat there but one, and that Iesvs had not entred into the boat with his Disciples, but that his Disciples onely were departed:

23 But other boats came in from Tiberias beside the place where they had eaten the bread, our Lord ‡ giving thanks.

‡ These words do plainly import, that the giving thankes was an effectuall blessing of the bread and working the multiplication thereof.

24 When therefore the multitude saw that Iesvs was not there, nor his Disciples, they went up into the boates, and came to Capharnaum seeking Iesvs.

25 And when they had found him beyond the sea, they said to him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Iesvs answered them, & said, Amen, amen I say unto you, you seek me not because you have seene signes, but because you did eate of the loaves, and were filled.

27 || Worke …

…There is a little child here, which hath five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Iesus said, Make the men sit downe. Now there was much grasse in the place. So the men sate downe, in number about five thousand.

11 And Iesus tooke the bread, and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set downe, and likewise of the fishes, as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his Disciples, Gather up the fragments that remaineth that nothing be lost.

13 And they gathered it together, and filled twelve baskets with the broken meat of the five barley loaves, which broken meat remained unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracles that Iesus did, said, This is of a truth the same Prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Iesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him up by force, to make him king, he departed againe into a mountaine himself alone.

Mat.14.23. mar.6.47.

16 * And when even was now come, his Disciples went downe unto the sea,

17 And gate up into a ship, and went over the sea towards Capernaum: and it was now darke, and Iesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose with a great winde that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they saw Iesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I, be not afraid.

21 And they would have received him into the ship, and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea, saw that there was none other ship there, save that one whereinto his Disciples were entred, and that Iesus went not in with his Disciples into the ship, but that his Disciples were gone away alone:

23 Howbeit, there came other ships from Tiberias, nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks.

24 When the people therefore saw that Iesus was not there, neither his Disciples, they also tooke shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Iesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Iesus answered them, and said, Verily, verily I say unto you, Ye seeke me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 La- …

27 || Worke not for the meate that perisheth, but that endureth unto life everlasting, which the Sonne of man will give you. For him the Father, God, hath signed.

28 They said therefore unto him, What shall we doe that we may worke the works of God?

29 Iesvs answered, and said to them, This is the worke of God, that you beleeve in him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore to him, What signe therefore doest thou, that we may see, and may beleeve thee? what workest thou?

Exo.16,4. 14. Psal.77,24.

31 Our * Fathers did eat Manna in the desert, as it is written, *Bread from heaven he gave them to eat.*

‡ Why we keep the Hebrew word Amen, and translate it not. See the Annot. cap. 8. verse 34.

32 Iesvs therefore said to them, ‡ Amen, amen I say to you, Moses gave you not the bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you || the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God it is that descendeth from heaven, and giveth life to the world.

34 They said therefore unto him, Lord, give us alwayes this bread.

35 And Iesvs said to them, I am the bread of life, he that commeth to me, shall not hunger: and he that beleeveth in me, shall never thirst.

36 But I said to you that both you have seene me and you beleeve not.

The Gospel in the Anniversary of the dead.

37 All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me: and him that commeth to me I will not cast forth.

38 Because I descended from heaven, not to doe myne owne will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 For this is the will of him that sent me, the Father: that all that he hath given me I leese not thereof, but raise it in the last day.

40 And this is the will of my Father that sent me: that every one that seeth the Sonne, and beleeveth in him, hath life everlasting, and I will raise him in the last day. ☞

41 The Iewes therfore murmured at him, because he had said, I am the bread that descended from heaven:

42 And they said, Is not this Iesvs the sonne of Ioseph, whose father and mother we know? How then saith he, That I descended from heaven?

43 Iesvs therefore answered, and said to them, Murmure not one to another:

The Gospel upon Imber Wednesday in Whitsonweek. Esa.54,13.

44 No man can come to me, unlesse the Father that sent me, || draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day.

45 It is written in the Prophets, *And all shall be docible of God.* Every one that hath heard of the Father, and hath learned, commeth to me.

46 Not that any man hath seene the Father, …

27 *Labour not for the meate which perisheth, but for that meate which endureth unto everlasting life, which meate the Sonne of man shall give unto you: * for him hath God the Father sealed.* Matth.3.17 and 17.3. John 1.32.

28 *Then said they unto him, What shall wee doe, that wee might worke the workes of God?*

29 *Iesus answered, & said unto them, * This* 1 John 3.23. *is the worke of God, that ye beleeve on him whom he hath sent.*

30 *They said therefore unto him, What signe shewest thou then, that we may see, and beleeve thee? What doest thou worke?*

31 *Our fathers did eate Manna in the desert, as it is written, * He gave them bread from* Exod.16.14. numb.11.7. psal.78.24. wisd.16.20. *heaven to eate.*

32 *Then Iesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.*

33 *For the bread of God, is he which commeth downe from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.*

34 *Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.*

35 *And Iesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that commeth to me, shall not hunger in any wise: * and he that beleeveth on me, shall never thirst.*

36 *But I say unto you, that ye also have seen me, and yet ye beleeve not.*

37 *All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me, and him that commeth to me, I will in no wise cast out.*

38 *For I came downe from heaven, not to doe mine owne will, but the will of him that sent me.*

39 *And this is the Fathers will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I shall loose nothing, but raise it up againe at the last day.*

40 *And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Sonne, and beleeveth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

41 *The Iewes then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread of life which came downe from heaven.*

42 *And they said, * Is not this Iesus, the son* Matth.13.55. *of Ioseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he saith, I came downe from heaven?*

43 *Iesus answered, and sayd unto them, Murmure not among your selves.*

44 *No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

45 *It is written in the Prophets, * And they* Esa.54.13. jer.31.33. *shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, & hath learned of the Father, commeth unto me,*

46 *Not that any man hath seene the Father,*

ther, but he which is of God: this hath seen the Father.

47 Amen, amen I say to you, he that beleeveth in me, hath life everlasting.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat || Manna in the desert: and they died.

50 This is the bread that descendeth from heaven: that if any man eat of it, he dye not.

51 I am the living bread, that came downe from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and * the bread which I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world.

52 The Iewes therefore strove among themselves, saying, || How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 IESVS therefore said to them, Amen, amen I say to you, || Vnlesse you eat the flesh of the sonne of man, || and drinke his bloud, || you shall not have life in you.

54 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my bloud, hath life everlasting: and || I will raise him up in the last day.

55 For my flesh is || meate indeed: and my bloud is drinke indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my bloud, abideth in me and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: and he that eateth me, the same also shall live by me.

58 This is the bread that came downe from heaven. Not as your fathers did eate Manna, and died. || He that eateth this bread, shall live for ever.

59 These things he said teaching in the Synagogue, in Capharnaum.

60 Many therefore of his Disciples hearing it, said, this saying is hard, and who can heare it?

61 But IESVS knowing with himselfe that his Disciples murmured at this, he said to them, doth this scandalize you?

62 || If then you shall see * the Sonne of man ascend where he was before?

63 It is the Spirit that quickneth, || the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I have spoken to you, be spirit and life.

64 But there be certaine of you, || that beleeve not. For IESVS knew from the beginning who they were that did not beleeve, and who hee was that would betray him.

65 And he said, Therfore did I say to you that no man can come to me, unlesse it be given him of my Father.

66 After this many of his Disciples || went backe: and now they walked not with him.

67 IESVS therefore said to the Twelve, What, will you also depart?

68 Simon || Peter therfore answered him, Lord,

The Gospel in a daily Masse for the dead. Matth. 26, 26. Marke 14, 22. Luke 22, 19. 1 Cor. 11, 24.

The Gospel upon *Corpus Christi* day.

* *Save he which is of God, he hath seen* Mat. 11. 27.
the Father.

47 *Verily, verily I say unto you; he that putteth his trust in me, hath everlasting life.*

48 *I am the bread of life.*

49 *Your fathers did eat* * *Manna in the* Exod. 16, 15.
wildernesse, and are dead.

50 *This is that bread which commeth down from heaven, that if any man eat thereof, he should not die.*

51 *I am that living bread, which came downe from heaven. If any man eate of this bread, he shall live for ever, and the bread that I will give, is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

52 *The Iewes therfore strove amongst themselves, saying, How can this fellow give us that flesh of his to eat?*

53 *Then Iesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Sonne of man and drinke his blood, ye have no life in you.*

54 * *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh* 1 Cor. 11. 27.
my blood, hath eternall life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 *For my flesh is meate indeed, and my blood is drinke indeed.*

56 *He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*

57 *As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: Even so, he that eateth shall live by the meanes of me.*

58 *This is that bread which came downe from heaven: not as your fathers did eat Manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread, shall liue ever.*

59 *These things sayd he in the Synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.*

60 *Manie therefore of his Disciples when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying, who can abide the hearing of it?*

61 *When Iesus knew in himselfe that his Disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?*

62 *What and if ye shall see the Sonne of man ascend* * *up thither where he was be-* Iohn 3. 13.
fore?

63 *It is the spirit that quickneth, the flesh profiteth nothing: The words that I speake unto you, are spirit and life.*

64 *But there are some of you that believe not: For Iesus knew from the beginning, which they were that beleeved not, and who should betraye him.*

65 *And he said, Therefore sayd I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*

66 *From that time many of his Disciples went backe, and walked no more with him.*

67 *Then sayd Iesus unto the Twelve, Will yee also go away?*

68 *Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord,*

to

Iudas, [or] Iudah Iscariot, Simons sonne: for this same was to betray him, [being] he was one of the Twelve.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 1 37 *Whatsoever, &c.*] *By these words, gently inviting after him for meat of the body, he taught how to cease to desire that, to the desire of a more excellent food, which he was to give them, and so by meanes to open unto them the great value and worthines of the holy Sacrament: which (as he proveth) doth not onely farre passe that ordinary bread, by his marvellous omnipotent power, but Manna it selfe, which they thought to come from heaven, and so much wondred at it.*

FVLKE. 1 *The Sacrament (saith S. Augustine) is of some received unto destruction: but the matter it selfe, whereof it is a Sacrament, is received of every man to life, of no man to destruction, whosoever shall be partaker of it. In Ioan. Tract. 26.* Wicked men receive not the body and bloode of Christ.
Therefore the [illegible] *of Christ, are not of the Sacrament, but of the matter of the Sacrament,* [illegible] *is his flesh and blood, which is received spiritually by faith, whereof also S. Augustine saith: Why preparest thou thy teeth and belly? Beleeve, and thou hast eaten it, Tract. 25.*

RHEM. 2 42 *Whose bread.*] *Though the person of Christ incarnate, even out of the Sacrament also, be meant under the Metaphore of bread and drinke from heaven: and our beleefe in him, be signified by eating and feeding: yet the cause why they should be recommended unto us in such termes, were, that he was to be eaten and drunken indeed in the formes of bread and wine: for the which cause his body on the Crosse is called* * *his bread: and his blood shed on the Crosse,* * *the blood of the grape: we drinke because the same body and blood were in the holy Sacrament to be eaten and drunken. So which speeches, either of Christs person generally, or peculiarly of the same as in the blessed Sacrament, the true bread is not taken properly and specially for that substance which is of corne, and called with us bread: but generally for food or meat, and therefore it hath joyned with it lightly a certain signifying a more excellent sort of sustinance: as, the true bread, the bread of heaven, the bread of life, supersubstantiall bread, in which sort the holy Sacrament, which is Christs body, is both here, and in S. Luke and S. Paul also, often called bread, even after Consecration: not onely for that it was made of bread, but because it is bread more truly, and by more excellent property and nature, then that which ordinarily is named bread.* Why Christ is called bread and believing eating. Iez. 21, 19. Gen. 49, 11. Why he drinketh. The true bread. Luke 24, 35. Act. 2, 42. 20, 7. 1 Cor. 10. The blessed Sacrament called bread. 1 Cor. 11. 20.

FVLKE 2 *The true bread here signifieth, the true food of eternall life. But thereof it followeth not, that the Sacramentall bread, is called bread in the Scripture in the same sense, as though it were not* [illegible] *bread made of corne after consecration, but onely* [illegible] *food. For seeing it was materiall bread, before consecration, there is no warrant of Scripture, to prove, that it is not so still. But contrariwise, the cup is called the fruit of the vine, after consecration, which is wine, saith Chrysostome Mat. hom. 83. Therefore, the bread is likewise bread made of corne, and so S. Cyprian saith it is, Lib. 1. Ep. 6. Magno.* Transubstantiation. *As for the doctrine of Transubstantiation, was not heard of in the Church, for more then six hundred yeeres after Christ. See Aquin. in Mat. 26. Sect. 8. The places of Ier. 11. and Gen. 49. though of some ancient writers, they be referred to Christ, yet if they be rightly considered, pertaine not unto him. The former is of the adversaries of Ieremie, who conspired to famish him in prison, and said, Let us destroy him with wood in stead of bread. The other place is, of the abundance of wine, that should grow in the land of the tribe of Iuda. But if we follow the old writers exposition, they make nothing for Transubstantiation.*

RHEM. 3 44 *Draw him.*] *The Father draweth us and teacheth us to come to his Sonne, and to beleeve these high and hard mysteries of his incarnation and* [illegible] *feeding us with his owne substance in the Sacrament: not compelling or violently forcing any against their will in whatsoever respect of their conscience, as Heretikes pretend: but by the sweet internall motion and perswasions of his grace and Spirit he wholly maketh us of our owne will and liking to consent to the same.* God draweth us without constraint. *Aug. tract. huius Ep. 1 Pet. lib. 1. c. 19. & Ser. 2. de verb. Ap. cap. 2.* Pelagius. Free-will.
FVLKE. 3 *Without some violence of unwilling he maketh us willing, by changing our will to embrace Christ gladly, and otherwise we never taught. Yet our will by corruption of nature, is bond to sinne, and not free, before it be altered by Gods Spirit. The words of Augustine, In cant. 2. Ep. Pet. lib. 1. cap. 19.* be these, *How many Martyres of Christ every day, by the secret grace of God are suddenly drawne to Christ? Which word if I had taken out of the Gospel, how many things would this Pelagian Heretike have said of me for it, when even now he wrestleth not against me, but against that which crieth, No man can come unto me, except the Father which sent me shall draw him. For he doth not* [illegible] *leade him, that we might by any meanes thinke that his will doth go before. Who is drawne if hee were willing before? and yet no man commeth except he be willing. Therefore he is drawne by marvellous meanes, that he may be willing by him which knoweth to worke within, even in the hearts of men. Not that men (which cannot be) should beleeve against their will, but that of unwilling, they may be made willing. In the other passages he saith, That he might worke in us that even to beleeve is of grace, not of merit. As I said unto you, saith he, no man commeth to me, but he to whom it is given of my Father. And where our Lord said this, if we remember the Gospel before, we find* [illegible] *he said also: No man commeth to me, except the Father which sent me shall draw him. We read not, Except I send, but, shall draw him. This violence is done in the heart, not to the flesh. Why doest thou then marvell, O man, and then commest? Love, and thou art drawne. Thinke not that this is a savage and grievous violence, it is sweet unto me. Sweetnesse it selfe doth draw thee.* These sayings we allow better then you, which maintaine Free-will in part, with the Pelagians.

RHEM. 4 49 *Manna, and died.*] *The Heretikes holding the Fathers of the old Testament to have eaten of the same meate and drunke of the same spirituall drinke that we, be here refuted: Christ putting a plaine difference in the very substance thereof, and in the graces and effects much more at large. Manna was onely a figure of the blessed Sacrament, though a very excellent figure thereof for many causes. It came in a sort from heaven, our Sacrament more: it was made by God miraculously, our Sacrament more: he was to be eaten for the time of their peregrination, our Sacrament more: it was to every man what he liked best, our Sacrament more: a little thereof served and sufficed, as well as much, our Sacrament more: it was reserved for such dayes as it could not be gathered, and our Sacrament much more: it was kept for a memoriall in the Arke of the Testament, our Sacrament much more: the discontented and incredulous murmured and gainesaid it, as may Sacrament much more: it sustained their bodies in the desert, our Sacrament hath body and soule much more.* The manifold prerogatives of the blessed Sacrament above Manna.

FVLKE 4 ... and drinke, as they that eat the bloud of Christ spiritually, receive the same by faith, which bodily they receive not. Also they that eat the body of Christ spiritually, receive the same by faith, which bodily they receive not. Christ, 1. Cor. 11. 24. ... the Apostle ... the same spirituall meat, that we doe, ... which was Christ, as we doe. So doth S. ... and the ... plaine, Saying: Whosoever ... Christ as Manna, did eat the same ... whether they ... their bellies of Manna, ... the fathers of the ... shall they ... we doe. ... Christ. They dranke therefore the same drinke ... and were dead. So also the same ... For the rocke was Christ. They dranke in with the body, De util. haer. credend. cap. 1. Christ therefore putteth no difference betweene the spirituall substance of Manna, and his flesh and blood: but betweene the corporall food, which being received into the bellie, and not into the heart by faith, had no power of eternall life in it. And Manna was not a figure of the Sacrament, but of the body and blood of Christ, which is the heavenly or spirituall matter of the Sacrament. For all that receive the Sacrament, doe die naturally, as all they that did eat Manna, and as many as receive it unworthily, deserve also to die spiritually, as they did that received Manna unworthily. The comparison you make, because it speaketh confusely of the Sacrament, and of the matter of the Sacrament, and hath also many obscure applications, had need to be more plainely set downe, before we can admit it, or wholly reject it. Specially you must declare, how the Sacrament is to every man, what he liketh best. *Item* whether the Arke in which it is reserved, for a perpetuall memoriall, be the Pix. *Item* whether there be any dayes, in which it cannot be received, as of the Sabbath day, and such like.

The Tenure of the said Tables ... meate did eat the body of Christ as we doe spiritually

RHEM. 5 52 How can this man?] It came not in their minde that nothing was impossible to God, that wickedly said, How can this man give us his flesh? but we may make great profit of their sinne, beleeving the mysteries, and taking a lesson, never to say or once thinke, How? for it is a Iewish word and worthy all punishment; so saith S. Cyrill. lib. 4. c. 13. in Io. *Neverthelesse if one asked onely for desire to learne in humility, as our Lady did touching her having a childe in her virginity, then he must take the Angels answere to her, That it is of the holy Ghost:* so saith S. Damasc. l. 4. c. 14.

In the blessed Sacrament, How, is a Iewish word.

FVLKE 5 The Iewish (how) was not of enquiring the manner, as the Virgin Marie, (how,) but of denying, and not beleeving the matter. Therefore saith Cyrillus in the next chap. *lib. 4. cap. 14. in Ioan. Opus est igitur fidei primum, &c. It had beene meet therefore, first, that they had set the roots of faith in their minde, and then to have enquired those things, which are to be enquired. But they before they beleeved, enquired out of season. For this cause our Lord did not expound, how that thing might be brought to passe, but exhorteth that it be sought by faith. So to his Disciples which beleeved, he gave pieces of bread, saying, Take ye, and eat ye, this is my body. Likewise he gave the cup about and said: drinke ye all of this, This is the cup of my blood, which shall be shed for many, unto remission of sinne. Thou seest plainely that to them which enquire without faith, he hath not expounded the manner of the mysterie: but to them which beleeved, although they enquired not, he hath set it forth.* By this place it is evident, that beleeving Christs words to be true, we may equire in what sense they are true, and after what manner, spiritually, or corporally, the flesh of Christ is to be eaten, and his blood drunken. Also, in that Christ gave pieces of bread, we are taught, that it is not by transubstantiation, but after a spirituall manner, that the flesh of Christ is to be received: namely by faith, through the mighty working of the holy Ghost, not onely in the Sacrament, but also without it.

Faith. Translubstantiation.

RHEM. 6 53 Vnlesse you eat,] Christ commending the Sacrament of the faithfull unto us, said, Except you eat, &c. you cannot have life in you. So the life saith of life, and to him that thinketh the life to be a lier, this meat shall be death and not life to him, August. Ser. 2. de verb. Ap. c. 2. *And S. Leo thus*, Because our Lord saith, except you eat, &c. let us so communicate that we nothing doubt of the truth of Christs body and blood: for that is received with mouth, which is beleeved in heart: and they answere Amen in vaine, that dispute against that which they receive.

Ser. 6. de Ieiun. 7. mens. The real presence

FVLKE 6 This place proveth invincibly, that the flesh of Christ is truly eaten without the Sacrament, therefore spiritually, as well without it, as in it. For else all that die without participation of the Sacrament, should be void of eternall life. Concerning the place of *Augustine*: he declareth in the same Sermon, the manner of the eating of Christs flesh, and drinking his blood to be spirituall. *Tunc autem &c. Then shall this be, that is, the body and blood of Christ shall be life to every one, if that which is taken in the Sacrament visibly be eaten spiritually in the truth it selfe.* The words of *Leo* be against the Eutychian heretikes, which did not beleeve the truth of the body of Christ, and therefore could not rightly receive the Sacrament of his body and blood, when they did not beleeve, that he had a very true body and blood.

The flesh of Christ is eaten spiritually, not corporally.

RHEM. 7 53 And drinke.] *This the Protestants alledge for the necessity of receiving in both kindes: but in respect of themselves (who lightly hold all this chapter to pertaine nothing to the Sacramentall receiving, but to spirituall feeding on Christ by faith onely) it can make nothing for one kinde or other. And in respect of us Catholikes, who beleeve Christ whole person both humanity and Divinity, both flesh and blood to be in either forme, and to be wholly received under either in the first, then in the second or in both, this place commandeth nothing for both the kindes.*

Receiving in both kindes not necessary.

FVLKE 7 Although these words are not proper of the Sacrament, but of the matter of the Sacrament, yet the argument is good to prove the necessity of drinking, as well as of eating, seeing Christ hath given the visible Sacrament of both. And it is strong against the Papists, who understand it onely of the Sacrament. For although by their fond conceit of concomitance, they hold the blood to be in the body, yet they doe not drinke it according as Christ requireth, who addeth not that word superfluously, but to expresse that his flesh and blood is a perfect nourishment, which consisteth (as *Iustinus* saith) *as well of drinke as of meate* nourishment, to be eaten and drunken.

Communion in one kinde.

Dial. cum Tryphon.

RHEM. 8 53 You shall not have life.] *Though the Catholikes teach these words to be spoken of the Sacrament,* yet they meant not (as were then our Saviour here doth) *to exclude all from salvation, that receive not effectually and Sacramentally under one or both kindes. For then children that die after they be baptized, and never received Sacramentally, should perish: which to hold, were hereticall. Neither did S. Augustine meane, applying these words to infants also, that they could not be saved without receiving sacramentally, as not onely the Heretikes, but Erasmus doth mistake him: but his scope is that they were by the right of their Baptisme ingrafted in Christs body mysticall, and thereby spiritually partakers of the other Sacrament also of Christs body and blood. As all Catholike men that be in prison, joyning with the Church of God in heart, and desire to receive and be partakers with the Church of this Sacrament, and they specially that devoutly heare Masse and adore in presence the body and blood of Christ, joyning in heart with the Priest, all these receive life and fruit of the Sacrament, though in every time they receive not Sacramentally in one or both kindes. And although in the Primative Church the holy Sacrament in the forged kinde were often given even to infants to sanctifie them, yet (as the holy Councell hath*

The Sacramentall receiving of Christs body, not always necessary to salvation.

The true meaning of S. *Augustines* words touching infants receiving of the blessed Sacrament. *Ep. 23. de peccat. mer. & remiss. lib. 1. cap. 20.*

FVLKE 8 ... in the Councell of Trent, that have introduced a new ... his words, but in directly contrary to the same. ... these: ... (*sacrificio*) ... *mensæ istæ, quemcunque vitæ misericordiæ* ... *this of the Sacrament of Baptisme,* ... *that is baptized. Except you shall* ... *further? What can this answer to* ... *truth? Or is there any body that would deny* ... *they may have life in them without the participation of this body and blood; because he saith not, eate, as of Baptisme, he that shall not eate shall not be saved, but if you shall not eate, as it were pressing to them which eate, as of Baptisme, he that shall not be saved, which the little children cannot doe? But he that saith this, doth not marke, that we could heare and understand, which the little children cannot doe? But be that saith, except this sentence doe binde all men, that they cannot have life without the body and blood of the Sonne of man the elder age also in vaine takes care for it.* What can be more plaine, then that S. *Augustine* speaketh here, as he speaketh of the Sacrament and Sacramentall receiving at the holy Table, and that this Sacrament of the Lords body (in his opinion) was as necessary for infants, as the other of Baptisme: neither is there any one word, to infants ... ate your pretended sense, in all that Chapter, or in any other place, where he speaketh to the same effect, as in the foure and twentieth Chapter of the same booke. *Optimè Punici Christiani, &c. The Christians of Africa, doe very well call Baptisme it selfe, nothing else but salvation, and the Sacrament of the body of Christ, nothing else but life. Whereupon? but (as I thinke) of an ancient and Apostolike Tradition, which they hold, as a thing ingrafted in the Church of Christ, that no man without Baptisme and participation of the Lords Table, can come, not onely to the kingdome of God, but neither to salvation nor eternall life.* And a little after: *What other thing also doe they, which call the Sacrament of the Lords Table, life, but that which is said, I am the bread of life, which came downe from heaven, and the bread which I will give, is my flesh, for the life of the world, and except you eate the flesh of the Sonne of man, and drinke his blood, you shall not have life in you. If these so many, and so great divine testimonies, doe agree neither salvation, nor life eternall is to be hoped for to any man, without Baptisme and the body and blood of our Lord, 'tis value it is promised to little children without these. Moreover, if nothing but sinnes doe separate a man from salvation and eternall life, nothing is loosed in little children by these Sacraments, but the guiltinesse of sinne.*

Innocentius Bishop of Rome, was of the same opinion, as is manifest in his Epistle to the Bishops of Numidia, cited by S. *Augustine cont. duas ep. Pel. lib. 2. cap. 4. & lib. 4. cap. 4. cont. Iul. lib. 1. cap. 2. Ep. 106. Bonifacio*, cited by *Hyperaspist. lib. 5. Ep. 23. Bonif.* where he writeth of the Sacrament given to an infant: which though it were true, that the Fathers held not opinion of the necessity of this Sacrament for infants, (as the contrary is manifest) yet cannot excuse the Church and Fathers of that time; from a grosse error, if they only thought it was lawfull to give the Communion to infants.

The whole Church save the Bishop of Rome erred.

RHEM. 9 *Cyril. li. 4. c. 14. 15.* 54 I will raise him.] As the Sonne liveth by the Father, even so doe we live by his flesh, *saith Saint Hilary.* For by participation of his flesh and blood, we have life in us, and he in us, *saith Saint Cyrill.* And *Saint* Cyrill *against them*, Though by nature of our flesh we be corruptible, yet by participation of life we are reformed to the property of life. For not only our soules were to be lifted up by the holy Ghost to life everlasting, but this rude grosse terrestrial body of ours into to be reduced to immortality, by touching, tasting, and eating this agreeable foode of Christs body. And when Christ saith, I will raise him up, he meaneth that this body which he eateth, shall raise him. Our flesh (saith *Tertullian*) eateth the body and blood of Christ, that the soule may be fatted, therefore they shall both have one reward at the resurrection. And S. *Irenæus*, How doe they affirme that our bodies be not capable of life everlasting, which is nourished by the body and blood of our Lord? Either let them change their opinion, or else cease to offer the Eucharist. Saint *Gregory Nyssen also saith*, That lively body entring into our body, changeth it and maketh it like an immortall.

The effects of the Blessed Sacrament both in one body and soule.

Tertull. de resurr. carnis. cap. 7. & 8.

Nyss. in orat. catech. magn.

FVLKE 9 By participation of the flesh and blood of Christ, which is the manner of the Sacrament, we are made partakers of eternall life both of body and soule, whereof the Sacrament is a lively seale, and certaine assurance. But without the Sacrament also, we may eate the body and drinke the blood of Christ spiritually by faith, the holy Ghost in unspeakable manner feeding us therewith, as he doth infants, which are not to be received to the Lords table. And this is the true sense of all the Doctors words alledged in this section, which we acknowledge, except where they thought the Sacrament to be necessary for infants also.

RHEM. 10 55 Meat in deed.] *Manna, was not the true meat: nor the water of the rocke, the drinke in deed: for they did but drive away death or famine for a time and for this life.* But the holy body of Christ is the true food nourishing to life everlasting, and his blood the true drinke that driveth death away utterly, for they be not the body and blood of a meere ... but being joyned to life is made life: and therefore are we the body and members of Christ, ... by the benediction of the mystery we receive the Sonne of God himselfe. *So saith S. Cyrill lib. 4. c. 16. in Io.*

The Blessed Sacrament is the true Manna and water of the rock

FVLKE 10 This saying of *Cyrill*, is true of ... and the water taken for corporall food onely: but as they were the Sacraments of the body and blood of Christ, they were the same spirituall meate and drinke that we receive, as testifieth *Augustine* cited before, ...

RHEM. 11 *Conc. Trid. Sess. 21. c. 1.* 58 He that eateth this bread.] *By this place the holy Counsell proveth that for the grace and effect of the Sacrament, which is the life of the soule, there is no difference whether a man receive both kindes or one; because our Saviour who before attributed life to the eating and drinking of his body and blood, doth here also affirme the same effect, which is life everlasting, to come of eating only under one forme. Therefore the Heretikes be seditious calumniators that would make the people believe, the Catholike Church and Priests to have defrauded them of the grace and benefit of one of the kinds in the Sacrament. Nay, it is they that have defrauded the world, by taking away both the real substance*

The whole grace and effect thereof in one kinde, and therefore the people not defrauded

FULK. 11. Contrary to the expresse commandement of Christ in the institution of the Supper, The Chapter of Trent vainely goeth about to proove out of this place, which speaketh not of the Sacrament, but of the matter of the Sacrament; that the one halfe of the Sacrament is not necessary. Albeit, setting that eating and drinking is so often ioyned in this Chapter, they might well know, that drinking is meete to be understood, though it be not expressed, and that by eating of this bread, is meant a full participation of Christ, which is both meat and drinke unto us. And that Christ by this bread, meaneth not the Sacrament in forme of bread (as they call it) is manifest by this argument. Whosoever eateth this bread, shall live for ever, but whosoever eateth the Sacrament shall not live for ever; therefore whosoever eateth this Sacrament, eateth not this bread. Again, the words are plaine, all both of Priests and People, whereupon you may alwell conclude, that the Priest [illegible] consecrated, but in one kinde of bread, as that the receiving in one kinde is sufficient. Neither doth S. [illegible] lay, that the Church hath authority to alter Christs institution, but to [illegible] of circumstances which are [illegible] time, place, and such like, which pertaine not to the substance of Christs [illegible]. Now for receiving in both kinds, he tooke at good order as could be, both instituting the Sacrament in both kinds, [illegible] commandement, that all should drinke of it. But thou art not ashamed to say, that both Christ and his Apostles, beside the Ancient Fathers of the Primitive Church, left you ensample of receiving under one kind. For example you quote *Luc.* 24. 35. But in expounding the same text, you dare not affirme it to be the Sacrament, and if it were, you might thereof proue, that Christ did consecrate in one kind also, which you hold to be an [illegible]

Secondly, If it were the Sacrament, (as some of the Fathers held) *Chrysostome* telleth you, *that he was at the same table*, in *Matth. Hom.* 83. upon his promise to *drinke the fruit of the Vine new in the Kingdome of God*. For his Apostles, you note *Act.* 2. 42. where either you must graunt the figure Synecdoche, that is, that the part is named for the whole, or else you must say, that the Apostles who brake the bread to them, did also [illegible] bread onely: for it is not sayd, They continued in receiving of bread, but in breaking. But it is most [illegible] this the Evangelist meaneth, of their wonted feasts of love, which more at large is expressed vers. 46. which after the Hebrew or Syrian language, were by Synecdoche, called breaking of bread. That the Primitive Church [illegible] the blood onely to children, you quote *Cyprian de Lapsis* in. 10. Where mention is of the cup given to [illegible] word to proove, that the cup onely was given, except you will say that the blood onely [illegible] alwell as to children. For the words are, *Vbi vero, &c. But when the* [illegible] *to offer the cup to them that were present, and the rest receiving it, &c.* [illegible] serving the body onely. *lib.* 2. *ad uxorem*: where mention is made of a superstitious [illegible] reserue the Sacrament, and receive it daily before other meate: but nothing to proove, that they receive not the one kinde alwell as the other. The like I say, to the place of *Cyprian*, where a woman kept the Sacrament in her chest, which he calleth, *Sanctum Dominicum, The holy Sacrament of the Lord*: Why should we not call both kinds alwell as one? although if a superstitious custome of one kinde onely were prooved, [illegible] practise can be prooved? the reservation was unlawfull, and if it were [illegible] kinde, it was more [illegible] That the sicke person was houselled in one kind, it is contrary to the [illegible] stand it. The Priest being sicke, so that he could not come to [illegible] messenger, a little of the Eucharist, and teaching him how to use it for [illegible] *Bade him wet it, and drop it into the mouth*: whereby it appeareth [illegible] child did, *as one sucketh it, drinking not bitten nor chewed*. *The boy did accordingly, and presently he* [illegible] *and after he had swallowed a little, he gave up the ghost*: but if he had given him onely of the cup, while [illegible] these two Verbes to expresse the delivery thereof. In that fragment of the [illegible] there is no word to proove that the Brethren received [illegible] onely. The causes of your practise proceed of Antichristian pride, in that you will [illegible] instituted the Sacrament in both kindes, then the Apostles and Pastors of the Primitive Church, who [illegible] both kindes, and yet knew what belonged to the reverence due to the Sacrament, [illegible] same cause that you say, the Priest must consecrate in both kindes, for people who ought to receive [illegible] For they in eating and drinking, ought to shew the Lords death, and the [illegible] body, or his blood shedding, untill he come. 1 *Cor.* 11. 26. But this [illegible] partakers, 1 *Cor.* 10. 18. They that use of the sacrifices, are partakers of the [illegible] enough to receive onely of one kinde, to be partakers of the whole. But who will [illegible] lawfull to abstaine from the double offering [illegible] ver? They were made partakers of the [illegible]

RUBR. 12 [illegible] *Yet doe ye not eate my flesh, and drinke my blood, &c.*] That is, doe ye not beleeve me, when I say, ye must eate my flesh, and drinke my blood, that ye may be saved? Ye are deceived, for [illegible] be saved without it, though ye [illegible] *Which is prooved by the impossibility of this thing, unless it be understood in a right sense. For how can Christ* [illegible] *be eaten? how can his flesh be broken with teeth? how can it be digested in the stomacke? &c. Therefore, when he saith, Except ye eate my flesh, &c. he meaneth not a grosse and carnall eating of his flesh, as the Capernaites imagined: for he saith, It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing. Now, if they understand his words spiritually, why doe they not also understand spiritually, that which followeth, Except ye drinke my blood? Why doe they not also drinke it spiritually? Why doe they not also drinke it in the Sacrament? Is it not the blood of Christ, as well as his flesh? Is it not as necessary to be drunken, as his flesh to be eaten? Is it not as precious in the Sacrament, as his flesh? Is it not as much to be honoured? Is it not as much to be feared, lest any man be guilty of the blood of Christ, as of his flesh? Is it not as much to be preached, that the blood of Christ was shed for the remission of sinnes, as that his flesh was given for the life of the world? Is it not as much to be commanded, that we should drink his blood, as that we should eate his flesh? Is it not as much to be required, that we should receive the Sacrament of his blood, as of his flesh? Is it not as much to be desired, that we should be partakers of his blood, as of his flesh? Is it not as much to be loved, that we should shed our blood for his blood, as for his flesh? Is it not as much to be followed, that we should suffer death for his blood, as for his flesh? Is it not as much to be rejoiced in, that we are redeemed by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be magnified, that we are washed from our sinnes by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be glorified, that we have life by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be thanked for, that we are clothed with righteousness by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be praised, that we are delivered from the power of darkenesse by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be acknowledged, that we are reconciled to God by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be confessed, that we are sanctified by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be published, that we are purged from our sinnes by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be celebrated, that we are cleansed from our sinnes by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be magnified, that we are justified by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be glorified, that we are saved by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be thanked for, that we are delivered from the power of darkenesse by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be acknowledged, that we are reconciled to God by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be confessed, that we are sanctified by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be published, that we are purged from our sinnes by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be celebrated, that we are cleansed from our sinnes by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be magnified, that we are justified by his blood, as by his flesh? Is it not as much to be glorified, that we are saved by his blood, as by his flesh?*

FULK. 12. This [illegible] is your owne imagination, without ground of the text, or testimony of ancient Fathers. Christ by these words doth remoove the offence, which they tooke of his late condition in the flesh, and therefore could not see his divine power, [illegible] to give his flesh and blood to be eaten, and drunken, which his divine power was manifested in his glorious ascension. And yet the ascension of his body from the earth, and placing thereof in heaven, is a [illegible] to proove, that he giveth not his flesh and blood to be received after a bodily [illegible] in forme soever disguised, but after an heavenly, divine, and spirituall manner, by the [illegible] of the holy Ghost. Which vniteth his naturall body and blood to us, though distant as farre from us in place, as heaven is from earth: so that we are truely made *flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone* and lively members of his mysticall body: not only in this Sacrament, but also in Baptisme; and by [illegible] through faith, by which *Christ dwelleth in our hearts. Galat.* 3. 27. *Ephes.* 3. 17. And by [illegible] in the Sacrament, but to be received spiritually by faith. *Augustine in Ps. 98.* 5. And S. [illegible] fully vse the argument of Christs ascension, to proove that Christ giveth not his body, as [illegible] in the Sacrament, but to be received spiritually by faith. *Augustine in Ps. 98.* 5. and specially *Tract.* 50. he saith of his naturall body: *Ascendit in cælum, & non est hic. He ascended into heaven, and he is not here*, with much more to that effect. Against, *De verbis Apost. Ser.* 2. upon this text he saith: *What if you shall see the Sonne of man ascend where he was before? What meaneth it, that this offends? Thought you that I would make parts of this body which you see, cut my members in pieces and give them to you? What then if you shall see the Sonne of man ascend where he was before? Verily, he that could ascend whole, could not be consumed. Therefore he hath given us an wholesome refection of his body and blood, and hath briefly shewed so great a mysteries of his integrity. Let them therefore take which eat, and drinke which drinke: let them hunger and thirst: let them taste life, let them drinke life. That to eat is to be fed, but so to be fed, that it faileth not whereof then eat fed. That is drinke, what is it but to live? Eate life, drinke life, that shalt have life; and life is full whole. For then this thing shalbe, that is the body and bloode of Christ shall be life to every one, if that which is taken visibly in the Sacrament be spiritually eaten, and spiritually drunken in the truth it selfe.* See Matth. 26. Sect. 4.

RUBR. 13 *It is the spirit that quickeneth, &c.*] *If this speech were spoken in the sense of the sacramentaries; it would take away Christs incarnation, resurrection, and death, as likewise his corporall presence in the Sacrament: for if his flesh were not profitable, all these things were vaine. Therefore* CHRIST *denieth not his owne flesh to be profitable, but that grosse and carnall conceiving of his words, of his flesh, and of the manner of eating the same was unprofitable. Which is plaine by the foregoing words, where he warneth them, that his words be spirit and life, of high mysticall meaning, and not vulgarly and grossly to be taken as they tooke them. And it is the use of the Scripture to call many naturall things, reason, and carnall reasoning in yet reaching supernaturall truthes, flesh or blood, as Flesh and blood revealed not this to thee, &c. Matth.* 16.

The certainty then of theirs, stood in two points specially: first, that they imagined that he would kill himselfe, and cut and mangle his flesh into parts, and so give it them raw, or rost to be eaten among them. Which could not be meete, saith S. Augustine: for that had contained an heinous and barbarous fact, and therefore they might, and should have been offended, that he would commend so foule a thing: but some other sweet feate to be of his hand, mysticall, or figurative words, and to be fulfilled in a Sacrament, mysterie, and a miraculous divine sort, otherwise then they could comprehend. Secondly, they did erre touching his flesh, in that they tooke it to be the flesh of a meere man, and of a dead mans flesh, when it should come to be eaten: of which kind of flesh Christ here pronounceth, that it profiteth nothing. Whereupon S. Cyrill saith, This body is not of Peter or Paul, or any other like, but of Christ Iesus who is the life it selfe: and therefore this body giveth life, the very fulnesse of the Divinity dwelling in it. And the holy Councell of Ephesus in the 11. Anathematisme expounded also by the said S. Cyrill: The Eucharist is not the body of any common person (for the flesh of a common man could not quicken) but of the WORD it selfe. But the heretike Nestorius dissolveth the vertue of this mysterie, holding mans flesh only to be in the Eucharist. Thus there. And S. Ignatius cited of Theodoret, and many other Fathers have the like. Whereby we may see that it consisteth of the Divinity and Spirit (without which Christs flesh cannot be) that this Sacrament giveth life.

FULK. 13 The flesh of Christ separated from his Divine and quickning Spirit, whereof it hath power of life (as the Capernaites did imagine it), profiteth nothing. But being united to his divine Spirit, according to the sayings of *Hilary, Cyrill*, and the rest that are heere cited, it is not onely profitable, but also necessary for our salvation, in his Incarnation, sacrifice, and feeding of us therewith, either in the Sacrament or without it. Neither doe we teach otherwise. But the Papists hold this error of the Capernaites, of his flesh separated from the quickning vertue and power that it hath of the word united to it, when they teach that the body and blood of Christ, may be verely and truely, and not only, sacramentally eaten and drunken of the wicked, to whom it giveth no life, contrary to the expresse words of Christ, so often repeated in this Chapter, and the consent of the ancient Fathers. *Hic est ergo manducare, &c. This is therefore* (saith S. *Augustine*) *to eate that meate, and to drinke that drinke, for a man to abide in Christ, and to have Christ abiding in him. And by this he that abideth not in Christ, and in whom Christ abideth not, out of doubt he neither eateth his flesh, nor drinketh his blood spiritually, though carnally and visibly, he presse with his teeth, the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ: but rather he eateth and drinketh the Sacrament of so great a thing to his condemnation. Tract.* 26. *in Ioan.* Against, of wicked men, he saith, *It is not to be sayd that they eat the body of Christ, because they are not to be counted among the members of Christ. And that I spoke not of other things, they cannot be but the members of an harlot. Finally, he himselfe saying, he that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him, sheweth what it is, not onely to the Sacrament or sacramentally, but in very deed, to eate the body of Christ, and to drinke his blood. De Pecat. lib.* 2. *cap.* 21. In declaring in what poinct the carnality of the Capernaites consisted, you confesse with S. *Augustine De Doct. Christ. lib.* 3. *c.* 16. that these words of Christ, *Except you eat the flesh of the Sonne of man, &c.* be figurative. Wherein then standeth the figure? in the words, *Flesh and blood*, or in the words *Eating and drinking*? Verely our Saviour Christ doth so plainely affirme, *The bread which he will give to be his flesh, which he will give for the life of the world*, that we must needes understand his body crucified, and his blood shed for us, or his humanity sacrificed for us: then it remaineth, that the figure be in eating and drinking,

drinking, and so the whole question is of the manner of eating and drinking which is neither sensuall nor carnall figure, (as Papists take it) receiving into the mouth and belly, or else spirituall and [illegible] there teacheth) *by communicating with the passion of Christ*, and by sweet and profitable recording and [illegible] remembrance of his very body and blood, either in the Sacrament, or without it, and which giveth eternall life to all that receive the body and blood of Christ either in the Sacrament, or without it.

RHEM. 14. 64 That beleeve not.] *It is to the eye of faith, you see heere, that causeth men to figure against this high truth of the Sacrament: as also it may be learned heere, that it is the great and merciefull gift of God that men doe against their senses and carnall reasons, beleeve and submit themselves to the [illegible] of this mysterie: lastly, that it may well* by *Christs insinuation* of *Iudas, be gathered, that he specially* [illegible] *against our Ministers speeches of the holy Sacrament.*

Iudas the chiefe of them that beleeve not the reall presence.

* Verse 64.

FVLK. 14. It is want of faith in the Papists, that they thinke our Saviour Christen ot give us his flesh and blood, to be eaten and drunken of us, except he be received with the mouth into the body, and to beleeve that which they beleeve contrary to the word of God (though it be never so contrary to sense) it is no true faith, but a false perswasion of lies. Finally, though *Iudas* did not beleeve the doctrine of Christ, yet it is not like that he shewed any outward token of unbelefe, seeing it is sayd, that the twelue continued with him.

Popish infidelity.

RHEM. 15 66 Went backe.] *It can be no marvell to us now that so many revolt from the Church, by occasion or scandall ma-*
justly taken at Christs body and blood in the Sacrament, seeing many of his Disciples that saw his wonderfull life,
doctrine, and miracles, forsooke Christ himselfe, upon the speech and promise of the same Sacrament: for the mystery
of it is so supernaturall and divine in it selfe, and we have all so low and base for our sakes, by the shew of the formes of
these terrene elements under which it is, and we take it: that the unfaithfull and infirme doe so stumble at Christ in
the Sacrament as the Iewes and Gentiles did at Christ in his humanity. For, the causes of contradictions of the re-
creation & Transubstantiation be like. And it may be verily deemed, that whosoever now cannot beleeve the Sacra-
ment to be Christ, because it is under the formes of bread and wine, and is eaten and drunken, would not then have be-
leeved that Christ had beene (God, because he was in shape of man, and crucified. To conclude, it was not a figure nor a
mystery of bare bread and wine, nor any Metaphoricall or Allegoricall speech, that could make such a troupe of his Disi-
ples revolt at once. When he said he was a Doore, a Vine, a Way, a Pastor and such like (unto which kinde of figu-
res the Protestants ridiculously resemble the words of the holy Sacrament) who was so mad to mistake him, or to for-
sake him for the same? For the Apostles at the least would have plucked them by the sleeves, and said, Give not away
my masters, be speaketh parables. Tee cause therefore was their sacredelity, and the height of the mystery, for that
they neither knew the meanes, how it might be present, nor would beleeve that he was able to give his flesh to be eaten
in many places. And even such is the unbeliefe of the heretikes about this matter at this day.

Heretikes beleeve not the reall presence, beeause they see bread and wine: as the Iewes beleeved not his Godhead because of the shape of a poore man.

FVLK. 15. In the 13. section, you confesse the words of Christ to be figurative: now forgetting your selfe you say, the Disciples revolting, prooveth that he spake not metaphorically, upon a fond imagination, *that his Apostles would have plucked them by the sleeves, &c.* which we never reade that they did at any time. But indeed, the cause of their revolt, was for that they understood literally; that which he spake of eating and drinking figuratively. Which is one cause also, that the Papists long since have revolted from the Church of Christ, and the faith of the ancient Fathers, who understood the words of the institution of the Supper, as these also of the spirituall or heavenly matter of the Supper, to be figurative. For if Christ had spoken heere of eating and drinking literally, (as the elements are received in the Sacrament) how was it possible that they could have understood him, before the Sacrament was instituted? for their infidelity had then beene excusable. But when he had said vers. 47. *He that beleeveth in me, hath eternall life*, they might (if they had not bin obstinate) have understood, that the maner of eating and drinking of his flesh and blood to have eternall life, was by faith and beleeving in him: and not after any grosse maner, as they imagined, and the Papists likewise: whereby they destroy the truth of his naturall body, in taking from it the essentiall properties of a body, as quantity, place, shape, and such like.

The Disciples revolting at Christs words do prove that he spake not metaphorically as other times.

The words of Christ figurative.

RHEM. 16. 68 Peter answered.] Peter *answereth for the Twelue, not knowing that Iudas in heart was already naught,*
and beleeved not Christs former words touching the Blessed Sacrament, but was to revolt afterward of well as the
other. * *Wherein Peter beareth the person of the Church and all Catholike men, that for no difficulty of his words,*
nor for any revolt (be it never so generall) of schismatikes, heretikes, or apostates, either for this Sacrament, or
any other Article, will ever forsake Christ. And when company draweth us to revolt, let us say thus, Lord whi-
ther or to whom shall we goe, when we have forsaken thee? to Calvin, Luther, or such: and forsake thee and thy
Church with the unfaithfull multitude? No, thou hast the words of life, and we beleeve thee, and thy Church will not,
nor cannot beguile us. Thou hast (*saith S. Augustine*) life everlasting in the ministration of thy body and blood.
Tract. 27. in Evang. Io. ● *And a little after*, Thou art life everlasting it selfe, and thou giveth not in thy flesh and blood but that which thy selfe art.

As Iudas of all unbeleeving heretikes, so Peter beareth the person of all beleeving Catholikes: namely in the Blessed Sacrament.

* Cyr. Ep. 55. in 3.

FVLK. 16 Peter worthily beareth the person of all true members of the Church, when for no cause he will revolt from Christ, who onely hath the words of eternall life, from which if *Calvin, Luther*, or an Angel from heaven would draw us, we must hold him accursed. To the saying of *Augustine, Tr. 27. in Ioan.* we must adde that which he sayth in the same place, as the conclusion of the whole matter. *Hoc ergo totum ad hoc, &c. Let all this (we beleved) availe thus much unto us, that we eate not the flesh of Christ, and drinke the blood of Christ onely in Sacrament, which many evill men doe, but let us eate and drinke unto the participation of the Spirit, that we may abide in the Lord: body in members, that we may be quickened by his spirit, and not be offended, although many doe eate and drinke the Sacraments temporally, which in the ende shall have eternall tormentes.*

The wicked eate not the body of Christ, nor drinke his blood.

CHAP. VII.

The Iewes (of Ierusalem) seeking his death, he walketh in Galilee: where he signifieth to his brethren, that not in this feast Scenopegia, but in another (to wit, Pasche following) the Iewes should kill him: that is, not when they would, but when he will. 10 Vpon which time at this feast he teacheth openly in the Temple and converteth many. 24 both in the middle day, 37 and the last day thereof, without any hurt, though also the Rulers stod in oppose hand him.

The Gospel, upon Tuesday in Passe week ‖ in Galilee. ‖ in Iury.

AFter these things IESVS walked ‖ in to Galilee, for he would not walke ‖ into Iewry: because the Iewes sought to kill him.

2 And

After these things, Iesus went about in Galilee: for he would not goe about in Iury, because that the Iewes sought to kill him.

2 The

Levit. 23.34. ‡ *marginal* (*Deut. 23. volume legal*) is the *feast of Tabernacles*, which the Iewes kept from the 7. Octob. for eight daies together, by Gods commandement, for a memory that their fathers dwelt by Gods protection forty yeares in tabernacles or tents, and not in houses, comming out of Egypt. See *Levit. 23.34.*

‖ I will not yet goe up.

3 ¶ And his brethren said to him, Passe from hence and goe into Iewry, that thy Disciples also may see the workes thou doest.

4 For no man doth any thing in secret, and seeketh himselfe to be in publike. If thou doe these things, manifest thy selfe to the world.

5 For neither did his brethren beleeve in him.

6 IESVS therefore saith to them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alwayes ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth: because I give testimony of it, that the workes thereof are evill.

8 Goe up to this festivall day: ‖ I goe not up to this festivall day: because my time is not yet accomplished.

9 When he had said these things, himselfe tarried in Galilee.

10 But after his brethren were gone up, then he also went up to the festivall day, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 The Iewes therefore sought him in the festivall day, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring in the multitude of him. For certaine said, That he is good. And others said, No, but he seduceth the multitudes.

13 Yet no man spake openly of him for feare of the Iewes.

The Gospel, upon Tuesday in the fourth week of Lent.

14 And when the festivitie was now halfe done, IESVS went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Iewes marvelled, saying, How doth this man know letters, whereas he hath not learned?

16 IESVS answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man ‡ will doe the will of him, he shall understand of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or I speake of my selfe.

18 ‡ He that speaketh of himselfe, seeketh his owne glory. But he that seeketh the glorie of him that sent him, he is true, and in justice in him there is not.

19 Did not Moses give you the lawe, and none of you doth the lawe?

20 * Why seeke you to kill me? The multitude answered, and said, ‡ Thou hast a devill, who seeketh to kill thee?

21 IESVS answered, and said to them, One worke I have done: and you doe all marvell.

22 Therefore * Moses gave you circumcision: not that it is of Moses, but * of the Fathers, and in the Sabboth you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receive circumcision in the Sabboth, that the lawe of Moses be not broken:

‡ It is spoken of Antichrist specially, and it is true in all heretikes. *August. tract. 29. in Evan. Io.*

John 5,18.

Levit. 12,3. Gen. 17,10.

4 And that he himself sheweth openly.

5 For neither did his brethren beleeve in him.

6 Then Iesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alwayes ready.

7 The world cannot hate you, but me it hateth, because I testifie of it, that the workes thereof are evill.

8 Goe ye up unto this feast: I goe not up yet unto this feast, * *for my time is not yet full come.* John 8.20.

9 When he had said these words unto them he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were privily.

11 Then sought him the Iewes at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And much murmuring of him was there among the people: For some said, He is good: Others said, Nay, but he deceiveth the people.

13 Howbeit, no man spake openly of him, for feare of the Iewes.

14 Now when halfe of the feast was done, Iesus went up into the Temple, and taught.

15 And the Iewes marvelled, saying, How knoweth he the Scriptures, seeing that he never learned?

16 Iesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will doe his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speake of my selfe.

18 He that speaketh of himselfe, seeketh his owne glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousnesse is in him.

19 * *Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you keepeth the Law?* * *Why goe ye about to kill me?* Exod. 24.3. John 5.18.

20 The people answered, and said, Thou hast the devil: Who goeth about to kill thee?

21 Iesus answered, and said unto them, I have done one worke, and ye all marvell.

22 * *Moses therefore gave unto you the circumcision* (*not because it is of Moses,* * *but of the Fathers*) *and yet ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man.* Levit. 12.3. Gen. 17,10.

23 If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision, without breaking of the law of Mo-

ses:

† Chiefe Priests. The Gospel upon Munday in passion weeke. John 13.33.

is not he whom they seeke to kill?

26 And lo he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing vnto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is very Christ?

27 But this man we know whence he is. But when CHRIST commeth, noe man knoweth whence he is.

28 IESVS therefore cried in the Temple teaching, and saying, Both me you doe know, and whence I am you know. And of my selfe I am not come, but he is true that sent me, whom you know not.

29 I know him because I am of him, and he sent me.

30 They sought therefore to apprehend him: and no man laid hands upon him, because his houre was not yet come.

31 But of the multitude many beleeved in him, and said, CHRIST when he commeth, shall he doe more signes then these which this man doth?

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things touching him: and the † Princes and Pharises sent ministers to apprehend him.

33 IESVS therefore said to them, Yet a litle time I am with you: and I goe to him that sent me.

34 * You seeke me and shall not finde: and where I am, you cannot come.

35 The Iewes therfore said among themselves, Whither will this man goe, that we shal not find him? Will he go into the dispersion of the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

36 What is this saying that he hath sayd, You shall seeke me, and shall not finde: And where I am, you cannot come.

Levit.23.36. 37 And in the last, the * great day of the festivitie IESVS stood, and cryed, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drinke.

38 He that beleeveth in me, as the Scripture sayth, *Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

Ioel 2.28. Acts 2.17. 39 (And this he said * of the Spirit that they should receive which beleeved in him. For as yet the spirit was not given: because IESVS was not yet glorified.)

40 Of that multitude therefore, when they had heard these words of his, some said, This is the Prophet indeed.

41 Others said, This is CHRIST. But certaine said, Why, doth CHRIST come from Galile?

Psal.131.11. Mich.5.2. 42 Doth not the * Scripture say, that of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem the towne where David was, CHRIST doth come?

43 Therefore

43 Therefore there arose dissention in the multitude for him.

44 And some of them would have apprehended him: but no man laid hands upon him.

45 The ministers therefore came to the chiefe Priests and the Pharisees. And they said to them, Why have you not brought him?

46 The ministers answered, Never did there man so speake, as this man.

47 The Pharisees therfore answered them, Why, are you also seduced?

48 Hath any of the Princes beleeved in him, or of the Pharisees?

49 But this multitude that knoweth not the Law, are accursed.

John 3.2. 50 Nicodemus said to them, † hee * that came to him by night, who was one of them,

51 Doth our Law judge a man, unlesse it first heare him, and know what he doth?

52 They answered, and said to him, Why, art thou also a Galilean? Search, and see that from Galilee a Prophet riseth not.

53 And every man returned to his house.

43 *Therefore there arose dissention in the multitude for him.*

44 *And some of them would have apprehended him: but no man laid hands upon him.*

45 *Then came the ministers to the High Priests and Pharisees, and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?*

46 *The ministers answered, Never man spake as this man doth.*

47 *Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?*

48 *Have any of the Rulers or of the Pharisees beleeved on him?*

49 *But this common people which know not the Law, are curssed.*

50 *Nicodemus saith unto them, * (He that* John 3.2. *came to Iesus by night, being one of them)*

51 *Doth our Law judge any man before it heare him, * and know what he doth?* Deut.17.8. and 19.15.

52 *They answered, and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and looke: for out of Galilee ariseth no Prophet.*

53 *And every man went unto his owne house.*

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. VII

RHEM. 1 17 Will doe the will.] *The way to come to know the truth, is to live well.*

FVLKE 1 Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, out of whom no man can live well. But they that live well to Christ, are assured of the truth.

RHEM. 2 20 Thou hast a devill.] *No marvell, when these speake thus to Christ himselfe, if heretikes call his Vicar Antichrist.*

FVLKE 2 The Pope is Christs Adversary, and not his Vicar, because he denieth the offices of Christ to be peculiar unto him.

RHEM. 3 39 For as yet the Spirit.] *This was fulfilled on Whitsunday, Act. 2, and ever since doth worke by imposition of hands in the Sacrament of Confirmation: visibly in the primitive Church, and invisibly to the end of the world.*

FVLKE 3 The Popish Sacrament of Confirmation hath no institution or ground in the holy Scriptures, *Iust. Orig. l.7. c. de Sp. sancto*, understandeth this of the effect of Baptisme. See *Chap.3 Sect.2.*

RHEM. 4 50 He * that came to him.] *Christ hath some good alwayes even among the wicked, which secretly serve him, and by wise delayes avert the execution of unjust lawes against him and his people, as Nicodemus and Gamaliel.*

FVLKE 4 And Antichrist hath also some wicked among the good, which secretly serve him and hinder the execution of just Lawes against his Adherents. Otherwise, it will be hard to prove that *Gamaliel* was a servant of Christ, but against his will.

CHAP. VIII

Against the Pharisees (obstructing an advantagious offer his mercifull ministry, and yet not shall declaring against his enemies that he is not of meanest of sinne, no more then Moses) 12 he teacheth openly, and is not for all that apprehended; telling them both of his Godhead, 21 and of their reprobation, 28 of his exaltation also by their crucifying of him; 31 exhorting the beleevers to perseuere: 33 and shewing them that seeke his death, that they are neither free, 39 nor of Abraham, 42 nor of God, 44 but of the Devill: 45 but that himselfe is of God, 52 and greater and auncienter then Abraham. 59 For the which they goe about to stone him, but in vaine.

The Gospel upon Saturday the third week of Lent.

AND IESVS went into the mount Olivet:

2 And early in the morning againe he came into the Temple, and the people came to him, and sitting he taught them.

3 And the Scribes and Pharisees bring a woman taken in advoutry: and they did set her in the midst,

4 And said to him, Master, this woman was even now taken in advoutry.

Levit.20.10. 5 And * in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such. What sayest thou therefore?

6 And this they said tempting him: that they might accuse him. But IESVS bowing himselfe downe, with his finger wrote in the earth.

7 When they therefore continued asking him: he lifted up himselfe, and said to them, ‡He

IESVS went out unto mount Olivet:

2 *And early in the morning he came againe into the Temple, and all the people came unto him, and he sate downe, and taught them.*

3 *And the Scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery, and when they had set her in the midst,*

4 *They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, even as the deed was a doing.*

5 *Moses in the Law commanded us that* Levit.20.10. *such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

6 *This they said, tempting him, that they might accuse him. But Iesus stooped downe, and with his finger wrote on the ground.*

7 *So when they continued asking him, hee lift up himselfe, and said unto them, * Let him* Deut.17.7.

‡He that is without sinne of you, let him first throw the stone at her.

8 And againe bowing himselfe he wrote in the earth.

9 And they hearing, went out one by one, beginning at the seniors: and IESVS alone remained, and the woman standing in the mids.

10 And IESVS lifting up himselfe, said to her, Woman, where are they that accused thee? hath no man condemned thee?

11 Who said, No man, Lord. And IESVS said, ‡ Neither will I condemne thee. Goe, and now sinne no more.

12 ᵇAgaine therefore IESVS spake to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me walketh not in darkenesse: but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said to him, Thou givest testimonie of thy selfe: thy testimonie is not true.

14 IESVS answered, and said to them, Although I do give testimonie of my selfe, my testimony is true: because I know whence I came, and whither I go: but you know not whence I come, or whether I go.

15 You judge according to the flesh: I do not judge any man.

16 And if I do judge, my judgement is true: because I am not alone, but I, and he that sent me, the father.

17 And in your law it is writen, that *the testimonie of two men is true.

18 I am he that give testimonie of my selfe: and he that sent me, the father, giveth testimonie of me.

19 They said therefore to him, Where is thy father? IESVS answered, Neither me do you know, nor my Father. If you did know me: perhaps you might know my Father also.

20 These words IESVS spake in the treasurie, teaching in the temple: & no man apprehended him, because his houre was not yet come.

21 Againe therefore IESVS said to them, I go, and you shall seeke me, and shall die in your sinne. Whither I goe, you cannot come.

22 The Iewes therefore said, Why, will he kill himselfe, because he saith, Whither I go, you cannot come?

23 And he said to them, You are from beneath, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 Therefore I said to you that you shall die in your sinnes; for if you beleeve not that I am he, you shall die in your sinne.

25 They said therefore to him, who art thou? IESVS said to them, ‡ The beginning who also speake to you.

26 Many things I have to speake & judge of you; but he that sent me, is true: and what I have

the [illegible] *among you without sinne, first cast the stone at her.*

8 *And again, he stooped down, & wrote on the ground.*

9 *And when they heard this, being accused of their owne consciences, they went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Iesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the mids.*

10 *When Iesus had lift up himselfe, and saw no man but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*

11 *She said, No man, Lord. And Iesus said, Neither doe I condemne thee: Goe and sinne no more.*

12 *Then spake Iesus againe unto them, saying: I am the light of the world: He that followeth me, shall not in any wise walke in darkenesse, but shall have the light of life.* John 1.5. and 9.5.

13 *The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thy selfe, thy record is not true.*

14 *Iesus answered, and said unto them, Though I beare record of my selfe, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I goe: but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I goe.* John 3.31.

15 *Ye judge after the flesh, I judge no man.*

16 *And if I judge, my judgement is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.*

17 *It is also written in your lawe, that the testimonie of two men is true.* Deut.17.6. and 19.15. * matth.18.16. 2 cor.13.1. heb.10.28.

18 *I am one that beareth witnesse of my selfe, and the Father that sent me, beareth witnesse of me.*

19 *Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Iesus answered, Ye neither knowe me nor yet my Father: if ye had knowne me, yee should have known my Father also.*

20 *These words spake Iesus in the treasurie, as hee taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him, for his houre was not yet come.*

21 *Then said Iesus againe unto them, I goe my way, and ye shall seeke me, and shall die in your sinnes: Whither I goe, thither can ye not come.*

22 *Then said the Iewes, Will he kill himselfe, because he saith, Whither I goe, thither can yee not come?*

23 *And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath, I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world.*

24 *I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sinnes. For if ye beleeve not that I am he, ye shall die in your sinnes.*

25 *Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Iesus saith unto them, Even the verie same thing that I said unto you from the beginning.*

26 *I have many things to say and to judge of you: yet, he that sent me is true, and I speake to*

‡ *Augustine* by this example of our Master, proveth that Clergiemen specially should be given much to mercy: and that they ought often, as the cause and time require, to get pardon of the secular magistrates for offenders that be penitent. *Epist.* 54.

ᵇ The Gospel upon Saturday the fourth weeke in Lent. Deut.17,6. 19,15.

The Gospel upon munday in the second week of Lent.

‡ So reade S. *Cyrill*, S. *Ambrose*, and S. *Augustine*: expounding it of Christs person, that he is the beginning or cause of all creatures.

These spoke he him, in the treasurie, teaching in the temple: and no man laid hands on him, for his houre was not yet come.

21 Then IESVS said again to them, I go, and you shall seeke me, and shall die in your sinne. Whither I goe, you cannot come.

22 Then said the Iewes, Will he kill himselfe, because he saith, Whither I goe, you cannot come?

23 And he said to them, You are from beneath, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sinnes. For if you beleeve not that I am he, you shall die in your sinnes.

25 They said therefore to him, Who art thou? IESVS said to them, The beginning who also speake to you.

26 Many things I have to speake & judge of you; but he that sent me is true: and what I have heard of him, these things I speake in the world.

27 And they knew not that he said to them *that the Father God.*

28 Then IESVS said to them, When you shall have exalted the Sonne of man, then you shall know that I am he, and of my selfe I doe nothing, but as the Father hath taught me, these things I speake:

29 And he that sent me, is with me: and he hath not left me alone, because the things that please him I doe allwayes.

30 When hee spake these things, many beleeved in him.

31 IESVS therefore said to them that beleeved him, the Iewes: If you ‡ abide in my word, you shall be my disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We are the seed of Abraham, and we never served any man: how sayst thou, You shall be free?

34 IESVS answered them, ‖ Amen, amen I say to you, that * every one which committeth sinne, is the servant of sinne. Rom.6,16. 2 Pet.2,19.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: the sonne abideth for ever.

36 If therefore the Sonne make you free, you shall be ‡ free indeed.

37 I know that you are the children of Abraham: but you seeke to kill me, because my word taketh not in you.

38 I speak that which I have seene with my Father: and you doe the things that you have seene with your father.

39 They answered, and said to him, Our father is Abraham. IESVS saith to them, If you be the children of Abraham, ‡ doe the workes of Abraham.

40 But now, you seeke to kill me, a man that have spoken the truth to you, which I have heard of God; this did not Abraham.

41 You doe the workes of your father. They said therefore to him, We were not borne of fornication; we have one father, God.

42 IESVS therefore said to them, If God were your father: verely you would love me; for from God I proceeded, & came: for I came not of my selfe, but he sent me:

43 Why doe you not know my speech? Because you cannot heare my word.

44 You are of your father the devill, and the desires of your father you will doe, he was a ‡ man-killer from the beginning, and he stood not in the verity: because verity is not in him: when he speaketh a lye, he speaketh of his owne, because he is a lyer, and the father thereof.

45 But because I say the verities, you beleeve me not.

46 Which of you shall argue me of sinne? If I say the verities: why doe you not beleeve me?

47 He

‡ S. *Augustine* compareth heretikes in their spirituall murder by driving Christian men out of the Church, to the devill that drave our parents out of Paradise. *Gen. ad lit. l.* 11. *c.* 13.

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...Iesvs is of God, heareth the words of God. Therefore you heare not, because you are not of God.

48 The Iewes therefore answered, and said to him, Doe we not say well that thou art a Samaritane, and hast a Devill?

49 Iesvs answered, ‡ I have no devill: but I honour my Father, and you have dishonoured me.

50 But I seeke not mine owne glory; there is that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Amen, amen I say to you, If any man keep my word, he shal not see death for ever.

52 The Iewes therfore said, Now we have knowne that thou hast a devill. Abraham is dead, and the Prophets: and thou sayest, If any man keepe my word, he shall not taste death for ever.

53 Why, art thou greater then our father Abraham, who is dead? and the Prophets are dead. Whom doest thou make thy selfe?

54 Iesvs answered, If I doe glorifie my selfe, my glory is nothing; it is my Father that glorifieth me, whom you say that he is your God.

55 And you have not knowne him, but I know him. And if I shall say that I know him not: I shall be like to you, a lier. But I doe know him, and doe keepe his word.

56 Abraham your father rejoyced that he might see my day: and he saw, and was glad.

57 The Iewes therefore said to him, Thou hast not yet fifty yeeres, and hast thou seene Abraham?

58 Iesvs said to them, Amen, amen I say to you, before that Abraham was made, I am.

59 They tooke stones therefore to cast at him. But Iesvs hid himselfe, and went out of the Temple.

47 *He that is of God, heareth Gods words: To therefore heare them not, because ye are not of God.* 1 Iohn. 4.6.

48 *Then answered the Iewes, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritane, and hast a devill?*

49 *Iesus answered, I have not a devill: but I honour my Father, and ye doe dishonour me.*

50 *I seeke not mine owne glory, there is one that seeketh and judgeth.*

51 *Verily verily I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*

52 *Then said the Iewes unto him, Now know we that thou hast a devill. Abraham is dead, and the Prophets: and thou sayest, If a man keepe my saying, he shall never taste of death.*

53 *Art thou greater then our father Abraham, which is dead? and the Prophets are dead: whom makest thou thy selfe?*

54 *Iesus answered, If I glorifie my selfe, my glory is nothing: It is my Father that glorifieth me, which ye say, that he is your God:*

55 *And yet ye have not knowne him, but I know him: and if I say that I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.*

56 *Your father Abraham was glad to see my day: and he saw it, and rejoyced.*

57 *Then said the Iewes unto him, Thou are not yet fifty yeeres old, and hast thou seene Abraham?*

58 *Iesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

59 *Then tooke they up stones to cast at him: but Iesus was hid, and went out of the Temple.*

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 — 31 Abide in my word.] *Only faith is not sufficient without perseverance or abiding in the keeping of his Commandements.*

FVLKE 1 — He that is iustified once by faith onely, persevereth and abideth alwayes in keeping of his Commandements, according to the measure of grace and strength that he doth receive of the Spirit of sanctification. — Faith onely.

RHEM. 2 — 36 Free indeed.] *Man was never without freewill: but having the grace of Christ, his will is truly made free (as S. Augustine saith) from servitude of sinne also.* Tract. 41. in Evang. Io. — Freewill.

FVLKE 2 — S. Augustine saith not, that in man was never without freewill, but the contrary, that man is never perfectly free in this life, *Cum carpunt ea non libere, &c. When a man beginneth not to have pleasure in crimes (as every Christian man ought not to have them) the man beginneth to lift up his head to liberty.* But this liberty is onely begun, not perfect. Againe he saith, *Verum est, &c. It is true, man when he was created, received great strength of freewill, but by sinning lost it, Deverbis Apost. Serm. 2.*

RHEM. 3 — 39 Doe the workes of Abraham.] *Not onely faith but good workes also make men the children of Abraham, according as S. Iames also speaketh of Abrahams workes, cap. 2.*

FVLKE 3 — Good workes declare men to be children of Abraham, and so meaneth S. Iames, as is plaine by his words, *Shew me thy faith by thy workes, &c.* — Onely faith.

RHEM. 4 — 49 I have no devill.] *He denieth not that he is a Samaritane, because he is our Keeper or Protector, as the word signifieth, and because he is indeed that mercifull Samaritane in the Parable of the wounded man,* Luc. 10.33. August. Tract. 43. in Io.

FVLKE 4 — Christ was not a Samaritane, that is and hereticke and schismatike in such sense as they called him so.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 5 — 34 Amen, amen.] *What is it (saith S. Augustine upon this place) when our Lord saith, Amen, amen? He doth much commend and urge the thing that he so uttereth, doubting it.* — Why Amen, amen is not translated.

It is a certaine oath of his, if a man may so say; for Amen, in Hebrew signifieth Verum, a truth. Yet is it not translated, whereas it might have beene said, Verum, verum dico vobis; *but neither the* * *Greeke Interpreter durst doe it, nor the Latine; the Hebrew word hath remained still, that so it might be the more allowed,* Tract. 41. in Io. *By which words and the like* * *received in other places of the new Testament, the Reader may see great reason, why we also say, Amen, amen, and doth not translate it and such like words into our English Tongue.*

So

* Arabic, Syriake. * Out the Prophets and Amen. in Septuag. Apoc.

FVLK. 5 — So it be understood, that no sinne, whether originall or actuall, whether it be considered in nature, or in the person of the regenerate, is imputed unto them, or reputed worthy of condemnation, but they are accounted holy and righteous in Christ Iesus, &c.

CHAP. IX.

To shew unto his Disciples (being the Sacrament of illumination or grace) he will vouchsafe to open the eyes of the soule to such as were through circumstances likely to use better afterward. 8 By which occasion of curing the poore man, the malice of the party was stirred up, and the parents entreating for the neighbours, whose eyes the Pharisees would never be perswaded to open. Yet so obstinate they are, that they cast it in the Sabbaths teeth he was given to. They ignore that he is man of God: yea and throw out of their synagogue the party for confessing him. 35 But our Lord receiveth him. 39 And foreseeth by this occasion, the excommunion of the Iewes (because of their wilfull obstinacie) and illumination of the Gentiles who confesse their owne blindnesse.

The Gospel upon Wednesday in the fourth week of Lent.

AND Iesvs passing by, saw a man blinde from his nativity:

2 And his Disciples asked him, Rabbi, who hath sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be borne blinde?

3 Iesvs answered, ‡ Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the workes of God may be manifested in him.

4 I must worke the workes of him that sent me, whiles it is day. The night commeth, ‡ when no man can worke.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had said these things, he spit on the ground, and ‖ made clay of the spettle, and spred the clay upon his eyes,

7 And said to him, Goe, [c] wash in the poole of Siloe, which is interpreted, *Sent*. He went therefore, and washed: and he came seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbours, and they which had seene him before, that he was a begger, said, Is not this he that sate, and begged? Others said, That this is he.

9 But others, No, not so, but he is like him. But he said, That I am he.

10 They said therefore to him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered, That man that is called Iesvs, made clay: and anointed mine eyes, and said to me, Goe to the poole of Siloe, and wash. And I went, and washed, and saw.

12 And they said to him, Where is he? He saith, I know not.

13 They bring him that had beene blinde to the Pharisees.

14 And it was the Sabbath when Iesvs made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Againe therefore the Pharisees asked him, how he saw. But he said to them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed: and I see.

16 Certaine therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not of God, that keepeth not the Sabbath. But others said, How can a man that is a sinner doe these signes? And there was a schisme among them.

17 They say therefore to the blind againe, Thou, What sayest thou of him that opened thine eyes? And he said, That he is a Prophet.

18 The Iewes therefore did not believe of him, that he had beene blinde and saw: untill they called the parents of him that saw,

19 And asked them, saying, Is this your sonne,

‡ Though many infirmities fall for sinne, yet not all; some commming for probation, and some sent that God by the cure therof may be glorified.

c This was a figure of Baptisme, wherein all men borne in sinne and blindnesse are sent for health and light, *Aug. l. 3. c. 2. de Sermone Dni.*

And as Iesus passed by, he saw a man which was blinde from his birth.

2 *And his Disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was borne blinde?*

3 *Iesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor yet his parents: but that the workes of God should be made manifest in him.*

4 *I must worke the works of him that sent me, while it is day: The night commeth, when no man can worke.*

5 *As long as I am in the world, *I am the light of the world.* * Iohn. 1. 9. and 8. 12. and 12. 35.

6 *When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spettle, and annointed the clay upon the eyes of the blinde,*

7 *And said unto him, Goe wash thee in the poole of Siloe (which by interpretation is as much to say, as Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came againe seeing.*

8 *The neighbours therefore, and they that had seene him before when he was blind, said, Is not this he that sate and begged?*

9 *Some said, This is he: Others said, He is like him. He himselfe said, I am even he.*

10 *Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?*

11 *He answered, & said, the man that is called Iesus, made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the poole Siloe, and wash: and when I went and washed, I received my sight.*

12 *Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I cannot tell.*

13 *They brought to the Pharisees him that a little before was blinde.*

14 *And it was the Sabbath day when Iesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.*

15 *Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto the, He put clay upon mine eies, & I washed, & do see.*

16 *Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the Sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner doe such miracles? and there was a † strife among them.* † Schisme.

17 *They say unto the blinde man againe, What sayest thou of him, because he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a Prophet.*

18 *But the Iewes did not believe the man how that he had beene blinde, and received his sight, untill they called the parents of him that had received his sight.*

19 *And they asked them, saying, Is this your*

sinne, answer you by what meanes he now seeth, or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: aske himselfe: he is of age, let himselfe speak of himselfe.

22 These things his parents sayd, because they feared the Iewes; for the Iewes had now conspired, that if any man should confesse him to be CHRIST, he should be ‖ put out of the Synagogue.

23 Therefore did his parents say, That he is of age, aske himselfe.

24 They therefore againe called the man that had beene blinde, and sayd to him, ‡ Give glorie to God; we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He therefore said to them, whether he be a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that whereas I was blinde, now I see.

26 They sayd therefore to him, What did he to thee? how did he open thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have now told you, and you have heard: why will you heare it againe? will you also become his Disciples?

28 They reviled him therefore and said, Be thou his Disciple: but we are the disciples of Moses.

29 We know that to Mosea God did speake: but this man we know not whence he is.

30 The man answered and said to them, For in this it is marvelous that you know not whence he is, and he hath opened mine eyes.

31 And we know that sinners God doth not heare: but if a man be a server of God, and doe the will of him, him he heareth.

32 From the beginning of the world it hath not beene heard that any man hath opened the eyes of one borne blinde.

33 Vnles this man were of God, he could not doe any thing.

34 They answered, & said to him, Thou wast wholly borne in sinnes, and doest thou teach us? And they did cast him forth.

35 IESVS heard that they cast him forth: and when he had found him, he said to him, Doest thou beleeve in the sonne of God?

36 He answered, and said, Who is he Lord, that I may beleeve in him?

37 And IESVS said to him, Both thou hast seene him: & he that talketh with thee, he it is.

38 But he said, I beleeve Lord: And falling downe he adored him.

39 And IESVS said to him, For judgement came I into this world: ‡ that they that see not, may see: and they that see, may become blinde.

40 And

sinne, answer ye by what meanes he now seeth: *or* who hath opened his eyes, we know not: aske himselfe: he is of age, aske him, he shall speake for himselfe.

22 *Such words spake his parents, because they feared the Iewes: for the Iewes had agreed already, that if any man did confesse that he was Christ, he should be excommunicate out of the Synagogue.*

23 *Therefore sayd his parents, He is of age, aske him.*

24 *Then againe called they the man that was blind, and said unto him Give God the praise, we know that this man is a sinner:*

25 *He answered, and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I cannot tell: one thing I am sure of, that whereas I was blinde, now I see.*

26 *Then said they to him againe, What did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes?*

27 *He answered them, I told you yerwhile, and ye did not heare: wherefore would you heare it againe? Will ye also be his Disciples?*

28 *Then rated they him, and said, Thou art his Disciple: we are Moses disciples.*

29 *We are sure that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.*

30 *The man answered, and said unto them, This is a marvellous thing, that ye wote not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.*

31 *For we be sure that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doth his will, him heareth he.*

32 *Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was borne blinde.*

33 *If this man were not of God, he could doe nothing.*

34 *They answered, and said unto him, Thou art altogether borne in sinne, and doest thou teach us? And they cast him out.*

35 *Iesus heard that they had excommunicated him: and when he had found him, he said unto him, doest thou beleeve on the sonne of God?*

36 *He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?*

37 *And Iesus said unto him, Thou hast both seene him, and it is he that talketh with thee.*

38 *And he sayd, Lord, I believe: and he worshipped him.*

39 *And Iesus said unto him, a I am come* John 3.17. *and* 12.47. *into judgement in this world, that they which see not, might see: and that they which see, might be made blinde.*

49 *And*

‡ By this we see that this miracle was not only marvellous and beneficiall to the blinde, but also significative of taking away spirituall blindnesse.

40 *And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blinde also?*

41 *Iesus said unto them, If ye were blinde, you should not have sinne: but now you say, That we see. Your sinne remaineth.* *therefore your sinne remaineth.*

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. IX.

REM. 1 4 When no man.] *The time of working, and meriting, is in this life: after death we can doe no more by our deedes, but must onely receive good or evil according to the differences of workes here.*

FVLKE 1 The text speaketh of working: [illegible] are a matter farre beside the text. 108

REM. 2 24 Give glory.] *So say the Israelites when they derogate from miracles done by Saints or holy men, especially accounting the glory of God. As though it were not Gods glory, when his Saints doe it by his power and vertue: yea his greatest glory, that doth sanctifie things by his servants, and by the meanest things, Scripture doe shew, as Moses strikes Rocks 5. and Paule napkin. Acts 9.*

FVLKE 2. We grant not your Popish miracles, (as you would infinuate,) but say of them, as S. *Augustine* said of miracles of the Donatists, *Et nos non esse ista vel similia mendacissima commenta, vel portenta [illegible] & c. Miracles. may with these miracles, which are either fables of lying men, or wonders of deceiving spirits, for whilst these things are not true, which are reported, as if Hercules have any substance, we are the rather to take heed of truth.* But true miracles that God worketh by his Saints, to confirme the truth taught in the Scriptures, we confesse with acknowledge to the glory of God.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. IX.

REM. 3 6 Made clay.] *Christ that could have cured this man by his onely will or word, yet used externall meanes as his instruments in working, and divers ceremonies and ceremonies, clay, water, anointing, washing, &c. Wherewith then that he and his Church vse such divers sorts of Sacraments and ceremonies externall in saving our soules.* Externall ceremonies.

FVLKE. 3 We marveile not, that Christ and his Church vseth such Sacraments, and externall ceremonies in saving our soules, as he of Christs institution. But we marveile how any man dare make medicines for curing of soules, that they never learned of the heavenly Physitian. Superstitious Popish opinion.

REM. 4 22 Put out of the Synagogue.] *The Heretikes naturally transfuse here (& v. 35.)* Excommunicate: *to make the simple conceive the Churches Excommunications to be no other, or no better, or no more rightly vsed against them, then the casting out of the Synagogue of such as confessed our Saviour. They might as well have translated for Synagogue, Church: for the Old Testament, the New: for Law, grace: for flesh, spirit: for Moses, Christ. For no lesse difference is there betweene casting out of the Synagogue, and Excommunication. Besides that, one onely was which was out of the Iewes Synagogue, was therefore out of the communion of the Catholike, many true believers living in other parts of the world not subject to the Iewes Synagogue, Law, nor Sacrament. And therefore it was not all one to be out of the Synagogue, and to be excommunicated; as now, whosoever is out of the Churches communion, either by his owne will or for his just defects thrust out of it by the spirituall Magistrate, he is quite abandoned out of all the society of Saints in heaven and earth, so long as he so continueth.* Excommunication. Casting out of the Synagogue. The Churches excommunication. See in the Admonition, p. 18.

As for the cause of thrusting this poore man and such other out of the Synagogue, and excommunicating Heretikes, there is as great oddes as betwixt heaven and hell: he being vsed so for following Christ and his Church, such for forsaking Christ and his Church. Some some agreement there is betweene that corrupt sentence of the Iewes against the followers of Christ, and the pretended excommunications exhorted against Catholike men by our Heretikes; although in truth there is no great resemblance. For, the Iewes though they abused their power sometimes, yet had they authority indeed by Gods Law so to punish transgressors of their Lawe, and therefore it was fearful and reuerend such of good men. But the excommunications vsed by Heretikes against Catholikes or any others, is not so reuerend at all: being no more but a ridiculous vsurpation of the Churches right and function of the same; for, out of their Synagogues all faithfulness ought to flee, and are worthy to be thrust out: according to the warning given against Core and Dathan. Recede ye separate I pray from their tabernacles, lest you be wrapped in their sinnes. The Heretikes ridiculous excommunications.

FVLKE 4 *Many words in Greeke properly. Our translation hath not simply excommunicate, but adding, out of the Synagogue. And the Iewes before Christs had the same difference that the Church now hath, of casting them out of the fellowship of the faithfull, that for their disobedience deserved it. The true Church only hath true excommunication, the heretical assemblies, such as the Popish Church is, counterfeit curses: Whose blessings God curseth, and blesseth their curses. As for the state of England which the Pope hath cursed, God hath ever since wonderfully blessed. And the Spanish Navie being the prevent of all Papistry, which the Pope blessed, had the curse of God following it, untill it was almost destroyed.*

CHAP. X.

He entreateth his talke to the Pharisees, shewing that they and all other that will not enter in by him, are Theeves and theft they which heare him, are not the true sheepe. 11 But that himselfe is the good Pastor, and therefore to save the sheepe from these theeves, he will yeeld his life: which otherwise no might of theirs could take from him: foretelling also his Resurrection, and vocation of the Gentiles. 22 Against another time, he reasoneth with them privately, that they are not of his sheepe, and also no might of theirs shall take from him his true sheepe, because he is God, even as his Father is God. 32 Which by his miracles and by Scripture he proveth to be so: whereupon they in vaine seeking to stone and to apprehend him, 40 he goeth home to the place where Iohn Baptist had given open witnesse of him.

The Gospel upon Tuesday in Whitsun weeke.

AMEN, amen I say to you, he that entreth not by the doore into the fold of the sheepe, but ‖ climeth up another way: he is a thiefe and a robber.

2 But he that entreth by the doore, is the Pastor of the sheepe.

3 To this man the porter openeth: and the sheepe heare his voyce: and hee calleth his

VErily, verily I say unto you, *He that entreth not in by the doore into the sheepefold, but climeth up some other way, the same is a thiefe and a robber.*

2 *But he that entreth in by the doore, is the sheepheard of the sheepe.*

3 *To him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and he calleth his owne sheepe*

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knowe his voice, and followeth them: for they know his voice.

4 And when he hath set forth his owne sheepe, he goeth before them: and the sheepe follow him, because they know his voice.

5 But a stranger they follow not, but flee from him: because they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This proverbe IESVS sayde to them. But they knew not what he spake to them.

7 IESVS therefore said to them againe, Amen, amen I say to you, that I am the doore of the sheepe.

8 And how many soever have come, are theeves and robbers: but the sheepe heard them not.

9 I am the doore. By me if any enter, he shall be saved: and he shall goe in and shall goe out, and shall find pastures.

10 The theefe commeth not, but to steale and kill and destroye. I came that they may have life, and may have more aboundantly.

The Gospel upon the second Sunday after Easter, and for Saint Thomas of Canterbury. *Decemb.29.* Esa.40,11. Ezec.34,23.

11 I am the good Pastor. * The‖ good Pastor giveth his life for his sheepe.

12 But the hireling and he that is not the Pastor, whose owne the sheepe are not, seeth the wolfe comming, and leaveth the sheepe, and fleeth: and the wolfe raveneth, and dispersech the sheepe.

13 And the hireling‖ fleeth because he is an hireling: and he hath no care of the sheepe.

14 I am the good Pastor: and I know mine, and mine know me.

15 As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and ‡ I yeild my life for my sheepe.

‡ Christs death was so necessary for the flocke, that when he might have escaped, he voluntarily offred himselfe to death for his flocke.

16 And ᶜ other sheepe I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bringe, and they shall heare my voice, and there shall be made * one fold and one Pastor.

ᶜ He meaneth the Church of the Gentiles. Ezec 37,24. Esa.53,7.

17 Therefore the Father loveth me: because I yeild my life, that I may take it againe.

18 No man taketh it away from me: but * I yeild it of my selfe; and I have power to yeild it: and I have power to take it againe. This commandement I received of my Father.

19 A dissension rose againe among the Iewes for these wordes.

20 And many of them said, He hath a devill and is mad: why heare you him?

21 Others said, These are not the wordes of one that hath a devill: can a devill open the eyes of blinde men?

1 Mach.4, 56.59. The Gospel on Wednesday in Passion weeke.

22 *And ‖ the Dedication was in Hierusalem: and it was Winter.

23 And IESVS walked in the Temple, in Salomons porch.

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by some and not others them.

4 And when he hath set forth his owne sheepe, hee goeth before them: and the sheepe follow him: for they know his voice.

5 A stranger will they in no wise follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This proverbe spake Iesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Iesus unto them againe, Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the doore of the sheepe.

8 All, even as many as came before me, are theeves and robbers: but the sheepe did not heare them.

9 I am the doore: by me if any man enter in, he shall be safe, and shall goe in, and goe out, and finde pasture.

10 The theefe commeth not, but for to steale, kill, and to destroye: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more aboundantly.

*11 I am the * good shepheard: the good shepheard giveth his life for the sheepe.* Esay 40.11. ezech.34.23.

12 An hirelinge, and not which is not the sheepheard, neither the sheepe are his owne, seeth the wolfe comming, and leaveth the sheepe, and fleeth: and the wolfe catcheth them, and scattereth the sheepe.

13 The hireling fleeth, because hee is an hireling, and careth not for the sheepe.

14 I am the good shepheard, and know my sheepe, and am knowne of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I also the Father: and I give my life for the sheepe.

*16 And other sheepe I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voice, * and there shall be one fold* Ezech.37.22. *and one shepheard.*

*17 Therefore doth my father love me, * because I put my life from me, that I might take it againe.* Esay 53.7.

*18 Noe man taketh it from me, but I put it away of my selfe: I have power to put it from me, and I have power to take it againe. * This commandement have I received of my Father.* Acts 4.28.

19 There was a dissension therefore againe among the Iewes for these things.

20 And many of them sayde, Hee hath a devill, and is mad, why heare yee him?

21 Others said, these are not the wordes of him that hath a devill. Can a devill open the eyes of the blind?

*22 * And it was at Hierusalem the feast of* 1 Mach.4.59. *the dedication, and it was Winter:*

23 And Iesus walked in the Temple, even in Salomons porch.

24 Then

24 Then came the Iewes round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in doubt? If thou be Christ, tell us plainly.

25 IESVS answered them, I speake to you: and you believe not; the workes that I doe in the Name of my Father, they give testimony of me.

26 But you doe not beleeve, because you are not of my sheepe.

27 My sheepe heare my voyce: and I know them, and they follow me.

28 And I give them life everlasting: and they shall not perish for ever, and no man shall plucke them out of my hand.

Another reading is, *My father that hath given me, &c.*

29 My Father, ‖ that which he hath given me, is greater then all: and no man can plucke them out of the hand of my Father.

ᶜ Vnum.

30 I and the Father are ᶜ one.

31 The Iewes tooke up stones, to stone him.

32 IESVS answered them, Many good workes I have shewed you from my Father, for which of those workes doe you stone mee?

33 The Iewes answered him, For a good worke we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, and because thou being a man, makest thy selfe God.

Psal.81.6.

34 IESVS answered them, Is it not written in your law, that *I said, you are gods?*

35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God was made, and the Scripture cannot bee broken:

36 Whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, say you, That thou blasphemest, because I said I am the Sonne of God?

37 If I doe not the workes of my Father, beleeve me not.

38 But if I doe, and if you will not beleeve me, beleeve the workes: that you may know and beleeve that the Father is in me, and I in the father.

39 They sought therefore to apprehend him: and he went forth out of their hands.

40 And he went againe beyond Iordan into that place where Iohn was baptizing first: and he tarried there.

41 And many came to him, and they said, That Iohn indeed did no signe. But all things whatsoever Iohn said of this man, were true.

42 And many beleeved in him.

24 Then came the Iewes round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in doubt? If thou be Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Iesus answered them, I tolde you, and you believed not: the workes that I doe in my Fathers Name, they beare witnesse of mee.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheepe, as I said unto you.

27 My sheepe heare my voice, and I know them and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternall life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man plucke them out of my hand.

29 My Father which gave them me, is greater then all: and no man is able to take them out of my Fathers hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Iewes tooke up stones, to stone him withall.

32 Iesus answered them, Many good workes have I shewed you from my Father, for which worke of them doe yee stone mee?

33 The Iewes answered him, saying, For a good worke we stone thee not, but for thy blasphemy, and because that thou, being a man, makest thy selfe God.

*34 Iesus answered them, * Is it not written* Psal.82.6. *in your Law, I said, Ye are gods?*

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God was spoken, and the Scripture cannot be broken:

36 Say yee of him whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest: because I said, I am the Sonne of God?

37 If I doe not the workes of my Father, beleeve me not.

38 But if I doe, and if ye beleeve not mee, beleeve the workes: that yee may know and beleeve that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 Againe they went about to take him: and he escaped out of their hand,

40 And went away againe beyond Iordane, into the place where Iohn was first baptizing, and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, Iohn did no miracle: but all things that Iohn spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 1 Climeth another way.] *Whosoever taketh upon him to preach without lawfull sending, to minister Sacraments, and is not Canonically ordered of a true Catholike Bishop, to be a Curate of soules, Person, Bishop, or what other spirituall Pastor soever, and commeth not in by lawfull election and holy Churches ordinance to that dignity, but breaketh in against order by force or fraude of men, and by humane lawes, he is a theefe and a murderer. So came in Arius, Calvin, Luther, and all Heretikes: and all that succeed them in reason and doctrine. And generally every one that descendeth not by lawfull succession in the known ordinary line of Catholike Bishops and Pastors that have been in all Countries since their conversion. And according to this rule S. Irenæus lib.3. cap.3. tried the true shepheards from the theeves and Heretikes. So doe Tertul. de Præscr. nu.19. S.Cypr. de vnit. Eccl.nu.7. S. August. ep. 165. & contra epist. Manich. cap.4. and Liranensis.*

Anth heretikes specially are the theeves that climbe in another way, not by the doore.

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1 Catholike and known Church will call any heape of Gods and the Church. But the Church [illegible] Succession of Bishops.
[illegible] necessary. [illegible] Bishops [illegible] Church, [illegible] Bishops [illegible] in one and place, but not in doctrine. [illegible] Bishops [illegible] Fathers [illegible] Bishops, and not of place or person: [illegible] Optatus speaketh of continuance of doctrine, [illegible] Apostles unto his time, against [illegible] Cyprian [illegible] succession. So doth Tertullian 29 [illegible] same and all [illegible] heretikes that were before his time. Cyprian [illegible] against them which without [illegible] Bishops. Augustine [illegible] 165. although he alleage the succession of [illegible] from Peter, and [illegible] yet in the end resteth: Quæ omnes non tenuerunt de istis [illegible] fontibus. Although he [illegible] same not so much of these documents, as of the holy Scriptures. Likewise contra Epist. Manich. cap. 4. Although he alleage many arguments to hold him in the [illegible] Church, [illegible] which is gathered out of the holy Scriptures, yet he confesseth that all those arguments must give place to the [illegible] authority of truth: which truth may alwaies be plainely proved out of the word of God, which is the truth, Ioan. 17. 17. Neither hath Irinæus any thing to the contrary in all his booke.

RHEM. 12 Good Pastor.] *This good Pastor, is he whose speciall care is not of his owne advantage, but of the safety of the flocke. The hireling, is he that respecteth not the profite and good of the flocke, but his owne lucre. The woolfe, is the Heretike, or any persecutor of the Church, which is Christs flocke.*

When the Pastor must stay, or may flie.

RHEM. 13 Fleeth.] *Every Bishop and Pastor is bound to abide with his flocke in times of danger and persecution even to death, except himself be personally sought for, rather then the flocke, or the flocke is like ensue: for in such case the Pastor may flie, as the Apostles did, and S. Athanasius and others, S. Athan. Apol. de sua fuga. August. epist. 180.*

Iudas Machabeus

RHEM. 2 22 The dedication.] *This is the feast of Dedication instituted by Iudas Machabeus, li. 1. Mach. cap. 4. Christ vouchsafed to honour and keepe that feast instituted by him: and our Heretikes vouchsafe not to pray and sacrifice for the dead, * used and approved by him. The Dedication also of Christian Churches is warranted thereby, with the annuall memories thereof. And it proveth that such things may be instituted without any expresse commandement in Scripture.*

* 2 Mach. 12. Publication of Churches.

Dedication of Churches.

FVLKE 2 Christ being in the Temple in the feast of the Dedication, which was instituted by the Church in the time of Iudas Machabæus, did not thereby allow whatsoever Machabæus did in his life without the warrant of Gods Law. Thanksgiving to God, for restitution of the Temple, after the horrible prophanation thereof, is a thing approved by Gods Law: but a memoriall thereof, is an indifferent ceremony, which was not instituted by Ezechias, after the prophanation of the Temple by Achaz and Vrias, nor by Iosias, after that same was most horribly polluted by Manasses and Amon, nor by Zorobabel and Iesua, Esdras or Nehemias, after it was reedified, when it had beene utterly destroyed by the Chaldees. As for your Popish hallowing of Churches hath nothing like unto it but the name, the vaine shadow whereof pleaseth you so much, that contrary to your custome and profession, you are bold to translate the Greeke Encænia (which your vulgar Latine text reteineth) *Dedicationi*, and durst not translate *Scenopegia*, cap. 7. the feast of Tabernacles.

Christs essence and divine nature of the Father.

RHEM. 3 29 That which he gave me.] *This vsed also divers of the Fathers, namely S. Hilar. Trin. lib 7. post medium. S. Ambr. de Sp. S. lib. 3. cap. 18. S. August. in Io. tract. 48. S. Cyril. lib. 7. in Io. cap. 10. and vse it to prove that Christ had his essence and nature of the Father. And therefore some Heretikes of our time wickedly accuse the Councell of Laterane for falsifying this place and applying it to the same purpose, which they feare can abide, for that it is against* Calvins *Autotheisme, holding that Christ tooke his person of the Father, but not his substance. See the* 2. Annot. in 1. Io. v. 1.

Calvin Autotheisme.

Though divers of the Latine Fathers, did reade so, yet the originall text is otherwise, neither can any of the Greeke Fathers be brought to avouch this reading, although *Cyrill* be ridiculously named, whereas that 7. booke is not of *Cyrillus*, but of *Glicherem* making. Therefore the Laterane Councell, did not rightly alleage this text against *Abbas Ioachim*, whose error by manifest texts of Scripture uncorrupted, might easily have beene confuted. As for the slander of Autotheisme, is answered before, cap. 1. *Gregory Nazianz.*, calleth the holy Ghost αὐτόθεον and αὐτοθεότητα, which is all one, as if he had called him αὐτὸν Θεὸν, and yet he denied not his procession from the Father and the Sonne. *Marius Victorinus Afer lib. 3. contr. Arrianos*, doubteth not to say that Christ is αὐτοούσιον ὕστερον in respect of the substance of his deity. This quarrell sheweth some want of learning, but more abundance of malice.

FVLKE 3

De filio fonte vers. 37. Chrisost.

CHAP. XI.

He commeth once againe into Iewry boldly (the time that he would be killed of them, being not yet come) and raiseth Lazarus foure dayes buried. 47 At which miracle the blinde malice of the rulers so increaseth, that in Councell they conclude to make him away; howbeit the high Priest prophesieth unawares of the salvation of the world by his death. 54 He thereupon goeth againe out of the way.

The Gospel, upon Friday in the 4. weeke of Lent. Luk. 7. 37. Matt. 26. 7. Mar. 14. 3. Iohn 12. 3.

A Nd there was a certaine sicke man, Lazarus of Bethania, of the towne of Mary and Martha her sister.

2 (And Mary was she * that anointed our Lord with ointment, and wiped his feete with her hayre: whose brother Lazarus was sicke.)

3 His sisters therfore sent to him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou loveſt, is sicke.

4 And Iesvs hearing, said to them, This sickenesse is not to death, but for the glory of God: that the Sonne of God may be glorified by it.

5 And Iesvs loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus.

6 As he heard therfore that he was sicke, then

A Certaine man was sicke named Lazarus, of Bethany, the towne of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feete with her haire, whose brother Lazarus was sicke.)

3 Therefore his sister sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sicke.

4 When Iesus heard that, he said, This infirmity is not unto death, but for the glory of God: that the Sonne of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Iesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sicke,

then he remained in the same place two dayes.

7 Then after that, saith he to his Disciples, Let us goe into Iewrie againe.

8 His Disciples say to him, Rabbi, now the Iewes sought to stone thee: and goest thou thither againe?

9 Iesvs answered, Are there not twelve houres of the day? If a man walke in the day, he stumbleth not: because he seeth the light of this world:

10 But if he walke in the night he stumbleth, because the light is not in him.

11 These things he said: and after this he saith to them, Lazarus our friend sleepeth: but I goe that I may raise him from sleepe.

12 His Disciples therfore said, Lord, if he sleepe, he shall be safe.

13 But Iesvs spake of his death: & they thought that he spake of the sleeping of sleepe.

c de dormitione somni.

14 Then therefore Iesvs said to them plainely, Lazarus is dead:

15 And I am glad for your sake, that you may beleeve, because I was not there, but let vs goe to him.

16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus said to his condisciples, Let vs also goe, to die with him.

17 Iesvs therefore came, and found him now having beene foure dayes in the grave.

18 (And Bethania was nigh to Hierusalem about fifteene furlongs.)

19 And many of the Iewes were come to Martha and Marie, to comfort them conterning their brother.

20 Martha therefore when she heard that Iesvs was come, went to meete him: but Marie sate at home.

The Gospel in a Masse for the dead upon the day of the buriall or deposition.

21 Martha therefore said to Iesvs Lord if thou hadst beene heere, my brother had not died.

22 But now also I know that what things soever thou shalt aske of God, God will give thee.

23 Iesvs saith to her; Thy brother shall rise againe.

24 Martha saith to him, I know that hee shall rise againe in the resurrection, in the last daye.

25 Iesvs said to her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that beleeveth in mee, although he be dead shall live.

26 And every one that liveth and beleeveth in me, shall not die for ever, Beleevest thou this?

27 She saith to him, Yea Lord, I have beleeved that thou art CHRIST the Sonne of God that art come into this world.

28 And when shee had said these things, shee went, & called Marie her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth thee.

29 She

then he remained in the same place two dayes.

7 Then after that, saith he to his Disciples, Let us goe into Iewrie againe.

8 His Disciples say unto him, Master, the Iewes lately sought to stone thee, and goest thou thither againe?

9 Iesus answered, Are there not twelve houres in the day? If any man walke in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walke in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things sayd he, And after that he sayeth unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, but I goe, that I may awake him out of sleepe.

12 Then sayd his Disciples, Lord, if he sleepe, he shall doe well enough.

13 Howbeit, Iesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleepe.

14 Then said Iesus unto them plainely, Lazarus is dead:

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there (because ye may beleeve:) Nevertheless, let us goe unto him.

16 Then sayd Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also goe, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Iesus came, he found that he had lien in his grave foure dayes already.

18 (Bethanie was nigh unto Hierusalem, about fifteene furlongs off:)

19 And manie of the Iewes came to Martha and Marie to comfort them over their brother.

20 Martha as soone as she heard that Iesus was comming, went and met him: but Mary sate still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Iesus, Lord, if thou haddest beene heere, my brother had not dyed.

22 But even now I knowe, that whatsoever thou wilt aske of God, God will give it thee.

23 Iesus sayeth unto her, Thy brother shall rise againe.

*24 Martha sayeth unto him, I knowe that he shall rise againe in the * resurrection at the last day.* John 5. 29. Iohn 14. 14.

*25 Iesus sayd unto her, I am the resurrection, and the * life: he that beleeveth on me, yea, though he were dead, yet shall he live.* John 6. 39.

26 And whosoever liveth, and beleeveth on me, shall never die. Beleevest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea Lord, I beleeve that thou art Christ the Sonne of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when shee had so said, shee went her way, and called Marie her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As

and commeth to him.

30 Yet Iesvs was not yet come into the towne: but he was yet in that place where Martha had met him.

31 The Iewes therefore that were with her in the house and did comfort her, when they saw Marie that she rose quickly & went forth, followed her, saying, That she goeth to the grave to weepe there.

32 Mary therefore when she was come where Iesvs was, seeing him, fell at his feete and saith to him, Lord, if thou hadst beene here, my brother had not died.

33 Iesvs therefore when he saw her weeping, and the Iewes that were come with her, weeping, he groaned in spirit, and troubled himselfe,

34 And said, Where have you laid him? They say to him, Lord, come and see.

35 And Iesvs wept.

36 The Iewes therefore said, Behold how he loved him.

37 But certaine of them said, Could not he that *opened the eyes of the blind man, make that this man should not die?

38 Iesvs therefore againe groaning in himselfe, commeth to the grave; and it was a cave: and a stone was laid over it.

39 Iesvs saith, Take away the stone. Martha the sister of him that was dead, saith to him Lord now he stinketh, for he is now of foure dayes.

40 Iesvs saith to her, Did not I saye to thee that if thou beleeve, thou shalt see the glorie of God?

41 They tooke therefore the stone away; And Iesvs lifting his eyes upward, sayd, Father, I give thee thankes that thou hast heard me.

42 And I did knowe that thou doest alwayes heare me, but for the people that standeth about, have I sayd it, that they may beleeve that thou hast sent me.

43 When he had said these things, hee cried, with a lowde voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And forthwith hee came forth that had beene dead, bound feete and hands with winding bands, and his face was tyed with a napkin. Iesvs said to them, †Loose him, and let him goe.

45 Many therefore of the Iewes that were come to Marie and Martha, and had seene the things that Iesvs did, beleeved in him.

46 And certaine of them went to the Phariſes, and told them the things that Iesvs did.

47 The cheife Preists therefore and the Phariſes gathered a councell, and said, What doe we, for this man doth many figures.

48 If we let him alone so, all will beleeve in

John 9.6.

The Gospell upon Friday in Passion weeke.

30 As soone as he came thither, Martha quickly, and commeth unto him.

30 Iesus was not yet come into the towne: but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Iewes then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Marie that she rose up hastily, and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave, to weepe there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Iesus was, and saw him, she fell downe at his feet, saying, unto him, Lord, if thou hadst beene here my brother had not beene dead.

33 When Iesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Iewes also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled in himselfe,

34 And said, Where have you laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Iesus wept.

36 Then sayd the Iewes, Behold how he loved him.

37 And some of them sayd, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blinde, have caused that this man also should not have died?

38 Iesus therefore againe groaning in himselfe, commeth to the grave: It was a cave, and a stone laid on it.

39 Iesus said take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath beene dead foure dayes.

40 Iesus sayth unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst beleeve, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 Then they tooke away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Iesus lift up his eyes, and said, Father, I thanke thee that thou hast heard me.

42 Howbeit, I knowe that thou hearest mee alwayes: but because of the people which stand by, I said it, that they may beleeve that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cryed with a lowd voice, Lazarus come forth.

44 And he that was dead, came forth, bound hand and foote with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Iesus sayeth unto them, Loose him, and let him goe.

45 Then many of the Iewes which came to Mary, and had seene the things which Iesus did, beleeved on him.

46 But some of them went their wayes to the Phariſes, and told them what Iesus had done.

47 Then gathered the high Prieſtes and the Phariſes a councell, and sayed, What doe wee? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him scape thus, all men will beleeve

The Gospell upon the 4. Sunday after Easter.

for you that I goe. For if I goe not, the Comforter will not come to you: but if I goe, I will send him to you.

7 And when he is come, he will argue the world of sinne, and of justice, and of judgement.

8 Of sinne: because they beleeve not in me.

9 But of justice: because I goe to the father: and now you shall not see me.

10 And of judgement: because the prince of this world is now judged.

11 ‖Yet many things I have to say to you: but you cannot beare them now.

12 But when he, ‖ the spirit of truth, commeth, ‡ he shall teach you all truth; for he shall not speake of himselfe: but what things soever he shall heare, he shall speake: and the things that are to come he shall shew you.

13 He shall glorifie me: because he shall receive of mine, and shall shew to you.

14 All things whatsoever the father hath, be mine. Therefore I said, that he shall receive of mine, and shall shew to you.

The Gospell upon the 3. Sunday after Easter.

15 A little while, and now you shall not see me: and againe a little while, and you shall see me: because I goe to the Father.

16 Some therefore of his Disciples said one to another, What is this that he saith to us: A little while, and you shall not see me: and again a little while, and you shall see me, and because I goe to the Father?

17 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we know not what he speaketh.

18 And Iesvs knew, that they would aske him: and he said to them, Of this you do question among your selves, because I said to you, A little while, and you shall not see me: & againe a little while, and you shall see me.

The Gospell for many Martyrs.

19 Amen, amen I say to you, that you shal weepe & lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be made sorrowfull, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

20 A woman when she travaileth, hath sorrow because her houre is come: but when she hath brought forth the child, now she remembreth not the anguish for joy, that a man is borne into the world.

21 And you therefore, now indeed you have sorrow, but I will see you againe, and your heart shall rejoice: and your joy no man shall take from you.

5 But now I goe my way to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6 But because I have said such things to you, sorrow hath filled your hearts.

7 Notwithstanding I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I goe away: For if I goe not away, that comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sinne, and of righteousnesse, and of judgement.

9 Of sinne, because they believe not in me.

10 Of righteousnesse, because I goe to my father, and ye see me no more.

11 Of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged already.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot beare them away now.

13 Howbeit, when he is come which is the spirit of truth, he will lead you into all truth. He shall not speake of himselfe: but whatsoever he shall heare, that shall he speake: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorifie me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew unto you.

15 All things that the father hath are mine: therefore said I unto you, that he taketh of mine, and shall shew unto you.

16 After a while, and ye shall not see me: and againe after a while, and ye shall see me: for I goe to the father.

17 Then said some of his disciples betweene themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, After a while, and ye shall not see me, and again, After a while, and ye shall see me: and, That I goe to the father?

18 They said therefore, what is this that he saith, After a while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Iesus perceived that they would aske him, and said unto them. Do ye enquire among your selves of that I said, After a while, and ye shall not see me: and againe, After a while and ye shall see me?

20 Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weepe and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall sorrow, but your sorrow shall be turned to joy.

21 A woman when she travaileth, hath sorrow, because her houre is come: but as soone as she is delivered of the child, she remembreth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is borne into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

† Or, convince.

23 And in that day you shall aske me nothing. Amen, amen I say to you, if you aske the Father any thing ‡ in my Name, he will give it you.

24 Vntill now you have not asked any thing in my Name. Aske and you shall receive: that your joy may be full.

25 These things in proverbes I have spoken to you. The houre commeth when in proverbes I will no more speake to you, but plainely of the Father I will shew you.

26 In that day you shall aske in my Name: and I say not to you, that I will aske the Father for you.

27 For the Father himselfe loveth you, because you have loved me, and have beleeved that I came forth from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and came into the world: againe I leave the world, and I goe to the Father.

29 His Disciples say to him, Behold now thou speakest plainely, and sayest no proverbe.

30 Now we know that thou knowest all things, and thou needest not that any man aske thee: in this we beleeve that thou camest forth from God.

31 IESVS answered them, Now doe you beleeve.

Matth.26,31. Marke 14,27. 32 * Behold the houre commeth, and it is now come, that you shall be scattered every man into his owne, and me you shall leave alone: and I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you shall have distresse: but have confidence, I have overcome the world.

2 *And in that day thou shalt aske me nothing. Verily, verily I say unto you: If* Matth.7.7. *ye shall aske the Father any thing in my Name, he will give it you.*

24 *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my Name: aske and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

25 *These things have I spoken unto you by proverbs: the time commeth when I shall no more speake unto you by proverbes, but I shall shew you plainely of my Father.*

26 *At that day shall ye aske in my Name: and I say not unto you that I will pray unto my Father for you:*

27 *For the Father himselfe loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have beleeved that I came out from God.*

28 *I went out from the Father, and came into the world: againe, I leave the world, and goe to the Father:*

29 *His Disciples say unto him, Loe, now talkest thou plainely, and speakest no proverbe.*

30 *Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should aske thee, any question: therefore beleeve we that thou camest from God.*

31 *Iesus answered them, Doe ye now beleeve?*

32 ** Behold, the houre draweth nigh, and* Matth.26.31. *is already come, that yee shall be scattered,* marke 14.27. *every one to his owne, and shall leave me alone: and yet am I not alone, for the Father is with me.*

33 *These words have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. For in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheere, I have overcome the world.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 1 2 Cast you.] *The Heretikes translate,* Excommunicate you. *See what corruption this is, and the reason thereof,* Annot.c.9.22.

FVLK. 1 The translation of Geneva which so translateth, hath in the margeat, *or put you out of the Synagogues.* The one in effect is as much as the other.

RHEM. 2 13 He shall teach.] *If he shall teach all truth, and that for ever (as before c.14,16.) how is it possible, that the Church can erre, or hath erred at any time, or in any point?*

FVLKE 2. The Church can never erre in any point necessary to salvation, nor any true member thereof, to continue therein. For this promise is to every one of the Apostles, and so to every Christian man and woman, to their comfort, unto eternall salvation. Yet were the Apostles deceived for a time in some things, as in the calling of the Gentiles: and true Christian men may erre, but not finally to their damnation. Therefore the full accomplishment of this promise, S. *Augustine* refereth unto the life to come: *I thinke* (saith he) *that this cannot be fulfilled in any mans minde in this life, for who living in this body, which is corrupted and weigheth downe the soule, can know all truth, When the apostle saith, We know but in part,* Tract.96. *in Ioan.* How the Church and true Christians may erre.

RHEM. 3 23 In my Name.] *Vpon this the Church concludeth all her prayers,* Per Christum Dominum nostrum, *even those also that be made to Saints.*

FVLK. 3 To aske of Saints in the name of Christ, is to make Christ a mediatour betweene us and the Saints: But Christ saith, *What soever you aske the Father in my Name, he will give it you*, not whatsoever you aske of Saints in my Name, the Father or the Saints will give you. We may see upon what ground the Popish faith is builded. And yet you say untruly of all your prayers to Saints, for many in your Portice conclude not, with *Per Christum Dominum nostrum: By Christ our Lord* For example among a great number, take a few. In that Office which you call *Officium beatæ Mariæ*, There be three Lessons which be all prayers to the Virgine *Mary* which begin, *Sancta Maria virgo virginum, &c. Sancta Maria piorum piissima, &c. Sancta Dei genetrix, &c.* In which this conclusion is not. And yet no lesse is asked of her, then eternall life. And because they be very blasphemous, it shall not be amisse, for the ignorant in the Latine tongue to translate them. The first is, *Holy Mary Virgine of virgins, mother & daughter of the king of all kings: bestow thy comfort upon us, that by thee, we may deserve to have the reward of eternall life, & to raign with the elect of God for ever.* The second, *Holy Mary, of all godly women most godly, make intercession for us, of all godly women the most godly, that by thee ob virgin, he may receive our praiers, which being* Invocation of Saints.

HOLY WEEKE. *heare for us (that, supposeth whom he knowes, that by his love our adversary he hopes our. The third, Holy mother of God, whether conveyed into heaven or no, is uncertaine. But whether the bodies of the Saints should ever be reassumed, by the godly reconciled to the enemy for ever, since being ordained by them, we may be sure to obtaine the joys of heaven. Christ, whose sins remained, which thy Saints ministred end of time. And what call you then but a prayer? By the blood of Thomas which he did spend, make us Christ to obtaine, whether Thomas did offend. The Popish Poet sings: per Christum Dominum nostrum, or else it needed not, when the blood of Thomas was added to the blood of Christ. Againe, Per te Thoma post lenes omnes emplectatur nos Dei dextera. By thee Thomas after the gifts of the left hand, let the right hand of God embrace us, till we enter the world, or the workes of the flesh doe carry us away subject to hell. Againe, Opem nobis &c. O Thomas reach thy helpe unto us, unto those that stand, lift up those that fall, correct our manners, salve, and life, and dwell us into the way of peace. Moreover in a prayer to S. Ofmund: Confessor Domini, &c. Thou Confessor of our Lord, helpe the people with thy prayers, that being void of vices they may be affociate unto thee, and whom thou foolest preventing thy fatherwaries, thou Teacher of people, cause that they may accompany thee. To S. Anne: Thou that wast happy, being conceived with such a Virgin, make us in the last houre to be without fault. Againe, Anne, thou beatified mother, make us to live to Christ. To S. Katherine. Haile virgine worthy of God, haile sweete and gentle Virgine, obtaine for us the joyes, which thou dost possesse with glory. By these few, among a shamefull rabble of Popish prayers, you may see how true it is, that these Church concludeth all her prayers, Per Christum Dominum nostrum, even those also that be made to Saints.*

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 4 12. Yet many things.] *This place containeth that the Apostles and the faithfull he taught many things, which Christ omitted to teach them for their weakenesse: and that it was the providence of God that Christ in presence should not teach and order all things, that we might be no lesse assured of the things that the Church teacheth by the holy Ghost, then of the things that himselfe delivered.* Christ left many things to be taught by the Church.

FVLK. 4 Though the infirmity of the Apostles, could not yet beare, that he had to say to them, it followeth not that those things are not contained in the holy Scriptures. S. *Augustine* upon this place saith: *Quæro ipse tecum rit, &c. Where he himselfe hath not uttered those things, which of us can say, those and these they are? Or if he dare be bold to say, how doth he prove it?* Yea he proceedeth further, and saith: *If we had read any of these things in the Booke established by Councell authority, which were written after the Ascension of our Lord, it were not sufficient to have read it there except it were also read there, that the same is one of these things, which our Lord would not then tell his Disciples, because they could not beare them.* By this saying of S. *Augustine* you cannot shew us of any thing, that is not contained in the Scriptures, that it is in the number of those things, which Christ would not tell his Disciples. *Lege* comparing 15. *Ioan.* 15. with this vers. Ser. 2. *de Pentecost.* saith: *Non itaq; alia erant insinuanda veritas, nec alia prædicanda doctrina: sed oportebat capacitatem eorum qui discebantur augeri, & multiplicari castitatem illius charitatis, quæ omnem formidinem foras mitteret & fortem persecutionibus mentem faceret.* The Scriptures are sufficient.

RHEM. 5 13 The Spirit of truth.] *Every note that the holy Ghost in that he is promised to the Church, is called the Spirit of truth, which holy Spirit for many other causes is given to divers private men, and to all good men, to sanctification: but to teach all truth and preserve in truth and from error, he is promised and performed onely to the Church and the chiefe Governors and generall Councels thereof.* The Spirit of truth.

FVLK. 5 The Spirit of truth is promised to all the Church, and to every member thereof, for whom our Saviour Christ prayeth, saying, Sanctifie them in thy truth thy word is the truth, *Ioan.* 17.17. and is not restrained to any one Governour (which is not ordained by Christ) nor yet to generall Councels, which if they erre from the word of truth, are not led by the Spirit of truth. And yet are generall Councels, a good meanes, in matters of question, where the ministers of the Church, which have the speciall gifts of knowledge and understanding in the Scriptures, may by mutuall conference of the word of God, finde out the certaine truth, as in the Councell of the Apostles, *Act.* 15. Councels may erre.

CHAP. XVII.

After his Sermon of farewell, he prayeth to his Father that seeing he hath now finished his worke, he will give him his appointed glory, for the conversion of all nations, 6 and preserve his Apostles, and his Church after them, in unity and verity (that is, from Scripture, and Heresie:) finally also glorifie them with him in heaven.

The Gospel upon the Ascension eve.

‡ The Father glorifieth the Sonne by raising him from death, exalting him up to his right hand, making all creatures to bow downe at his Name, and giving him all power and judgement.

The Sonne againe glorifieth the Father, by making his honour, which only in a manner was knowen before, now knowne to all Nations.

THese things spake IESVS and lifting up his eyes into heaven, he said, Father, the houre is come, ‡ glorifie thy Sonne, that thy Sonne may glorifie thee.

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that all which thou hast given him, to them he may give life everlasting.

3 And this is ‖ life everlasting that they know thee, the onely true God, and whom thou hast sent IESVS CHRIST.

4 I have glorified thee upon the earth: I have consummated the worke which thou gavest me to doe:

5 And now glorifie thou me, O Father, with thy selfe, with the glory which I had, before the world was, with thee.

6 I have manifested thy Name to the men whom thou gavest mee out of the world. Thine they were, and to me thou gavest them: and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have knowne that all things which thou gavest me, are from thee:

THese words spake Iesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the houre is come, glorifie thy Son, that thy Sonne also may glorifie thee:

2 * *As thou hast given him power over all* Matt.28,18. *flesh, that he should give eternall life to as many as thou hast given him.*

3 *And this is the life eternall, that they might know thee the onely true God, and Iesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*

4 *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the worke which thou gavest mee to doe.*

5 *And now glorifie thou me, O father, with thine owne selfe, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

6 *I have declared thy Name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me, and they have kept thy word.*

7 * *Now they have knowne that all things* Iohn 16.27. *whatsoever thou hast given me, are of thee:*

8 Because the words which thou gauest me, I haue giuen them: and they haue receiued, and knowne in very deed that I came forth from thee, and haue beleeued that thou didst send me.

9 For them doe I pray: Not for the world doe I pray, but for them whom thou hast giuen me:

10 Because they be thine: and all my things be thine, and thine be mine: and I am glorified in them.

11 And now am I not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee.

The Gospel in a votive Masse against Schisme.

‡His petition is specially to keepe the Apostles and his Church in vnity and from Schismes. Io.18,9. Psal.40,10. 108,8.

11 Holy Father ‡ keepe them in thy name, whom thou hast giuen me: that they may be one, as also we.

12 When I was with them, I kept them in thy name. Those * whom thou gauest me, haue I kept: and none of them perished, but the sonne of perdition, that the Scripture may be fulfilled.

13 And now I come to thee: and these things I speake in the world, that they may haue my ioy filled in themselues.

14 I haue giuen them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world: as I also am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou take them away out of the world, but that thou preserue them from euill.

16 Of the world they are not: as I also am not of the world.

17 ||Sanctifie them in truth. Thy word is truth.

18 As thou didst send me into the world, I also haue sent them into the world.

19 And for them I doe ‡ sanctifie my selfe: that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 And not for them only doe I pray, ||but for them also that by their word shall beleeue in me:

21 That they all may be one, as thou (Father) in me, and I in thee, that they also in vs may be one: that the world may beleeue that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory that thou hast giuen me, haue I giuen to them: that they may be one, as we also are one.

23 I in them, and thou in me: that they may bee consummate in one: and the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loued them, as me also thou hast loued.

24 Father, whom thou hast giuen me, I will, that where I am, they also may be with me: that they may see my glory which thou hast giuen me, because thou hast loued me before the creation of the world.

25 Iust father, the world hath not known thee; but I haue knowne thee: and these haue knowne, that thou didst send me.

26 And

8 *For I haue giuen vnto them the words which thou gauest me, and they haue receiued them, and haue knowne surely that I came out from thee, and they haue beleeued that thou didst send me.*

9 *I pray for them. I pray not for the world: but for them which thou hast giuen me, for they are thine.*

10 *And all mine, are thine; and thine, are mine: and I am glorified in them.*

11 *And now am I not in the world, and they are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy father, keepe through thine owne name them, which thou hast giuen me, that they may also be one, as we are.*

12 *While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gauest me, haue I kept, and none of them is lost, but that lost child: * that the Scripture might be fulfilled.* Psal.109.8.

13 *Now come I to thee, and these words speake I in the world, that they might haue my ioy fulfilled in themselues.*

14 *I haue giuen them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, euen as I also am not of the world.*

15 *I Pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keepe them from the euill.*

16 *They are not of the world, as I also am not of the world.*

17 *Sanctifie them through thy truth: thy word is the truth.*

18 *As thou didst send me into the world: euen so haue I sent them into the world.*

19 *And for their sakes sanctifie I my selfe, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*

20 Nevertheless, *I pray not for them alone: but for them also which shall beleeue on me through their preaching:*

21 *That they all may be one, as thou father art in me, and I in thee, and that they also may be one in vs: that the world may beleeue that thou hast sent me.*

22 *And the glory which thou gauest me, I haue giuen them: that they also may be one, as we also are one.*

23 *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loued them, as thou hast loued me.*

24 ** Father, I will that they which thou hast giuen me, be with me where I am, that they may see my glory which thou hast giuen me: for thou louedst me before the foundation of the world.* Ioh.12.26.

25 *O righteous father, the world also hath not knowne thee: but I haue knowne thee, and these haue knowne that thou hast sent me.*

26 *And*

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26 And I haue declared vnto them thy name, and will declare it: that the loue wherewith thou hast loued me may be in them, and I in them.

26 *And I haue declared vnto them thy name, and will declare it: that the loue wherewith thou hast loued me, may be in them, and I in them.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVII.

Rhem. 1 19 Sanctifie my selfe.] *To sanctifie himselfe, is to sacrifice himselfe, by dedicating his holy body and blood to his Father, both vpon the Crosse, and in the holy Sacrament.*

Fvlke 1 Christ offered not his body and blood in the Sacrament to his Father, but to his Disciples in remembrance of his onely once oblation thereof to his Father, by which he perfected for ever his Saints, *Heb.* 10.14.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XVII.

Rhem. 1 3 Life everlasting.] *Both the life of glory in heaven, and of grace here in the Church, consisteth in the knowledge of God: that, as perfect vision: this, in faith working by charity; for, knowledge of God without keeping his Commandements, is not true knowledge, that is to say, it is an vnprofitable knowledge, 1 Io.2.* True knowledge of God.

Rhem. 2 17 Sanctifie them.] *Christ prayeth that the Apostles, their successours, and all that shall be of their beleefe, may be sanctified in truth; which is as much to say, as to desire that the Church may euer haue the Spirit of truth, and be free from errour; which prayer of Christ had not beene heard if the Church might erre.* The Church cannot erre.

Fvlk. 2 The Church cannot erre, nor any faithfull man finally, in matters necessary to perpetuall salvation. But if the Church or any man depart from the word of truth, they must needs erre. Though in matters necessary to salvation, the true Church, and every true Christian, be preserved from erring finally. S. Augustine interpreteth, sanctifying in the truth, *to be sanctified in Christ, which is the word and the truth, Tract* 108 *in Ioan.* Whereof it followeth, that neither the true Church, nor any Christian man, can fall finally from Christ.

Rhem. 3 20 But for them.] *He expresseth (and it is a great comfort) that he prayeth not onely for the Apostles, but for the whole Church after them, that is, for all beleevers. And all this profound and divine prayer is resembled in the holy Canon of the Masse before the Consecration, as here it was made before his visible sacrifice on the Crosse.* The Canon of the Masse.

Fvlk. 3 The Canon of the Masse, is too base to be matched with this divine prayer of our Saviour Christ, which yet followed his Supper, and not went before it, as the Popish Canon begunneth before Consecration.

CHAP. XVIII.

Being gone to the place that Iudas the Traitour did know, 4 he offereth himselfe to the hand of his enemies, sheweth his Diuine might in ouerthrowing them all with a word, and in saving his Apostles from them also with a word: 10 rebuketh Peter that would defend him from them: 12 and so being apprehended, is brought bound to Annas and Caiphas, where he is stricken by a seruant, and thrice denied of Peter. 28 Againe in the morning he is by them brought to Pilate. 29 Who demanding their accusation, whereas they would oppresse him with their authoritie, 33 and examining the point of his kingdome, pronounceth him innocent: yet they cry rather to haue a theeues life saued.

THursday night. The Passion according to S. *Iohn* in these two chapters, is the Gospel at Masse vpon Good Friday. So the Passion is read in holy Weeke foure times, according to the foure Euangelists, as S. *Augustine* appointed also in his Church at Hippo, *Ser.* 144 *de tempore.* Matth.26,36. Marke 14,32. Luke 22,39. Matth.26,47. Marke 14,43. Luke 22,47.

WHen Iesvs had said these things, he went forth with his Disciples beyond the Torrent-Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entred and his Disciples.

2 And Iudas also, that betrayed him, knew the place: because Iesvs had often resorted thither together with his Disciples.

3 * Iudas therefore having receiued the band of men, and of the chiefe Priests and the Pharisees, ministers, commeth thither with lanthornes, and torches, and weapons.

4 Iesvs therefore knowing all things that should come vpon him, went forth, and said to them, Whom seeke ye?

5 They answered him, Iesvs of Nazareth. Iesvs saith to them, I am he. And Iudas also that betrayed him, stood with them.

6 As soone therefore as he said to them, I am he: they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Againe therefore hee asked them, Whom seeke ye? And they said, Iesvs of Nazareth.

8 Iesvs answered, I haue told you that I am he; if therefore you seeke me, let these goe their wayes.

9 That the word might be fulfilled which he said, * That of them whom thou hast giuen me, I haue not lost any.

Io. 17,12.

10 Simon

WHen Iesus had spoken these words, * he went forth with his Disciples ouer the brooke Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entred and his Disciples. Matth.26. 36. marke 14.32. luke 22.39.

2 *Iudas also which betrayed him, knew the place: for Iesus oft times resorted thither with his Disciples.*

3 ** Iudas then, after he had receiued a band of men, and officers of the high Priests and Pharisees, commeth thither with lanthornes, and torches, and weapons.* Matth.26. 47. marke 14.43. luke 22.47.

4 *And Iesus knowing all things that should come on him, went forth, and said vnto them, Whom seeke ye?*

5 *They answered him, Iesus of Nazareth. Iesus saith vnto them, I am hee. Iudas also which betrayed him, stood with them.*

6 *As soone then as he had said vnto them, I am hee, they went backward, and fell to the ground.*

7 *Then asked he them againe, Whom seeke ye? They said, Iesus of Nazareth.*

8 *Iesus answered, I haue told you that I am he: If ye seeke me therefore, let these goe their way.*

9 *That the saying might be fulfilled which he spake. * Of them which thou gauest me haue I not lost one.* Ioh.17.12.

10 Simon Peter therefore having a sword, drew it out: and smote the seruant of the high Priests: and cut off his right eare. And the name of the seruant was Malchus.

11 IESVS therefore said to Peter, Put up thy sword into the scabbard. The chalice which my Father hath given me, shall not I drinke it?

12 The band therefore and the Tribune and the ministers of the Iewes apprehended IESVS, and bound him:

13 And they brought him to Annas first, for he was father in law to Caiphas, who was the high Priest of that yeere.

14 And * Caiphas was he that had given the counsell to the Iewes, That it is expedient that one man die for the people.

15 *And Simon Peter followed IESVS, and another Disciple: And that Disciple was knowne to the high Priest, and went in with IESVS into the court of the high Priest.

16 But Peter stood at the doore without. The other Disciple therfore, that was known to the high Priest, went forth, and spake to the Portresse, and brought in Peter.

17 The wench therefore that was Portresse sayth to Peter, Art not thou also of this mans Disciples? He saith to her, ‡ I am not.

18 And the seruants and ministers stood at a fire of coles, because it was cold, & warmed themselves: And with them was Peter also standing, and warming himselfe.

19 The high Priest therefore asked IESVS of his Disciples, and of his doctrine.

20 IESVS answered him, I have openly spoken to the world: I have alwayes taught in the synagogue, and in the Temple whither all the Iewes resort together: and in secret I have spoken nothing.

21 Why askest thou me? aske them that have heard what I have spoken unto them: behold they know what things I have said.

22 When he had said these things, one of the ministers standing by, gave IESVS a blow saying, Answerest thou the high Priest so?

23 IESVS answered him, If I have spoken ill, give testimony of evill; but if well, why strikest thou me?

24 And Annas sent him bound to Caiphas the high Priest.

25 And Simon Peter was standing, and warming himselfe. They said therefore to him, Art not thou also of his Disciples? He denied and said: I am not.

26 One of the seruants of the high Priest saith to him, his cousin, whose eare Peter did cut off, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Againe therefore Peter denied: and forthwith the cocke crew.

28 *They

10 *Then Simon Peter having a sword, drew it and smote the high Priests seruant and cut off his right eare: The seruants name was Malchus.*

11 *Therefore said Iesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: Shall I not drinke of the cup which my Father hath given me?*

12 *Then the company, and the Captaine and Officers of the Iewes, tooke Iesus, and bound him,*

13 *And led him away to Annas first (for hee was father in law unto Caiphas) which was the high Priest that same yeare.* Luke 3.2.

14 *Caiphas was he which gave counsell to the Iewes, that it was expedient that one man should dye for the people.* John 11.50. Some reade, And Annas sent Christ bound unto Caiaphas the high Priest. Matth. 26.58.

15 *And Simon Peter followed Iesus, and so did another Disciple: That Disciple was knowne unto the high Priest, and went in with Iesus into the Palace of the high Priest.*

16 *But Peter stood at the doore without. Then went out that other Disciple, which was knowne unto the high Priest, and spake unto the Damosell that kept the doore, and brought in Peter.*

17 *Then saith the Damosell that kept the doore unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this mans Disciples? He saith, I am not.*

18 *The seruants and Officers stood there which had made a fire of coales (for it was cold) and they warmed themselves: Peter also was standing among them, warming him.*

19 *The high Priest then asked Iesus of his Disciples and of his doctrine.*

20 *Iesus answered him, I spake openly to the world, I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither all the Iewes resort, and in secret have I said nothing:*

21 *Why askest thou me? Aske them which heard me what I have said unto them: behold, they can tell what I said.*

22 *When he had thus spoken, one of the Officers which stood by, smote Iesus with a rod, saying, Answerest thou the high Priest so?*

23 *Iesus answered him, If I have evill spoken, beare witnesse of the evill: but if I have well spoken, why smitest thou me?*

24 *Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high Preist.* Matth. 26.57.

25 *Simon Peter was standing, and warming himselfe. Then said they unto him, Art not thou also one of his Disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.* Matth. 26.69.

26 *One of the seruants of the high Preists (his cousin whose eare Peter smote off) saith unto him, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?*

27 *Peter therefore denyed againe, and immediately the cocke crew.*

28 *Then

10.11.49. Matth.26.58. Marke 14.58. Luke 22.54.

‡ It is all one for a man to deny Christ, and that he is a disciple of Christ or a Catholike, or a Christian man, when he is demanded. *Aug. traff. 113 in Io.* for so *Peter* here denieth Christ, in denying himselfe to be his Disciple.

HOLY WEEKE. Good Friday. Mat. 27,2. Mar. 15,1. Luke 23,1.

28 * Then therefore bring IESVS from Caiphas into the Palace. And it was morning: and they went not in into the Palace, that they might not be contaminated, but that they might eate the pasche.

29 Pilate therefore went forth to them without, and said, what accusation bring you against this man?

30 They answered and said to him, If he were not a malefactour, we would not have delivered him up to thee.

31 Pilate therefore said to them, Take him you, and according to your law judge him. The Iewes therefore said to him, It is not lawfull for us to kill any man.

John 12,33. Mat. 20,19. 32 * That the word of IESVS might be fulfilled which he said, signifying what death he should die.

Mat. 27,11. Mar. 15,2. Luc. 23,3. 33 * Pilate therefore went into the Palace againe, and called IESVS and said to him Art thou the king of the Iewes?

34 IESVS answered, Sayest thou this of thy selfe or have others told it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Why, am I a Iewe? ‡ Thy nation, and the chiefe Priests, have delivered thee up to me, what hast thou done?

‡ It pleased God, that Christ who was to die both for the Iewes and the Gentiles, should be betrayed of the one, and put to death by the other.

36 IESVS answered, My kingdome is not of this world; if my kingdome were of this world, my ministers verily would strive that I should not be delivered to the Iewes; but now my kingdome is not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said to him, Art thou a king then? IESVS answered, Thou sayest, that I am a king. For this was I borne, and for this came I into the world: that I should give testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voyce.

38 Pilate saith to him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went forth againe to the Iewes, and saith to them, I finde no cause in him.

Mat. 27,15. Mar. 15,6. Luke 23,17. 39 *But you have a custome that I should release one to you in the Pasche: will you therefore that I release unto you the king of the Iewes?

40 They all therefore cryed againe, saying, not him, but Barabbas. And Barabbas was a thiefe.

*Then led they Iesus from Caiaphas, into the hall of judgement: It was in the morning, and they themselves went not into the judgement hall, lest they should be defiled: * but that they might eate the Passeover.* Mat.

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, what accusation bring you against this man?

They answered and said unto him, If he were not an evill doer, we would not have delivered him unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, take yee him, and iudge him after your owne law. The Iewes therefore said unto him, It is not lawfull for us to kill any man.

That the word of Iesus might bee fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Matt. 20.19.

Then Pilate entred into the iudgement hall againe, and called Iesus, and said unto him, Art thou the king of the Iewes? Matt. 27.11.

Iesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thy selfe? or did others tell it thee of me?

Pilate answered, Am I a Iew? Thine owne nation and high Priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

Iesus answered, My kingdome is not of this world: if my kingdome were of this world, then would my seruants surely fight, that I should not be delivered to the Iewes: but now is my kingdome not from hence.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Iesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king: For this cause am I borne, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should beare witnesse unto the truth: and all that are of the truth heare my voice.

Pilate saieth unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out againe unto the Iewes, and saieth unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

Ye have a custome that I should deliver you one loose at the Passeover: will yee that I loose unto you the king of the Iewes? Matt. 27.15. mark. 15.6. luke 23.17.

Then cryed they all againe, saying, Not him, but Barabbas. This Barabbas was a robber. Acts 3.14.

CHAP. XIX.

The Iewes are not satisfied with his scourging and irrision. 8 Pilate hearing them say that he made himselfe the sonne of God, is more afraid. 12 Yet, they urging him with his loyalty towards Cæsar, and professing that themselves will acknowledge Cæsar, he yeeldeth unto them. 17 And so Christ carying his owne crosse is crucified betweene two theeves. 19 Pilate writing contrariously the onely cause of his death to be, for that he is their king or Christ. 23 His garments be so vsed, even as the Scriptures foretold. 25 He hath speciall care of his mother to the end. 28 He signifieth all that was written of his Passion, to be fulfilled, and so yeeldeth up his Ghost. 32 Tota by the Iewes meanes also other scriptures about his legs and side, are fulfilled. 38 And finally he is honourably buried.

Matt. 27,29. Mar. 15,16. THen therefore Pilate tooke IESVS, and scourged him.

2 And the souldiers platting a crown of thornes, put it upon his head: and they put about him a purple garment.

THen Pilate tooke Iesus therefore, & scourged him.

2 *And the souldiers, when they had wound a crowne of thornes, they did put it on his head, and they did cast about him a purple garment.* Matt. 27.29. mar 15.17.

3 And

3 And they came to him, and ſayd, Haile king of the Iewes, and they gave him blowes.

4 Pilate went forth againe, and ſaith to them, Behold, I bring him forth unto you, that you may know that I finde no cauſe in him.

5 IESVS therefore went forth, carying the crowne of thornes, and the purple veſtiment: And he ſaith to them, Loe the man.

6 When the chiefe Prieſts therefore and the miniſters had ſeene him, they cryed, ſaying, Crucifie, crucifie him. Pilate ſaith to them, Take him you, and crucifie him; for I finde no cauſe in him.

7 The Iewes anſwered him, We have a Law: and according to the law he ought to die, becauſe he hath made himſelfe the ſonne of God.

8 When Pilate therefore had heard this ſaying, he feared more.

9 And he entred into the palace againe: and he ſaith to IESVS, Whence art thou? But IESVS gave him no anſwer.

10 Pilate therefore ſaith to him, Speakeſt thou not to me? knoweſt thou not that I have power to crucifie thee, and I have power to releaſe thee?

11 IESVS anſwered, Thou ſhouldeſt not have any power againſt me, unleſſe it were given thee from above. Therefore he that hath betrayed me to thee, hath the greater ſinne.

12 From thenceforth Pilate ſought to releaſe him: But the Iewes cryed, ſaying, If thou releaſe this man, thou art not Cæſars friend, every one that maketh himſelfe a king ſpeaketh againſt Cæſar.

13 But Pilate when he had heard theſe words, brought forth IESVS: and he ſate in the judgement ſeate, in the place that is called Lythoſtrotos, and in Hebrewe Gabbatha.

14 And it was the Paraſceue of Paſche, about the ‡ ſixt houre, and he ſayth to the Iewes, Loe your king.

‡ He meaneth midday, counting from ſun riſing, for ſo doth the Scripture count the houres of the day. *Mat.* 20. *Mar.* 15. *Luc.* 23. *Ie.* 4. *Act.* 3. & 10.

15 But they cryed, Away, away with him, crucifie him. Pilate ſaith to them, Shall I crucifie your king? The chiefe Prieſts anſwered: We have no King, but Cæſar.

16 Then therefore he delivered him unto them for to be crucified: And they tooke IESVS and led him forth.

17 * And bearing his owne ‖ croſſe he went forth into that which is called the place of Calverie, in Hebrew Golgotha.

18 Where they crucified him, and with him two others; on the one ſide and on the other, and in the midſt IESVS.

19 And Pilate wrote a title alſo: and he put it upon the croſſe. And it was written, IESVS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE IEWES.

3 *And ſayd, Haile king of the Iewes: and ſtrooke him with rods.*

4 *Pilate went forth againe, and ſaid unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I finde no fault in him.*

5 *Then came Ieſus forth, wearing the crowne of thornes, and the robe of purple. and Pilate ſaith unto them, Behold the man.*

6 *When the high Prieſts therefore and Officers ſaw him, they cryed, ſaying, Crucifie him, crucifie him. Pilate ſayth unto them, Take ye him, and crucifie him: for I finde no fault in him.*

7 *The Iewes anſwered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to dye: becauſe he made himſelfe the ſonne of God.*

8 *When Pilate heard that ſaying, he was the more afrayd,*

9 *And went againe into the judgment hall, and ſayth unto Ieſus, Whence art thou? But Ieſus gave him no anſwer.*

10 *Then ſaith Pilate unto him, Speakeſt thou not unto me? knoweſt thou not that I have power to crucifie thee, and have power to looſe thee?*

11 *Ieſus anſwered, thou couldeſt have no power at all againſt me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee, hath the more ſinne.*

12 *And from thenceforth ſought Pilate meanes to looſe him: but the Iewes cryed, ſaying, If thou let him goe, thou art not Cæſars friend: For whoſoever maketh himſelfe a king, ſpeaketh againſt Cæſar.*

13 *When Pilate heard that ſaying, he brought Ieſus forth, and he ſate downe in the judgement ſeate, in a place that is called the pavement, but in the Hebrew tongue, Gabbatha.*

14 *It was the preparing of the Paſſeover, and about the ſixth houre: and he ſayth unto the Iewes, Behold your King.*

15 *They cryed, Away with him, away with him, crucifie him. Pilate ſayth unto them, Shall I crucifie your King? The high Prieſts anſwered, We have not King but Cæſar.*

16 *Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified: and they tooke Ieſus, and led him away.* Mat. 27. 31. Mar. 15, 21. Luke 23. 20.

17 *And he bearing his croſſe, went forth into a place which is called the place of a ſkull, but in the Hebrew, Golgotha:*

18 *Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either ſide one, and Ieſus in the middeſt.*

19 *And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the croſſe. The writing was, IESVS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE IEWES.*

HOLY WEEKE.

Mat. 27, 35. Mar. 15, 24. Luke 23, 34.

‡ This coate without ſeame is a figure of the vnity of the Church. *Cypr. de unit. ec.* And *Euthymius* and other write thair our Lady made it. Pſal. 22, 18. The Goſpel in a votive Maſſe of our Bleſſed Lady betweene Eaſter and Whitſontide.

‡ The great love, faith, courage, compaſſion, and ſorrowes, that our Lady had: who forſooke not the Croſſe and her ſonne, when ſo many were fled from him, and his chiefe Apoſtles denied him.

§ The Goſpel in a votive Maſſe of the Paſſion. Pſal. 68, 22.

20 This title read many of the Iewes: for the place where Ieſus was crucified, was nigh to the citty: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greeke and Latine.

21 Then ſaid the high Prieſts of the Iewes to Pilate, Write not, The king of the Iewes: but that he ſaid, I am the king of the Iewes.

22 Pilate anſwered, What I have written, that have I written.

23 * Then the ſouldiers, when they had crucified Ieſus, took his garments, (and made foure parts, to every ſouldier a part) and alſo his coat: the coate was without ſeame, woven from the top throughout. Matth. marke 15. luke 23.

24 They ſayd therefore among themſelves, Let us not devide it, but caſt lots for it, whoſe it ſhall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ſaying, * They parted my rayment among them, and for my coate did they caſt lots. And the ſouldiers did ſuch things indeed. Pſal. 22. 18.

25 There ſtood by the croſſe of Ieſus, his mother, and his mothers ſiſter, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Ieſus therefore ſaw his mother and the Diſciple ſtanding by, whom he loved, he ſaith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy ſonne.

27 Then ſaith he to the Diſciple, Behold thy mother. And from that houre the Diſciple tooke her unto his owne house.

28 After theſe things Ieſus knowing that all things were now performed, * that the Scripture might be fulfilled, he ſaith, I thirſt. Pſal. 69. 22.

29 So there ſtood a veſſell by, full of vinegar. Therefore when they had filled a ſponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyſope, they offered it to his mouth.

30 When Ieſus therefore had received the vinegar, he ſaid, It is finiſhed, and when he had bowed his head he gave up the ghoſt.

31 The Iewes therefore, becauſe it was the preparing of the Sabbath, that the bodies ſhould not remaine upon the croſſe on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath day was an high day) beſought Pilate, that their legges might be broken, and that they might be taken downe.

32 Then came the ſouldiers, and brake the legges of the firſt, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Ieſus, and ſaw that he was dead already, they brake not his legges.

34 But one of the ſouldiers with a ſpeare thruſt him into the ſide, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

35 And he that ſaw it, bare record, and his record is true, and he knoweth that he ſaith true, that ye might believe alſo.

36 For theſe things were done, that the

Scripture might be fulfilled, *You shall not breake a bone of him.*

37 And againe another Scripture saith, *They shall looke on him whom they pierced.*

38 And after these things * Ioseph of Arimathea (because he was a disciple of IESVS, but secret for feare of the Iewes) desired Pilate that he might take away the body of IESVS. And Pilate permitted. He came therefore and tooke away the body of IESVS.

39 * Nicodemus also came, he that at the first came to IESVS by night, bringing a mixture of myrrhe and aloes, about an hundred pounds.

40 They tooke therefore the body of IESVS, and bound it in linnen clothes with the spices, as the maner is with the Iewes to bury.

41 And there was in the place where he was crucified, a garden: and in the garden a new monument, wherein no man yet had beene layd.

42 There therefore because of the Parasceve of the Iewes, they laid IESVS because the monument was hard by.

Num. 9. 12. Exod. 12. 46.

Scripture should be fulfilled. * And againe another Scripture saith, *They shall not break a bone of him.*

37 *And againe another Scripture saith,* * *They shall looke on him whom they pierced.*

Zach. 12. 10.

38 * *After this, Ioseph of Arimathea (being a disciple of Iesus, but secretly for feare of the Iewes,) besought Pilate that he might take downe the body of Iesus, and Pilate gave him licence: he came therefore, and tooke the body of Iesus.*

Mat. 27. 57. marke 15. 42. luke 23. 25.

39 *And there came also Nicodemus, which at the beginning came to Iesus by night, and brought of myrrhe and aloes mingled together, about an hundred pound waight:*

40 *Then tooke they the body of Iesus, and wound it in linnen clothes, with the odours, as the maner of the Iewes is to bury.*

41 *And in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.*

42 *There layd they Iesus therefore, because of the preparing of the Sabbath of the Iewes, for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIX.

RHEM. 1 — 20 Hebrew, in Greeke, and in Latine.] *These three tongues being for other causes more famous before in all the world, are now also dedicated to God in the triumphant title of the Crosse of Christ, and in them the holy Scriptures are more conveniently written, taught, and preserved.*

All tongues are sanctified.

FVLKE. 1 — The tongues of all nations are sanctified by the holy Ghost, to utter the great and magnificall things of God. *Acts* 2. 11. The writing of *Pilate*, to the derision of Christ, is a vaine reason of the sanctifying of these three tongues. For by Hebrew it is most like the Evangelist meaneth the Syrian language, which then was the vulgar tongue of the Iewes: and in Latine was no part of the holy Scripture first written.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIX.

The Holy Crosse.

RHEM. 2 — 25 His owne crosse.] *This crosse, for that it was the instrument of our redemption, and as it were the altar of the supreme sacrifice, highly sanctified by the touching, bearing, and oblation of the sacred body and blood of our Lord, is truely called the* HOLY CROSSE: *and hath beene endued with vertue of Miracles, both the whole and every little piece thereof. For the which causes, and specially for the most secret mysteriall of Christs Passion, it hath beene vsed in Pilg. images, honoured by festivall dates and otherwise, reserved and reverenced of the auncient Fathers, with all deuotion: on contrariwise it hath beene abused of Pagans, Apostates, and Heretikes, seeking to vtterly to deface and destroy it. See S. Cyrill. l. 6. conc. Iulian. S. Hierom ep. 17. S. Paulinus ep. 11. Ruffinus lib. 1. cap. 7. & 8. Evagr. histo. li. 4. c. 25. S. Leo. ep. 72. & Ser. 8. de Passione. Paulus Diac. li. 18.*

The Crosse of Christ.

FVLKE 2. — The Scripture never calleth the Crosse whereon Christ died, holy, but rather cursed. For S. *Paul* proveth that Christ became accursed for us, by that he suffered on the Crosse, according to the Scripture: *Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Gal.* 3. 13. And for many hundred yeeres after Christ, there was no mention or regard what became of it. But when superstition began to grow, it was said to be found in *Constantines* time by *Helena* his mother, which it is not like that *Eusebius* would have omitted in the life of *Constantine*, writing of *Helena*, matters of lesse importance then that invention, if it had beene so in deed. But howsoever it was, it was credited in the latter times, and much esteemed, not without some spot of superstition. For if there had belonged any religious care of it to the Church of Christ, the Apostles would have procured the keeping of it, and not suffered the Church to have been three hundred yeres without it. For it had been an easier suite for *Ioseph* and *Nicodemus* to obtaine of *Pilate*, then the body of Iesus himselfe. But in the latter times, as superstition did more and more increase, and miracles were fained unto it, the Crosse also was multiplied in number, and the pieces were made thereof so many as would lade a ship if they were laid together, as *Erasmus* saith. Which also is defended to bee possible by the counterfeit authority of *Paulinus* B. of *Nola* ep. 11. where he saith: *Crux illa, &c. That Crosse holding a living force in matter void of sense, doth since the time it was found, so lend the wood of it to the innumerable desires of men almost daily, that it suffereth no diminishing, and continueth as if it had never been touched, men daily taking part of it, and yet worshipping it still whole. But this incorruptible vertue and solidity that cannot be consumed, it did drinke in truely of the blood of that flesh, which having suffered death saw no corruption.* But this is so grosse a fable, that the Censors appointed according to the Councell of Trent in the low Countries, for shame have commanded in their *Indexpurg.* to be put out of the booke of *Iohannes Sartorius*, who alleageth it to iustifie the hyperbolicall saying of *Erasmus*. But let us see what is alleaged out of the ancient Writers concerning it. First, *Cyrill* speaketh of the signe of the crosse, which doth put men in remembrance of many good things against *Iulian*, which slandered the Christians, that they worshipped the wood of the Crosse, by painting the Image of it in their foreheads and before their houses. S. *Hierom* being in Iewry, writeth in the person of *Paula* & *Eustochia* to *Marcella* of the memories of Christs birth, life, death, and burial, that were in those places, among which he reckoneth, *Crucis libere ligni*, to licke or lusse the wood of the crosse, whereby it seemeth they were perswaded that the crosse was there, and yet it may be the words be allegorical, as many other in that Epistle: *Videre erant Lazo-*

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time of his passion of Christ.
patience, he brought into all kind-
of his works, he confirmed all his
me. In which saying, except you
be had in reuerence or honoured, is nothing
words, *salutis*, the sig. of saluation to be had in reuerence or honoured, is nothing
petition. Although in the words following, *Leo* expoundeth his meaning, how it is
Christs death and passion. *Evagrius* a writer in a
men of the
Christ, at was shewed
Thomas Bishop of Apamea, carried
the Church to be worshipped of men which earnestly desired to see it, at
such time as he vsed not to shew it. Chosroes having lately destroyed Antioche, they thought it should be
the last time that they should see it. But they were next in danger, which they escaped for that present time,
and an
with fire by the Persians. In which story (if it be true) it is to be noted, that the crosse was supposed then to be
at Apamea, where after, by all likelihood, it was burned with the Church in which it was kept. *Paulus*
Diaconus a late writer also telleth how *Tiberius Constantinus* found a great treasure hidden in the earth under a
marble crosse, which he caused to be taken up: saying, *Doe we tread under our feete our Lords crosse wherewith we ought to defend our forehead and breast?* In which story, the judgement of *Tiberius Constantinus* which would
not tread upon it, is no more to be esteemed, then the judgement of many Emperours before him, which had
seene it in their palace and suffered it to lie, or of him (whomsoever he was) that did hide the treasure under it.
Now come we to the epistle of *Paulin.* and the story of *Russinus*, in which, mention is made of the invention of
the crosse. And first, concerning the credit of that epistle lately brought to light, the reader must be admonished,
that the stile rather savoureth some Monkish character, then that *Paulinus*, whose epistles unto *Augustine* have
long beene read and knowne, and the popish censors (as we have shewed before) are ashamed of it. But admitting it to be authentical, let us see what credit it deserveth. First he sendeth to *Severus a part of a little peece of the wood of the divine crosse*, and that his relique might be the better esteemed, he telleth the whole story of
the invention of the crosse by *Helena*. In which story it is worthy to be considered, how well the writers thereof agree, that we may verely thinke it was forged. Seeing *Eusebius*, who writeth the life of *Constantine*, and in
the same rehearseth the acts and buildings of *Helena* in Iewry, maketh no mention of any such matter. Therefore that briefe note in the Chronicle, bearing the name of *Eusebius*, is doubtlesse an adjection of some later
writer. S. *Ambrose* then is the most ancient writer, that maketh mention of that invention. *De obitu Theodos.* and he saith plainely, that three crosses being found, the crosse of Christ was knowne by the title that *Pilate* fastened unto it. *Titulo patuit crux salutaris. The healthfull crosse was knowne by the title. Russinus* saith, the
title could not bewray the crosse of Christ, *Sozomenus* and *Nicephorus* say, the letters were worne out. *Soz. lib.* 2.
cap. 1. *Niceph. lib.* 8. *cap.* 29. *Paulinus* saith: The way to discerne it, was revealed chiefly to *Helena* her selfe.
Russinus ascribeth the deuise to *Macarius* Bishop of Ierusalem: so doth *Sozomenus*, *Theodoret*, and *Socrates*. *Paulinus* saith it was knowne by raising up a dead man to life. *Russinus* saith it was discerned by restoring a sicke
woman to health, with whom agree *Socrates lib.* 1. *cap.* 17. *Theodoret lib.* 1. *cap.* 18. *Sozomen* addeth, that it was
reported also of a dead man to be restored to life. *Paulinus* saith, the crosse remaineth whole at Ierusalem, but
yet so, that albeit innumerable peeces be dayly cut off at the request of men, it is nothing diminished, but remaineth as though it had never beene touched. *Russinus* saith that *Helena* left part of it at Ierusalem, the rest she
sent to Constantinople, which as all the inhabitants of Constantinople affirmed, *Constantinus* inclosed in his
owne image, and there it was in the time of *Socrates*. How it came to Apamea, let *Evagrius* tell. Sir *John Mandevill* saith, it was whole at Constantinople in his time, although the Monkes of a certaine Abbey in Cypres,
affirmed that they had a part of it, to get an offering. *Paulinus* saith, that the Bishop of Ierusalem yeerely at
Easter, *bringeth it forth to be adored*, himselfe being the principall of the worshippers. Saint *Ambrose* saith, that
to worship it, it is an heathenish error and vanity of ungodly men. For these are his words: *Inuenit ergo titulum, regem adoravit, non lignum utique, quia hic gentilis est error, & vanitas impiorum. Sed adoravit illum qui pependit in ligno, scriptum in titulo.* She found the title, she adored the king, not the tree verily, for that is an heathenish error, and vanity of the ungodly. But she adored him that had hanged upon the tree, which was written in the title. Therefore if the invention of the crosse were not a forged matter, as by the diversity of reports, it seemeth to
be, yet by the judgement of S. *Ambrose* agreeable to the holy Scripture, the crosse cannot be worshipped without
heathenish error, and vaine impiety. Finally, the placing of *Mary* and *Iohn* (for so you call those blocks) by the
Roode in the Popish Church, hath no more warrant in the word of God then the Roode it selfe; for any thing
we can see in this Chapter.

The Roode with Mary and Iohn.

RHEM. — 26. To his mother.] *The marvellous respect that Christ had to his mother, vouchsafing to speake to her, and to take order for her, even from the crosse, in the middest of his intense anguishes and mysteries a working for mankinde.*

By this you see why in Catholike Churches Mary and Iohn stande by the Roode.

27 To the Disciple.] *A great honour to Iohn and charge, to beare that blessed jewell in keeping: and an vnspeakable comfort, that from that day forward the one was to the other mother and sonne,* Virginem, virgini commendavit, *saith S.* Hierom, He commended the virgin to a virgin.

Li. 2. adu. Iouin.

RHEM. 3 — 34 Blood and water.] *This peircing of Christs side, though on the souldiers part it was done wickedly and inhumanly, yet by Gods ordinance it contained great mysteries, and was prefigured by Moses striking the rocke with his rod: as out of this streame of blood and water drawne miraculously out of his dead body, running in the Sacraments of the Church after the people of God, was signified by the water of the same rocke following the Israelites in the desert.* Out of this side (*saith S.* Augustine) issued the Sacraments. Hence (*saith S.* Chrysostome) the great mysteries have their beginning. *Who marketh not, that when we come to drinke of the holy Chalice, we should so approach, as though we drew the blood out of Christs side. And both blood and water apart did flow forth, to shew us the fountaine of two principall Sacraments, and their severall matters, Baptisme and the Eucharist, bringing to life everlasting in the Church. The fathers also say that the Church who is Christs spouse and his coadiutrice in applying the blood and water to the benefit of the Faithfull, was here formed, builded, and taken out of this holy side of Christ sleeping on the Crosse, as Eve was of Adams side, when he was cast asleepe in Paradise.*

Exod. 17. Num. 20. Tertull. de Bapt. Hom. 24. in Ioan.

The Sacraments issued out of Christs side, and therein have their vertue.

The Church builded of Christs side, as Eve of Adams.

Gen. 2. 21.

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CHAP. XX.

The effect of this booke.

AND the ‡ first of the Sabboth, Mary Magdalene commeth early, when it was yet darke, unto the monument: and she saw the stone taken away from the monument.

2 She ranne then therefore, and commeth to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom IESVS loved, and saith to them, They have taken out of the monument, and we know not where they have layd him.

3 Peter therefore went forth & that other disciple, and they came to the monument.

4 And both ranne together, and that other disciple did out-runne Peter, and came first to the monument.

5 And when he had stouped downe, he saw the linnen clothes lying: but yet he went not in.

6 Simon Peter therefore commeth, following him, and went into the monument, and saw the linnen clothes lying,

7 And the napkin that had beene upon his head, not lying with the linnen clothes, but apart, wrapped up into one place.

8 Then therefore went in that other disciple also which came first to the monument; and he saw, and beleeved.

9 For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he should rise againe from the dead.

10 The Disciples therefore departed againe to their owne lodgings.

11 But Mary stood at the ‡ monument without, weeping. Therefore as shee was weeping, she stouped downe, and looked into the monument:

12 And she saw two Angels in white, sitting, one at the head, and one at the feete, where the body of IESVS had beene laid.

13 They say to her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith to them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have put him.

14 When she had said thus, she turned backward, and saw IESVS standing: and she knew not that it is IESVS.

15 IESVS saith to her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She thinking that it was the gardiner, saith to him, Sir, if thou hast carried him away, tell me where thou hast laid him: and I will take him away.

16 IESVS saith to her, Mary. She turneth, and saith to him, Rabboni (which is to say, Master.)

17 Iesus

The first day of the Sabboth, Mary Magdalene commeth early, when it was yet darke, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the grave. Mat.16.1. Luke 24.1.

2 Then she runneth, and commeth to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Iesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the grave, and we cannot tell where they have layed him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other Disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 They ranne both together, and the other Disciple did out-runne Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And when he had stouped downe, he saw the linnen clothes lying, yet went he not in.

6 Then commeth Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linnen clothes lie,

7 And the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linnen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by it selfe.

8 Then went in also that other Disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and beleeved.

9 For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he should rise from death.

10 Then the Disciples went away againe unto their owne home.

11 Mary stood without at the sepulchre, weeping: so as she wept, she bowed her selfe into the sepulchre, Matth.28.1. Mar.16.5.

12 And seeth two Angels clothed in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feete, where the body of Iesus was layd.

13 They say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, For they have taken away my Lord, and I wote not where they have laid him.

14 When she had thus said, she turned her selfe backe, and saw Iesus standing, and knew not that it was Iesus.

15 Iesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She supposing that it had beene the Gardiner, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast layed him, and I will fetch him.

16 Iesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned her selfe, and said unto him, Rabboni, which is to say,

17 Iesus

The Gospel upon Thursday in Easter weeke. C Mat.28,1. Mar.16,5. Luke 24,4.

That is, the first day of the weeke, as some interpret it, calling Sabboth (as sometime it is) for a weeke. This is our Sunday, called *Dies Dominica* because of our Lords resurrection. See the *marg.* annot. Luc. 24.1 Luke 24.12.

Iesus saith unto her, Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father: but goe to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the Disciples that she had seene the Lord, and how he had spoken these things unto her.

19 Then the same day at night, which was the first day of the Sabboth, when the doores were shut where the Disciples were assembled for feare of the Iewes, came Iesus and stood in the middest, and said unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed them his hands and his side. Then were the Disciples glad when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Iesus to them againe, Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the holy Ghost.

23 Whose sinnes ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose sinnes ye retaine, they are retained.

24 But Thomas one of the twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Iesus came.

25 The other Disciples therefore said unto him, We have seene the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nailes, and put my finger into the place of the nailes, and put my hand into his side: I will not believe.

26 And after eight dayes, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: Then came Iesus, the doores being shut, and stood in the middest, and said, Peace be to you.

27 After that saith he to Thomas, Bring thy finger hither, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side, and be not faithles, but beleeving.

28 Thomas answered, and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Iesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seene me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seene, and yet have believed.

30 And many other signes truely did Iesus before the eyes of his Disciples, which are not written in this booke.

31 But these are written, that you may believe that Iesus is Christ the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in his Name.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XX.

Mat.28.18.

John 21.25.

Luke 24.39. after the doores were shut.

The Greeke hath here and Luke 24.39. after the doores were shut.

Low Sunday.

‡ See the Annotat. on the 19. verse of this Chapter.

‡ They are more happie that believe without sensible argument or reason, then such as be induced by sense or reason to believe. John 20.25.

Rhem.

The doores were shut.] *Such* [illegible] *as that Christs body can be at once in* [illegible] *other place in heaven, and cannot be in two places at once, nor* [illegible] *impossible* [illegible] *conditions of his humanity), is invincibly refuted by Christs entring in the* [illegible] *four: and by that that his true naturall body, whole and* [illegible] *Flesh and bones from the substance and corpulence of the wood.* [illegible] *and receive borow the same: as he also came out of his mothers wombe, the doores* [illegible] *the stone, one of his Sepulchre. By all which the Heretikes* [illegible] *plaine Scriptures, or so fondly shift themselves from the evidence* [illegible] *stedfastly to be marked in this point.*

Some say, that he came in at the window: some, that the doore opened of it selfe to let him [illegible] *the doores being shut, signifieth no more, but that he came in* [illegible] *doores: and such other slights to defend falshood, against expresse Scriptures, and against the* [illegible] *therefore tooke him to be a spirit, because they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them,* [illegible] *sius. And the Vtrechtish all confesse, that he went in, the doores being shut. See S. Ambrose Ep.* [illegible] *gustine ep.3. ad Volusian. & l.22. de civit.c.8 & l.8. Cyrillin Ioh. l.12.c.53. and 9. Hier.* [illegible] *c. 21, We know it is the naturall course of Gods Ordinance, that every body should have but one and his proper place fitted to the dimensions, quantity, termes and limits of the same: without which, the bodies were no where, and consequently wit at all, as S. August. saith ad Dardanum; but that God supernaturally and miraculously cannot by his omnipotencie dispose otherwise of his owne body, then the naturall forme or quantity or quality of* [illegible] *of reason, that is great incredulity, seeing we must believe that he can do so with any other body of meere men or other creatures, the Scripture being plaine that he can make a camell passe thorow a needles eye, containing in his naturall figure and quantity still: and S. Augustin telleth of a woman whose ring fell from her girdle, both being fast and whole: and Rupertus of a religious man, whose girdle fast buckled fell downe before him from his body.* De oft. Eccl. *Therefore it is too much unfaithfulnesse, by rules of place to enclose Christ of his will or wisdome to be in the Sacrament* [illegible] *to himselfe list, and on as many altars or places as he liketh; we dare for all that say he is in every place where the testament, holding quite contrary to the Zuinglians, that Christ according to his humanity is in every place where the Divinity is: which is both against faith, and the common rules of nature and divinity.*

It can never be proved, that Christs body came either thorow the wood of the doores, thorow the stone of the Sepulchre, or thorow the clausure of his mothers wombe. And concerning the last, the Scripture is evident to the contrary, where it is said, that our Saviour Christ was presented to the Lord, according as it is written: *Every male that first openeth the matrix, &c.* Luke 2.23. The same affirmeth *Hieron. cont. Pelag. l.1.* saying, *Claustra vulvæ virginalis aperiit. He opened the gates of the Virgins wombe, that were shut.* For the immaculate virgin unlose *virginalis aperiit*, He opened the gates of the Virgins wombe, that were shut. For the immaculate virginity of *Mary*, consisted not, in that the clausure was not sturred, but in that, she was free from the company of man. What he writeth against *Helvidius* of such things as doe accompany a naturall birth, which he acknowledgeth to have been in the birth of Christ, and rightly saith not to be more shamefull then the Crosse of Christ, I had rather that they should reade in Latines then I expresse in English: *Solus ex masculus adaperiens vulvam, qui in veritate sibi non vendicatur. Virginem quippe matris ejus non concupiscentia mariti copulavit, sed ineffabilis operatio sibi nascituris operatur. Fol. de incarn. & gra. f.c.13.* Against it cannot see how it can stand with the Article of his nativity, that the same came out of his mothers wombe the clausures not sturred, when such a comming cannot properly be called a birth: whereas the Scripture speaking of his nativity, [illegible] the termes that are commonly spoken in the birth of all men, *Mat.1.21.& 23. Luke 2.6.& 7.& 21.&c.* Whether all parts after the birth remained as close as before (as divers ancient Fathers thinke) I will not contend. It is sufficient to know so much as the Scripture teacheth, that Christ was truly borne of a Virgine. *Leo* saith, *It was an errour of the Manichees to deny that he was borne corporally of the Virgin Mary, in Nat. Ser. 4.* Therefore we must so acknowledge that he was borne of a Virgine, that we doe not deny that he was borne corporally. [illegible] is it said, that Christ came thorow the doores being shut, but after the doores were shut, which yet at his entry were opened miraculously, as to the Apostles the prison doores, *Act. 5.19.& 12.10.* So I say of the stone, if he arose before the Angel removed the same, *Mat. 28.* You say, *that some say, he came in at the window*, yet are you able to name none of us, that so saith or thinketh. But where we say, the doore opened unto him miraculously, or that he came in late, after the doores were shut, you say they be slights to defend falshood against expresse Scriptures: but we may well say, you have nothing but brazen facet, to oppose against the manifest truth. For where have you any expresse Scriptures, that he came thorow the wood of the doores being shut, the expresse words of the Evangelist are, after the doores were shut. But you adde, that our exposition is against the Apostles *testimony, who therefore tooke him to be a Spirit, because they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them, all the house being close shut.* Which is a weake subterfuge, *because they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them*, all the house being close shut. Which is a weake subtirie, *because they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them*, all the house being close shut. Which is a weake subtirie, *because* they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them, all the house being close shut. Which is a weake subtirie, *because they saw him stand suddenly in the midst of them*

in you. And the holy Ghost is set to be the Governour or Master of the Church, that if he [illegible] Ghost [illegible] which he shall utter [illegible] of the Church [illegible] Baptisme [illegible] Gospel. [illegible] is of [illegible] us. Et terete [illegible]. And certain it is that we be able to [illegible] other person it is full to answer the transgressors of the Law [illegible] For so we see it to be done in mens affaires. [illegible] Kings subiects, in whom the crime of treason hath no place. For it is wisely said, that he will set to a King, that doeth unjustly. How true hath our Saviour spoken to his disciples the divine power? Certainly, because it is not against reason, that [illegible] in them. For when they remit or retaine, the Spirit which dwelleth in them worketh or retaineth. And that shall be by them as I think by two meanes, by Baptisme, and by repentance. [illegible] by them that believe and are proved for holinesse of life, unto Baptisme, and diligently keep the [illegible] from [illegible] the children of the Church offend, they rebuke them, and pardon them when they repent. As Paul sometime [illegible] he should not Corinthians, unto the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit might be saved, and [illegible] be ouerwhelmed with greater sorrow. S. Ambrose hath none other meaning, nor [illegible] of Penance: but reasoneth against the Novatians, which denied that sinnes could be forgiven after baptisme by the ministery of men, wherein you doe impudently belie us, to match us with them. His words are these: *Quid interest? Quid facit? Vtrum Baptismus, an Poenitentia?* Whether the Priests do challenge this authority given unto them, by repentance, or by Baptisme? What maketh it whether the Priests do challenge this authority given unto them, by repentance, or by Baptisme? What maketh it whether? there is one ministery in both. But thou wilt say, that in Baptisme the grace of the mysteries doth worke, what? in repentance doth not the Name of God worke? By these words it appeareth, that S. Ambrose acknowledgeth no Sacrament of Penance or Repentance. For then he would have said: Doth not the same grace of the mysteries worke in Penance? Are they not both Sacraments alike? But he saith, *Doth not the Name of God worke?* meaning, that the grace of remission of sinnes, which is granted in the Name of God to the penitent, is as effectuall without a Sacrament, as in a Sacrament.

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Rhem. 5 23 Whose sinnes.] *Power to offer Sacrifice, which is the principall function and act of priesthood, was given them* The Sacrament of Penance instituted. *at the institution of the blessed Sacrament: the second and next speciall faculty of Priesthood, consisting in remitting sinnes, is here bestowed on them. And withall, the holy Sacrament of Penance, implying Contrition, Confession, and Satisfaction in the Penitent, and Absolution on the Priests part, is instituted, for in that, that expresse power and commission is given to Priests to remit or retaine all sinnes: and in that, that Christ promiseth, whose sinnes soever they forgive, they be of God forgiven also: and whose sinnes they retaine, they be retained before God: it followeth necessarily, that we be bound to submit our selves to their judgement for release of our sinnes. For this wonderfull power* Men are bound to confesse all their mortall sins and that in particular. *given them by nature, if none were bound to seek for absolution at their hands. Neither can any rightly seeke for absolution of them, unlesse they confesse particularly at least all their mortall offences, whether they be committed in mind, heart, will, and* * *cogitation onely, or in word and worke: for Gods priests being in this Sacrament of Penance constituted as Christs seate as Iudges to censure of our conscience, cannot rightly vnlesse our cause, without full and exact cognition and knowledge of all our sinnes, and the necessary circumstances and differences of the same. Which cannot otherwise be had of them, being mortall men, then by our simple, sincere, and distinct utterance to them of our sinnes, with humble contrite heart, ready to take and to doe penance according to their injunction. For that authority to retaine sinnes, consisteth specially in enjoyning satisfaction and penitentiall workes of praying, fasting, almes, and such like. All which Gods ordinance, whosoever condemneth or contemneth, as Heretikes doe, or neglecteth, as some careless Catholikes may perhaps doe, let them be assured they cannot be saved. Neither must any such Christian man pretend to looke to have his sinnes, after Baptisme, remitted by God only, without this Sacrament: (which was the* * *Cypr. de Lapsis. num. 11.* * *Hiero. in 16. Matth.* To retaine sinnes. The necessity of this Sacrament. *Hiero. ad Demetriadem. c. 6. to. 1.* *old Heresie of the Novatians, Ambr. lib. 1. de Poenit. c. 2. Socrat. lib. 7. Eccl. hist. c. 25.) more then any may hope to be saved, or have his originall or other sinnes, before Baptisme, forgiven by God without the same Sacrament. Let no man deceive himselfe, this is the second table or board after shipwracke, as S. Hierome calleth it. Whosoever taketh not hold of it, shall perish without all doubt, because they contemne Gods counsell and order for their salvation. And therefore S. Augustine (ep. 180.) joyning both together, saith it is a pitifull case, when by the absence of Gods Priests* *Matth. 18.* *any man that (namely, ep. 54.) called it great cruelty, and such as Priests shall answer for at the latter day, to suffer any man that is penitent of his sinnes, to depart this life without this reconciliation and absolution: because (saith he) the Law-maker himselfe (Christ) hath granted, that things bound in earth, should also be bound in heaven; and that those things might there be loosed, which were loosed before here in the Church. And it is a world to see, how the heretikes wrestle with this so plaine a commission of remitting sinnes, referring it to preaching, to denouncing Gods threats upon sinners, and to we cannot tell what else; though to our English Protestants this authority seemeth so cleere, that in their order of visiting the sicke, their Ministers acknowledge and challenge the same, using a formall absolution according to the Churches order, after the speciall confession of the party. But to conclude the matter, let every one that listeth to see the true meaning of Christs words, and the Priests great power and dignity given them by the same words and other worke well these words of S. Chrysostome. For (saith he) they that dwell on the earth, and converse in it, to* The Heretikes wrestling against plaine Scripture. The English Ministers heare confessions, and absolve. *See the Communion booke.* *Lib. 3. de Sacer.* *them is commission given to dispense those things that are in heaven, to them it is given to have the power which God would not to be given neither to Angels nor Archangels; for neither to them was it said, Whatsoever you shall binde in earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose in earth, shall be loosed in heaven.* The earthly Princes indeed have also power to binde, but the bodies onely: but that bond of Priests which I speake of, toucheth the very soule it selfe, and reacheth even to the heavens: insomuch, that whatsoever the Priests shall doe beneath, the selfe-same God doth ratifie above, and the sentence of the servants of the Lord doth confirme; for indeed what else is this, then that the power of all heavenly things is granted them of God? *Whose sinnes soever* (saith he) *you shall retaine, they are retained.* What power (I beseech you) can be greater then this one? The Father gave all power to the Sonne: but I see the same power altogether delivered by the Sonne unto them. *And as this concerneth the priests high authority to absolve, so hereupon entering confession also to be made unto them, the ancient Fathers speake in this sort.* S. Cyprian de Lapsis nu. 11. They (saith he) that have greater faith and feare of God, though they did not fall in perfection, yet because they did onely thinke it in their minde, this very cogitation they confesse to Gods Priests sorrowfully and plainly, opening their conscience, unburdening & discharging the burden of their mind, & seeking wholesome medicine for their wounds though but small and

Priests power to forgive sinnes, is above the power of Angels or worldly Princes.

[illegible] Full. 5 [illegible] At the [illegible] of the holy Sacrament of our Lords Supper, there was no word of sacrifice or power of sacrificing [illegible] to Priests. Nor where you say, the second faculty of Priesthood, consisting in power to remit sins, is here bestowed: you confesse they were made but halfe Priests before. But how I pray you could they baptize or minister the Lords Supper, without power of remission of sinnes upon the penitents? Therefore here is no Sacrament of penance instituted, but the authority of their Apostleship, enstalled and renewed unto them and their successors, ministers of the Church. Moreover, you shall never be able to prove, that the power of remission of sinnes doth imply confession to a Priest, or satisfaction of worke: neither is there any word in the holy Scriptures, to declare these two parts necessary to repentance. Neither doth it follow of any necessity, that men are bound to submit themselves to the judgement of Priests, if they have authority to forgive sinnes. Neither were their power given in vaine, if none were bound to seeke absolution at their hands: for they are bound to offer it to all true penitent sinners, although they seeke it not at their hands, yea to exhort and to desire men to be reconciled unto God by their ministery, 2 *Cor.* 5. 20. *Luke* 24. 47. Againe, men may seeke absolution at their hands, though they be not bound to submit themselves to their judgements, nor yet to confesse all, or any of their particular mortall sinnes unto them. And where you quote *Cyprian de Lapsis*, he speaketh not one word of the necessity of confession of all sinnes to a Priest, but of them that had openly fallen to idolatry, who were bound openly to acknowledge their sinnes, before they could be received into the communion of the faithfull: commending them also, which although they had not openly fallen, yet having but onely thought to yeeld to idolatry, being pricked in conscience confessed the same to the Priest, and sought comfort and wholsome medicine, though it were but for small wounds, in comparison of them that had yeelded in act. S. *Hierome* saith, *That as in the Law the Priest maketh the leper cleane or uncleane, so here also the Bishop or Priest bindeth or looseth, not them that are innocent or guilty, but according to his office; when he heareth the diversities of sinners, he knoweth who is to be bound and who to be loosed.* Here is no word of the necessity of confession, but onely he sheweth that the Bishop or Priest hath none other power of binding and loosing, then the Priest of the Law had in making clean or uncleane, which he did none otherwise but by declaring and pronouncing who was cleane, and who was uncleane: so the minister of the Church, hearing that there be sinners penitent and unpenitent, knoweth to binde the one, and loose the other.

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Moreover, where you say the authority to retaine sinnes, consisteth specially in enjoyning satisfaction, &c. It is altogether without the testimony of the holy Scriptures, yea contrary to the same; which teach that all penitent sinners are by the ministery of the Church, to be assured of remission of their sinnes freely through the redemption of Christ, *Rom.* 3. 24, 25. 1 *Ioh.* 2. 1. *and* 2, &c. For by the death of Christ, is made a full satisfaction to the justice of God for our sinnes, and not by any workes of ours. Christian men therefore looke to have remission of their sinnes in the Church, and by the ministery thereof after Baptisme, contrary to the heresie of the Novatians, but not by any Sacrament of penance. For neither *Ambrose*, *Socrates*, or *Hierome*, doe once name the Sacrament of penance in the places noted: but shew that the ministers of the Church have authority as well to loose as to binde, to forgive sinnes as to retaine: whereas the Novatians granted the one, and denied the other. S. *Augustine* joyning reconciliation of them that are bound to Baptisme, doth not thereby acknowledge a Sacrament of the one, as well as of the other. The like is to be said of the lamentation described by *Victor Vticensis*: and the complaint of *Cyprian*, *Ep.* 54. for the necessity of reconciliation by the ministery of the Church, of those that are bound by the same, doth not prove a Sacrament of penance, which is the matter we stand upon. That the power here given, is exercised by preaching and denouncing the promises or threats of God, either publikely or privately, you know not what it meaneth: but even the Fathers whom you have cited, doe testifie the same, as appeareth by their sayings before remembred. That confession may be made profitably, when a mans conscience cannot be otherwise satisfied, we deny not: but that it is alwayes necessary for obtaining remission of sinnes, we utterly deny. The saying of *Chrysostome* we acknowledge, understanding this power to be given to the ministers of the Church, as Embassadors of Christ, whose sentence being ratified in earth according to their commission, is ratified in heaven. But how this power is exercised, *Chrysostome* also sheweth, *cap.* 6. of the same booke, ὅτι οὐ διδάσκουσι μόνον, &c. *not onely by teaching and admonishing, but also by prayer.* And concerning the necessity of confession to the Priest, what *Cyprian* saith in his booke *de Lapsis*, I have shewed before. The former place is a commendation of them which confessed, even their purpose of defiling themselves with idolatry, though they did not accomplish it in act, in comparison of other that would be restored to the fellowship of the Church, without any confession when they had actually and openly fallen: which doth not argue any necessity of confession in the same or in any such. In the second place he urgeth open confession and satisfaction to the Church which by their fall was offended, of them that had openly fallen into idolatry. So the place nothing proveth the necessity of confession of all sinnes, nor satisfaction to the justice of God. *Cyril* also, or *Origen*, in *Levit.* 2. speaketh of hard discipline and open penance for open and heinous sinnes: the words are these: *Est adhuc & septima, &c.* *There is yet a seventh way of remission of sinnes, although hard and laborious, remission of sinnes by repentance, when the sinner washeth his bed with teares, and his teares are made his bread day and night, when he is not ashamed to declare his sinne to the Lords priests, and to seeke medicine according to him which saith, I said I will confesse mine unrighteousnesse against my selfe, and so forgave the impiety of my heart.* You must remember there are six other wayes of remission

... confession ... Christ ... the Physitian ... cure him ... the sicke ... Physitian ... knoweth not, ... confession ... of sinnes is ... them, which by comfortable exhortation may cure ... the same manner as the shewing of the pestilent sore ... all men, nor to any thing of ours, but to the Priest are ... them away by carefull looking to them. These words doe not ... sessed to a Priest, but that choice must be made of a godly learned Physician of the ... declaration of any of them, whether he be Priest or no, able to minister spiritual ... by it may rightly be gathered, that in vaine men make their confession to many Popish Priests, which be altoge- ther unlearned and unskilfull. Basil speaketh for the instruction of them that lived in Monasteries in his time, among whom many were learned and able to give good counsell that were no Priests. But Leo you say nameth Priests, Ep. 80. he doth so indeed, and fewer confession as sufficient against them, than required open confession as necessary: yet saith he not, that confession to the Priest of all sinnes, is alwayes necessary. For that it is expe- dient in some cases, for men to confesse their sinnes to their Pastor; we deny not, but you have not yet proved that it is alwayes necessary. The words of Hierom be as I have declared before. Cum peccatrix multa auditis varietates, when he hath heard the diverse sinnes or divers kinds of sins, he knoweth who is to be bound, or who is to be loosed: namely, the penitents to be loosed, the impenitent to be bound. Which he cannot doe, by hearing the variety of sinnes: for all sinnes are to be pardoned to them that repenty, and no sinne is to be remitted to the impenitent. That Ambrose heard sometimes secret confessions, and kept them secret, we give credit to Paulinus: but that confes- sion of all sinnes to a Priest, is necessary to obtaine remission of sinnes, neither Ambrose nor Paulinus, nor any ancient godly Father doth tell us. S. August. hom. 49. speaketh of open penance for them that had openly com- mitted adultery, as it appeareth by the example of Theodosius the Emperour, which he bringeth to perswade them, saying, God would have the Emperour Theodosius to doe open penance in the sight of the people, specially be- cause his sinne could not be kept close; and is the Senator ashamed of that the Emperour was not ashamed? I have an- swered before to S. Ambrose, and S. Cyprian; that neither of them speaketh a word for the necessity of the con- fession of all sinnes to a Priest. The Author of the booke, De vera & falsa penitentia, writeth against S. Au- gustine by name, and by the stile thereth himselfe to be a late writer in comparison of S. Augustine. Yet he thinketh not confession to a Priest to be so necessary, but that if a Priest be wanting, a man may confesse to his neighbour, and shall have pardon, as the lepers that went to shew their faces to the Priests, were healed before they came to them. But that confession of secret sinne is not necessary to be made to any man, but only to God, Chrysostome thereth, Hom. de penitent. & confessione: It is not necessary to confesse in the presence of witnesse, let examination of thine offences be made in thought, let this judgement be without a witnesse, let God only see thee re- king thy confession: God which casteth not thy sinnes in thy teeth, but looseth thy sinnes for thy shame. Against Ep. ad Heb. Hom. 31. I say not to thee that thou oughtest to bewray thy selfe abroad, nor that thou shouldest accuse thy selfe before other men. But I will have thee obey the Prophet, saying, Reveale thy way to the Lord, confesse thy sinnes therefore before God. The like saying he hath in psal. 50. hom. 2. and in many other places of his workes. For more full triall of this case, I referre the Reader to my Confutation of D. Allens bookes, written specially to maintaine Popish strifes, part. 1. from the 10. Chapter to the end.

CHAP. XXI.

Appearing againe in Galilee, where Peter was fishing with his fellowes: and comforting them after they had all night taken none, toucheth a great multitude, which Peter draweth to land, where he also dineth with them: 15 He (expressing what this fishing signified) maketh Peter his Vicar, committing unto him the feeding of his lambes and sheepe: 18 and revealeth unto him, that he also shall be crucified to the glory of God, 20 admonishing him to minde that, rather then to be curious about Iohns death:

Christ maketh not Peter his Vicar generall, more then every one of his Apostles, who had every one a gene- rall charge of all the flocke of Christs sheepe.

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The Gospel on Wednesday in Easter week

AFter IESVS manifested himselfe againe at the Sea of Tiberias. And he manifested thus:

2 There were together Simon Peter and Thomas who is called Dydimus, and Na- thanael which was of Cana in Galilee, and the sonnes of Zebedee, and two others of his Di- sciples.

3 Simon Peter saith to them, I go to fish. They say to him, We also come with thee. And they went forth and got up into the boat: and that night they tooke nothing.

4 But when morning was now come, IESVS stood on the shoare: yet the Disci- ples knew not that it was IESVS.

5 Iesus therefore saith to them, Children, have

Afterward did Iesus shew himselfe againe to his Disciples at the sea of Tiberias, and on this wise shewed he himselfe.

2 *There was together Simon Peter, and Thomas, which is called Didymus, and Nathe- nael of Cana in Galilee, and the sonnes of Zebe- dee, and two other of his Disciples.*

3 *Simon Peter saith unto them, I goe a fishing. They say unto him, We also goe with thee. They went their way, and entred into a ship immediately, and that night caught they no- thing.*

4 *But when the morning was now come, Ie- sus stood on the shore: nevertheles, the disciples knew not that it was Iesus.*

5 *Iesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any*

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... have you any ... No.

6 He ... right ... They ... was not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 That his disciple therefore whom IESVS loved, saith to Peter, It is our Lord. ‡ Simon Peter when he had heard that it is our Lord, girded his coate unto him (for he was naked) and cast himselfe into the sea.

8 But the other Disciples came in the boate (for they were not farre from the land, but as it were two hundred cubits) drawing the net of fishes.

9 Therefore after they came downe to land, they saw hoc coales lying, and fish laid thereon and bread.

10 IESVS saith to them, Bring hither of the fishes that you tooke now.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land, full of great fishes, an hundred fifty three. And although they were so many the net was not broken.

12 IESVS saith to them, come, dine. And none of them that sate at meate, durst aske him, Who art thou? knowing that it is our Lord.

13 And IESVS commeth, and taketh the bread and giveth them, and the fish in like manner.

14 This now the ‡third time IESVS was manifested to his Disciples, after he was risen from the dead.

15 Therefore when they had dined, IESVS saith to Simon Peter, Simon of Ioh, loveſt thou me more then theſe? He ſaith to him, Yea Lord: thou knoweſt that I love thee; he ſaith to him, FEED MY LAMBS.

16 He ſaith to him againe, Simon of Ioh, loveſt thou me? he ſaith to him, Yea Lord thou knoweſt that I love thee. He ſaith to him, FEED MY LAMBS.

17 He ſaith to him the third time, Simon of Ioh, loveſt thou me? Peter was ſtroken ſad, becauſe he ſaid unto him the third time, Loveſt thou me? And he ſaid to him, Lord, thou knoweſt all things: thou knoweſt that I love thee. Hee ſaith to him, FEED MY SHEEPE.

18 Amen, amen I ſay to thee, when thou waſt younger, thou didſt gird thy ſelf: and didſt walke where thou wouldeſt; but when thou ſhalt be old, thou ſhalt ſtretch forth thy hands, and another ſhall gird thee, and leade thee whither thou wilt not.

19 And this he ſaid, ſignifying by what death he ſhould glorifie God. And whe he had ſaid this, he ſaith to him, Follow me.

20 Peter turning, ſaw the Diſciple whom IESVS loved, following, who alſo leaned at the ſupper upon his breſt, and ſaid, Lord who is he that ſhall betray thee?

21 Him

‡ Not the third apparition but the third day of his apparitions for he appeared in the very day of his reſurrection often, againe upon Low Sunday, then this third time. And S. Marke ſaying, laſt he appeared, c. 16. 14. meaneth his laſt apparition on the firſt day. The Goſpel on the eve of SS. Peter and and Paul.

FEED MY SHEEPE. { cIt is meet food and rule. / cAs a ſhepherd ruleth his flocke.

b The Goſpel upon S. Iohn the Evangeliſts day in Chriſtmas Decemb. 27. Iohn 13, 23.

any meate? they anſwered him, No.

6 *... he ſaid unto them, Caſt the net on the right ſide of the ſhip, and ye ſhall finde. They caſt not therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fiſhes.*

7 *Then ſaid the diſciple whom Ieſus loved unto Peter, It is the Lord. When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girded his coate unto him (for he was naked) and did caſt himſelfe into the ſea.*

8 *The other Diſciples came in a little ſhip, (for they were not farre from land, but as it were two hundred cubits) drawing the net with fiſhes.*

9 *As ſoone then as they were come to land, they ſaw hot coales, and fiſh laid thereon, and bread.*

10 *Ieſus ſaith unto them, Bring of the fiſh, which ye have now caught.*

11 *Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land full of great fiſhes, an hundred and fifty and three, and for all there were ſo many, yet was not the net broken.*

12 *Ieſus ſaith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the Diſciples durſt aske him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

13 *Ieſus then commeth, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fiſh likewiſe.*

14 *This is now the third time that Ieſus appeared to his Diſciples, after that he was riſen from death.*

15 *So when they had dined, Ieſus ſaith to Simon Peter, Simon † Iohnna, loveſt thou me more then theſe? He ſaith unto him, Yea, Lord thou knoweſt that I love thee. He ſaith unto him, Feed my Lambs.*

† Or, ſoone of Iona.

16 *He ſaith to him againe the ſecond time, Simon Ioanna, loveſt thou me? he ſaith unto him, Yea Lord, thou knoweſt that I love thee. He ſaith unto him, Feed my ſheepe.*

17 *He ſaid unto him the third time, Simon Ioanna, loveſt thou me? Peter was ſory, becauſe he ſaid unto him the third time loveſt thou me? And he ſaid unto him, Lord, thou knoweſt all things, thou knoweſt that I love thee: Ieſus ſaith unto him, Feed my ſheepe.*

18 *Verily, verily I ſay unto you, when thou waſt younger, thou diddeſt gird thy ſelfe, and walke whither thou wouldeſt: but when thou ſhalt be old, thou ſhalt ſtretch forth thy hands and another ſhall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldeſt not.*

19 *This ſpake he, ſignifying by what death he ſhould glorifie God. And when he had ſpoken this, he ſaith unto him, Follow me.*

20 *Peter turning about, ſeeth the Diſciple whom Ieſus loved, following, which alſo leaned on his breſt at ſupper, and ſaid: Lord which is he that betrayeth thee?* Iohn 13. 23.

21 *When*

21 Him therefore when Peter had seene, he saith to Iesvs, Lord and this man what?

22 Iesvs saith to him, So I will haue him to remaine till I come: what to thee? Follow thou me.

23 This saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple dyeth not. And Iesvs did not say to him, he dieth not: but, So I will haue him to remaine till I come, what to thee?

24 This is that disciple which giveth testimony of these things, and hath written these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 But there * are many ‡ other things also which Iesvs did: which if they were written in particular, neither the world it selfe I thinke were able to conteine these bookes that should be written.

21 *When Peter therefore saw him, he saith to Iesus, Lord, but this man,*

22 *Iesus saith vnto him, If I will haue him to tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.*

23 *Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: Yet Iesus said not vnto him, He shall not die: but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?*

24 *This same disciple is he which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.*

25 * *There are also many other things* Iohn 20.30. *which Iesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose the world could not conteine the bookes that should be written. Amen.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXI.

RHEM. 2. FVLK. 2.

7 Simon Peter.] *See in S.* Augustine tract. 122. in Io. *the great mystery here of concerning the* CHVRCH, *and in* S. Gregory hom 24. in Evang. *and* S. Bernard li. 2. c. 8. de consid. *Peters* PRIMACY *here mystically signified.*

Peters Prerogative or Primacy.

S. *Augustine* in this allegory, doth not in one word signifie the preferment of *Peter* before the rest of the Apostles. If *Gregory* himselfe a Bishop of Rome, and so neere the open manifestation of Antichrist in that See, that he propheciedof the forerunner, gather some thing for *peters* primacy, it is no marvell: yet is it little that he sayth in this Hom. 24. for the Popes supremacy. His words are these: *Iam credo, &c. I thinke your charity doth already throughly consider what it is that Peter draweth the net to the land. For to him the holy Church was committed, to him to be said specially, Simon Iohannis, loves thou me? Feed my sheepe. That which is afterward opened in voice is now signified in worke. Therefore, because a Preacher of the Church doth separate us from the wayes of this world, surely it is necessary that Peter draw to land the net full of fishes. For he draweth the fishes to the stedfastnesse of the shore, because by the voyce of holy preaching, he sheweth to the faithfull the stedfastnesse of their eternall country. This shore, because by the voyce of holy preaching, he sheweth to the faithfull the stedfastnesse of their eternall country. This shore

RHEM. 7

FVLK. 7

RHEM. 8

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RHEM. 9

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RHEM. 10

FVLK. 10

RHEM. 11

Communion in one Kinde.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. II.

7 Ouer dayes of Pentecost] As Christ our Pasche (for correspondence to the figure,) was offered in the presence of all Israel, so the Holy Ghost (as it were) for accomplishing the like figure of the Law-giving of Pasche (so called of the Greeke word πεντηκοστη) for accomplishing the like figure of the Law-giving vpon Mount Sinai, came downe the holy Ghost vpon the day of their Pentecost; which was always on Sunday, as Exod. 23. 16. Leuit. 23. 15. Deut. 16. 9. 10. doth seeme euery where. The Church keepeth yearely for memory of Christs death and resurrection and Ascension, 50. dayes: as they did the like for record of their delivery out of Egypt, and their Law-giving vpon Mount Sinai

Rom. 11. 26. All Israel shall be saved, &c. Rom. 9. 6. They are not all Israel which are of Israel. Gal. 3. 7. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Gal. 3. 29. If ye be Christs, then are ye Abrahams seed, and heires according to the promise. Ioh. 8. 39. If ye were Abrahams children, ye would do the workes of Abraham. Rom. 4. 12. And the father of circumcision to them, not of the circumcision only, but also to them that walke in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. Rom. 4. 16. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. Gal. 3. 9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithfull Abraham. Gal. 3. 14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Iesus Christ. Gal. 3. 16. To Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Gal. 3. 29. If ye be Christs, then are ye Abrahams seed, and heires according to the promise. Ioh. 8. 39. If ye were Abrahams children, ye would do the workes of Abraham. Rom. 4. 12. And the father of circumcision to them, not of the circumcision only, but also to them that walke in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. Rom. 4. 16. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. Gal. 3. 9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithfull Abraham. Gal. 3. 14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Iesus Christ. Gal. 3. 16. To Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Gal. 3. 29. If ye be Christs, then are ye Abrahams seed, and heires according to the promise. Ioh. 8. 39. If ye were Abrahams children, ye would do the workes of Abraham. Rom. 4. 12. And the father of circumcision to them, not of the circumcision only, but also to them that walke in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. Rom. 4. 16. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. Gal. 3. 9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithfull Abraham. Gal. 3. 14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Iesus Christ. Gal. 3. 16. To Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Lords Supper.

Christs descent into hell.

Christ suffered the paines of hell, on the Crosse, yea ... dishonour is it to our Saviour Christ, to ... ment of hell, which we had deserved, and which the ... redemption. Or rather, what is more to the honour of Christ, that he ... for us, and to abide that bitter paine, which we had deserved to ... called hell, then the anguish of soule, which he suffered, when he being God, yet ... forsaken of God? Againe, where you say, that *Calvine* should teach that he did not otherwise descend into hell, it is false: for he acknowledgeth, that the vertue of his death, did overcome Hell, which in some sense, may be called a descent into hell. Furthermore, if descending into hell, be taken according to the Creeds phrase, for entring into the state of the dead, that are departed this life: *Calvine* also acknowledgeth, that he was in this sense also, Christ descended into hell. Finally, if Christs descending into hell, as some of the ancient Fathers did expound it, were nothing but his buriall, he confesseth that also, though it be not the true sense of that Article. Yet so doth *Rufinus* expound it, and testifie, that this clause of the descending into hell, in his time, was neither in the Creed of the Church of Rome, nor in the Creed of the Orientiall Churches, *Ruff. in Symb.*

Your selves in the Cabel Booke P. 1 part of the fourth Article, which is of his suffering. Slander.

Now concerning the Hebrew words, after which the Greeke are used, that they be not proper for soule and hell, as you doe more boldly, then wisely affirme, I referre the Reader to my Defence of our English Translations, against *G. Martin*, where he shall finde the matter of Christs descending into hell, thorowout every Section. First, in answere to the Preface, *Sect.* 46, 47. Then *Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 32. and 33. and *cap.* 7. thorowout every Section. In which it will appeare, that *Beza* opposeth not himselfe against the Scriptures at all, nor against the ancient Fathers, neither doth translate fally of purpose, but truly, against Purgatory, and *Limbus Patrum*. See also the note upon *Luc.* 16. *Sect.* 7.

The most ancient Creeds which lacke this clause of his descending, shew that it is included in the Article of his suffering death or buriall, or else they be imperfect Creeds.

Rvbr. 12 44 All things common.] *This living in common is not a rule or a precept to all Christian men, as the Anabaptists falsly pretend: but a life of perfection and counsell, followed of our religious in the Catholike Church. See S. Aug. in Ps. 132. in principio, & ep. 109.*

Living in common.

Monkish community.

Fvll. 12 This living in common was neither Anabaptisticall community, nor Papisticall Monkerie. But such as ought alwayes to be among all Christians. That no man account that to be his owne, which the necessity of his brother requireth, to be bestowed on him. For that the Christians then had property in their goods, and might so hold it, it is manifest by the words of *Peter* to *Ananias*, *cap.* 5. 4. *Cbrysostome* saith, the Christians were then so affected, as the people were in his time, when God shaked the city with an earthquake, where there was no community, but in charitable affection. They that lived in Monasteries, in S. *Augustines* time, were both in religion, and conversation, farre differing from Popish Monkes and Nunnes, who labour not with their hands, as those did, but live idlie of the sweat of other mens brows, and devoure that which should releeve them that be in necessity. Against which Sect budding up in his time, *Augustine* wrote his booke *De opere Monachorum*. But of the true solitary persons, he writeth *Demorib. Eccl. Cath. lib.* 1. *cap.* 31. such saith *Erasmus*, as I would were now in the world, signifying that the Popish cloisterers are nothing like them. *Cæsar. Arelat. Hom.* 20. saith, *Hæc est quæ eximios nutrit Monachos, & præstantissimos per omnes provincias erogat Sacerdotes, Hom.* 25. *Quamdiu hic consistimus in arbitrio est cum velis ad sæculum declinari.*

The increase and perpetuity of the visible Church.

Rhem. 13 Πεφυτευκοτα] 47 Increased.] *Moe and moe were added to the Church (as the Greeke word plainly expresseth) that we may see the visible propagation and increase of the same; from which time a diligent man may deduce the very same visible society of men ioyned in Christ, thorow the whole booke, and afterward by the Ecclesiasticall story, downe till our dayes, against the pretended invisible Church of the Heretikes.*

The Popish Church.

Fvll. 13 No Papist is able to prove, that there was any visible Church for five or six hundred yeeres after Christ, that maintained all the chiefe points of Popery, wherein they differ from us.

CHAP. III.

A miracle, and a Sermon of Peters to the people, shewing that Iesvs *is Christ, and exhorting them to faith in him and penance for their sinnes, and so they shall have by him (in Baptisme) the benediction which was promised to Abraham.*

The Epistle upon S. Peter and S. Paules eve, Iun. 28.

AND Peter and Iohn went up into the Temple, at the ‡ ninth houre of prayer.

NOw Peter and Iohn went up together into the Temple at the ninth houre of prayer.

2 And a certaine man that was lame from his mothers wombe, was carried: whom they laid every day at the gate of the Temple, that is called Specious, that he might aske almes of them that went into the Temple.

2 And a certaine man that was lame from his mothers wombe was brought, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple which is called Beautifull, to aske almes of them that entred into the Temple.

3 He, when he had seene Peter and Iohn about to enter into the Temple, asked to receive an almes.

3 Which seeing Peter and Iohn about to goe into the Temple, asked almes.

4 But Peter with Iohn looking upon him, said, Looke on us.

4 And Peter fastening his eyes upon him with Iohn, said, Looke on us.

5 But he looked earnestly upon them, hoping that he should receive something of them.

5 And he gave heed unto them, trusting to receive something of them.

6 But

6 Then

6 Then Peter said, Siluer and golde haue I none: but such as I haue, that giue I thee. In the name of Iesvs Christ of Nazareth rise vp, and walke.

7 And he tooke him by the right hand, and lifted him vp: and immediately his feete and ancle bones receiued strength.

8 And he leaping vp, stood, and walked, and entred with them into the Temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

10 And they knew him, that it was hee which sate for almes at the Specious gate of the Temple: and they were exceedingly astonied and agast at that that had chanced to him.

11 And as he held Peter and Iohn, all the people ranne to them unto the porch which is called Salomons, wondring.

The Epistle upon Wednesday in Easter weeke.

12 But Peter seeing them, made answer to the people, ye men of Israel, why marveil you at this, or why looke you upon us, as though ‖ by our power or holinesse we have made this man to walke?

13 The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob, the God of our fathers hath glorified his sonne IESVS, whom you indeed delinered and denied before the face of Pilate, he judging him to be released.

Luke 23, 18.

14 But you denied the holy and the just one, * and asked a mankiller to be given unto you.

15 But the author of life you killed, whom God hath raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

16 And in the ‡ faith of his name, this man whom you see and know, his name hath strengthned: and the faith which is by him, hath given this perfect health in the sight of all you.

17 And now (brethren) I know that you did it through ignorance, as also your Princes.

18 But God who foreshewed by the mouth of all the Prophets, that his CHRIST should suffer, hath so fulfilled it.

19 Be penitent therefore, and convert, that your sinnes may be put out.

20 That, when the times shall come of refreshing by the sight of our Lord, and hee shall send him that hath beene preached unto you IESVS CHRIST,

ε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι ϛ Νάζ.

21 Whom ‡ heaven truely must receive untill the times of the restitutiõ of all things, which God spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets from the beginning of the world.

Deut. 18, 15.

22 Moses indeed said, *That a Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brethren, as my selfe: him you shall heare according to all things whatsoever he shall speake to you.*

23 And

6 Then Peter said, Siluer and golde haue I none: but such as I haue, that giue I thee. In the name of Iesvs Christ of Nazareth rise vp, and walke.

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8 *And he leaping vp, stood, and walked, and entred with them into the Temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.*

9 *And all the people saw him walking and praising God.*

10 *And they knew him, that it was hee which sate for almes at the beautifull gate of the Temple: and they wondred, and were sore astonied at that which had happed unto him.*

11 *And as the lame which was healed held Peter and Iohn, all the people ranne together greatly amazed unto them in the porch, that is called Salomons:*

12 *And when Peter saw that, Hee answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvell yee at this? or why looke yee so earnestlie on us, as though by our owne power or godlinesse wee had made this man to walke?*

13 *The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Iacob, the God of our fathers hath glorified his sonne Iesus, whom ye betrayed and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had judged him to be loosed.*

14 **But you denyed the holy and just, and desired a murderer to be given you,* Matth. 27. 20. marke 15. 11. luke 23. 18. john 18. 40.

15 *And killed the Lord of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, of the which we are witnesses.*

16 *And his name, through the faith in his name, hath made this man sound, whom yee see and know, and the faith which is by him, hath given to this man health in the presence of you all.*

17 *And now brethren, I wote that through ignorance yee did it, as did also your Rulers.*

18 *But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his Prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.*

19 *Repent yee therefore, and revert, that your sinnes may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come in the presence of our Lord.*

20 *And hee shall send Iesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.*

21 *Whom the heaven must receive, until the time that all things be restored, which God hath spoken by the mouth of al his holy Prophets since the world began.*

22 **For Moses truly said unto the fathers: A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall yee heare in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.* Deut. 18. 15. act. 7. 37.

23 *And is shall be, every soule that shall not heare that Prophet, shall be destroyed out of the people.*

24 And all the Prophets from Samuel and afterward that have spoken, told of these dayes.

25 You are the children of the Prophets and of the testament which God made to our Fathers, saying to Abraham, *And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*

26 To you first God raising up his Son, hath sent him blessing you: that every one should convert himselfe from his naughtinesse.

23 *For the time will come when † every soule which will not heare that same Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.* † Or, whosoever.

24 *All the Prophets also from Samuel, and they that follow in order, as many as have spoken, have likewise told you before of these dayes.*

25 *You are the children of the Prophets, and of the covenant which God made unto our Fathers, saying unto Abraham,* * *Even in thy seed shall all the kinreds of the earth be blessed.* Gen.12.3.

26 *Vnto you first, God having raised up his Sonne Iesus, sent him to blesse you, in turning every one of you from his iniquities.*

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. III.

RHEM. 1 1 Ninth houre of prayer.] *This maketh for distinction of Canonicall houres and diversity of appointed times to pray in. See* Annot. c.10,9.

This was the time of the evening sacrifice, when the religious Iewes resorted to the Temple to pray: But for Popish Canonicall houres which are their morning Service, it maketh nothing at all. Canonicall houres.

FVLK. 1

RHEM. 2 16 Faith of his name.] *This faith was not the faith of the lame man (for he looked onely for almes) nor especiall faith of the Apostles owne salvation: but the whole beleefe of Christian Religion.*

FVLK. 2 This faith might be the mans faith in Christ, whom he heard them name: or the faith of miracles in the Apostles, apprehending onely the power of Christ, by which this man was healed. Which although in the Apostles it was joyned with the whole beleefe of Christ in Religion, yet in some it was without that beleefe, which wrought no lesse miracles in the name of Christ then this, *Mat.7.22.* Faith of miracles.

RHEM. 3 21 Heaven truly.] *Some Heretikes fowly corrupt this place, thus;* Who must be contained in heaven, *of purpose (as they protest) to hold Christ in heaven, from the blessed Sacrament,* Beza. *As though his presence there, drew him out of heaven. Neither can they pretend the Greeke, which is word for word as is the vulgar Latine, and as we translate.*

FVLK. 3 S. *Gregorie Nazianzene* was such an Heretike, which so citeth this place in Greeke, as it cannot otherwise be understood, but that Christ must be contained in heaven, *Orat. de filio*: and howsoever it be translated, this sense must needs be concluded out of the words. For if heaven must containe Christ, Christ must be contained of heaven, or as you translate it: heaven must receive Christ, *ergo* Christ must be received of heaven. And if this presence in the Sacrament draw him not from heaven, then is his presence in the Sacrament not corporall. The reall presence of Christs body.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. III.

RHEM. 4 6 That which I have.] *This power of working miracles was in Peter, and Peter did properly give this man his health, though he received that force and vertue of God, and in and by him executed the same. Therefore he saith,* That which I have, I give to thee; *and the Heretickes are ridiculous that note here,* a miracle done by Christ by the hands of the Apostles, *to make the simple beleeve that they had no more to doe then a dead instrument in the workemans hand.* Saints doe miracles and the like, but by the power of God.

RHEM. 5 12 By our power.] *When the Apostles remit sinnes, or doe any other miracles, they doe it not by any humane, proper, or naturall power in themselves: but of supernaturall force given them from above, to prove that the faith of Christ is true, and that he is God whom the Iewes crucified in whose name and faith they work, and not in their own.*

FVLK. 4.5. These notes doe one of them fight against the other: for in the former you say this power was in *Peter* properly, in the latter you say, the Apostles in such workes, doe it not by any proper power in them. You cavill against that we say: this was a miracle done by Christ by the hands of the Apostles, as though they had no more to doe then a dead instrument. But who is so simple, or rather senslesse, to thinke that the Apostles wrought miracles as dead instruments? when Christ himselfe saith, it is not you that speake, but the Spirit of your Father, which is in you, *Matth.10.20.* Doth he meane that the holy Ghost speaketh in them as in dead instruments? or rather is the authour and suggestour of that wisedome, according to which they make answere. So when the Scripture saith, that God *onely doth worke great miracles, Psal.136.4.* We must still acknowledge God to be the Authour, and man to be the instrument of all wondrous workes, that God worketh by their hands: and so the Apostles confesse themselves. Miracles.

CHAP. IIII.

The Rulers of the Iewes oppose themselves and imprison Peter and Iohn. 4 But yet thousands of the people are converted. 5 And to the Rulers also, Peter boldly avoucheth by the foresaid miracle, that IESVS *is Christ, telling them of their hainous fault out of the Psalmes, and that without him they cannot be saved. 13 They though confounded with the miracle, yet proceed in their obstinacie, forbidding them to speake any more of* IESVS, *adding also threats. 23 Whereupon the Church fleeth to prayer, wherein they comfort themselves with the omnipotencie of God, and prediction of David, and aske for the gift of boldnesse and miracles against those threats. 31 And God sheweth miraculously that he hath heard their prayer. 32 The whole Churches unitie and community of life. 36 Of Barnabas by name.*

AND when they were speaking to the people, the Priests and Magistrates of the Temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and shewed in IESVS the resurrection from the dead:

3 And they laid hands upon them, and put

AND as they spake unto the people, the Priests and the † Ruler of the Temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, † Or, Captaine.

2 *Taking it grievously that they taught the people, and preached in Iesus the resurrection from the dead.*

3 *And they laid hands on them, and put them in*

prison unto next day, for it was now euentide.

‡ Here againe we see the proceeding and increase of the Church visibly.

4 And many of them which had heard the word, beleeved, and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to passe on the morrow, that their Rulers, and Ancients, and Scribes were gathered into Hierusalem.

6 And Annas the high Priest, and Caiphas, and Iohn, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high Priests, were gathered together at Hierusalem.

7 And when they had set them before them, they asked, By what power, or in what name have you done this?

8 Then Peter replenished with the holy Ghost, said to them, Ye Princes of the people and Ancients:

9 If we this day be examined for a good deede upon an impotent man, in what hee hath beene made whole,

10 Be it knowne to all you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of IESVS CHRIST of Nazareth, whom you did crucifie, whom God hath raised from the dead, in this same this man standeth before you whole.

The name of IESVS. See *Annot. Philip.* 2,10.

11 This is *the stone that was rejected of you the builders, which is made into the head of the corner.* Psal.117,22.

12 And there is not salvation in any other; for neither is there any other name under heaven given to men, wherein we must bee saved.

13 And seeing Peters constancie and Iohns, understanding that they were men unlettered, and of the vulgar sort, they marveiled, and they knew them that they had beene with IESVS.

The Apostles constancie, learning and wisdome after the comming of the holy Ghost, being but ideots, that is, simple unlettered men and rumerous before.

14 Seeing the man also that had beene cured, standing with them, they could say nothing to the contrary.

15 But they commanded them to goe aside forth out of the councell: and they conferred together,

16 Saying, What shal we do to these men? for a notorious signe indeed hath beene done by them, to all the inhabitants of Hierusalem; it is manifest, and we cannot denie it.

17 But that it be no farther spread abroad among the people, let us threaten them, that they speake no more in this name to any man.

18 And calling them, they charged them that they should not speake at all, nor teach in the name of IESVS.

19 But Peter and Iohn answering, said to them, ‡ if it be just in the sight of God, to heare you rather then God, judge yee.

20 For we cannot but speake the things which we have seene and heard.

21 But they threatning, dismissed them: not finding how they might punish them, for the people, because all glorified that which had

prison unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 *And many of them which heard the word, believed, and the number of the men was about five thousand.*

5 *And it came to passe on the morrow, that their Rulers, and Elders, and Scribes,*

6 *And Annas the chiefe Priest, and Caiphas, and Iohn, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high Priests, were gathered together at Hierusalem.*

7 *And when they had set them before them, they asked, By what power, or in what name have you done this?*

8 *Then Peter full of the holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,*

9 *If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the sicke man, by what meanes he is made whole;*

10 *Be it knowne unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Iesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised againe from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you, whole.*

11 *This is the stone which was set nought by of you builders, which is the head of the corner.* Psal.118 22. Esay 28.16. Mat.21.42.

12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for among men under heaven, there is given none other name wherein we must be saved.* † Or accounted nothing worth.

13 *Now when they saw the boldnesse of Peter and Iohn, and understood that they were unlearned, and ignorant men, they marveiled, and they knew them that they had beene with Iesus:*

14 *And beholding also the man which was healed, standing with them, they could not say against it.*

15 *But when they had commanded them to goe aside out of the councell, they conferred among themselves,*

16 *Saying, What shall we doe to these men? for a manifest signe is done by them, and is openly knowne to all them that dwell in Hierusalem, and we cannot denie it.*

17 *But that it be noysed no farther among the people, let us threaten, and charge them that they speake henceforth to no man in this name.*

18 *And they called them, and commanded them, that in no wise they should speake nor teach in the name of Iesus.*

19 *But Peter and Iohn answered, and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you more then to God, judge ye.*

20 *For we cannot but speake that, which we have seene and heard.*

21 *So when they had more sharply threatned them, they let them goe, finding nothing how to punish them, because of the people: for all men*

had been done, in that yeelde was declared.

22 For the man was more than fourtie yeres old, in whom that signe of health had been wrought.

23 And being dismissed they came to their, and shewed all that the chiefe Priests and Ancients had said to them.

24 Who having heard it, with one accord lifted up their voice to God, and said, Lord, thou that didst make heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

25 Who in the holy Ghost by the mouth of our father David thy servant hast said, *Why did the Gentiles rage, and the people meditate vaine things?* Psal 2,1.

26 *The kings of the earth stand up, and the princes assemble together against our Lord, and against his CHRIST?*

27 For there assembled indeed in this citie against thy holy child IESVS whom thou hast anointed, Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel,

28 To do what thy hand and thy counsell decreed to be done.

29 And now Lord looke upon their threatnings, and giue unto thy servants with all confidence to speake thy word,

30 In that, that thou extend thy hand to cures and signes and wonders to be done by the name of thy holy sonne IESVS.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was mooued wherein they were gathered: and they were all replenished with the holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with confidence.

‡Note the ardent charitie and contempt of worldly things in the first Christians: who did not onely give great almes, but sold all their lands to bestow on the Apostles and the rest that were in necessity, according to Christs counsell, *Mat.* 16, 21. Note also the great honour and credit given to the Apostles, in that the Christian men put all the goods and possessions they had, to their disposition, *Act.* 2, 44

32 And the multitude of beleevers had one heart and one soule: neither did any one say that ought was his owne of those things which he possessed, but all things were common unto them.

33 And with great power did the Apostles giue testimonie of the resurrection of IESVS CHRIST our Lord: and great grace was in all them.

34 For neither was there any one needy among them. For as many as were owners of lands or houses ‡ sold and brought the prices of those things which they sold,

35 And laid it before the feete of the Apostles. And to every one was divided according as every one had need.

36 And Ioseph who was surnamed of the Apostles Barnabas (which is by interpretation, the sonne of consolation) a Levite, a Cyprian borne,

37 Whereas he had a piece of land, sold it, and brought the price, and laid it || before the feete of the Apostles.

gratified God, because of that which was done.

22 For the man was above fourtie yeres old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 Then as soone as they were let goe, they came to their fellowes, and shewed all that the high Priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God which hast made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,

*25 Which by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, *Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vaine things?* Psal. 2. 1.

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers came together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy Child Iesus, whom thou hast anoynted, both Herod, and also Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, gathered themselves together,

28 For to doe whatsoever thy hand and thy counsell determined before to be done.

29 And now Lord, behold their threatnings, and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldnesse they may speake thy word,

30 So that thou stretch forth thine hand, that healing, and signes and wonders be done by the name of thy holy Child Iesus.

31 And as soone as they had prayed, the place moved where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God boldly.

32 And the multitude of them that believed, were of one heart, and of one soule: Neither said any of them, that ought of the things which he possessed was his owne, but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the Apostles witnesse of the resurrection of the Lord Iesus, and great grace was with them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: For as many as were possessors of lands, or houses, sold them, and brought the price of the things that were sold,

35 And layd it downe at the Apostles feet: And distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Ioses, which was also called of the Apostles Barnabas (that is to say, if ye interprete it, The sonne of consolation) being a Levite, and of the country of Cypres,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it downe at the Apostles feete.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 1 19 If it be just.] *Their confirmation and marriage after their conversion, being so many years before. And if any Magistrate*

strictly commanded against Christ, that if any man should confesse Christ to be true, he should be put out of the Synagogue. Ioan. 9. 22. & 12. 42. & 16. 2.

FVLK. 1 *The commandement was temporall, which they had received and pretended to the honour of God: but the Apostles were commanded by the voyce of the Lord himself, which they knew to be the Lord.* Peter. *Christians ought to be subject to Princes Commandements, if they doe not obey the Commandements of God, or governours of the Church against God.*

RHEM. 2 *Crucified and slaine.*] *Christs death, as touching the intent for mans redemption, was of Gods determination: but as touching the malice of the Iewes, it was not his will otherwise then by permission.*

FVLK. 2. *The rabblement of the Iewes was of the devill, and of themselves: but God did not onely permit, but also use their malice most lawfully and justly to bring his purpose to effect.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 3 37 Before the feet.] *He, as the rest, did not onely give his goods in his owne almes, but in all humble and reverent manner as things dedicated to God, he layd them downe as the Apostles holy feete: as S. Luke alwaies expresseth, and gave them not into their hands. The Sunamite fell downe and embraced Elizeus feet. Many that asked benefits of Christ (as the woman sicke of the bloody fluxe) fell downe at his feete; and Mary kissed his feete. Such are figures of due reverence done both to Christ, and to other sacred persons, either Prophets, Apostles, Popes, or others, representing his person in earth. See in Saint Hierom of Epiphanius Bishop in Cypres, how the people of Hierusalem of all sorts flocked together unto him, offering their children (to take his blessing) kissing his fees, plucking the hems of his garment, so that he could not moove for the throng. Ep. 61. c. 4. cont. err. Io. Hierosol.* Reverence to holy persons. 1. Esd. 4. 27. Luke 8. 47. Luke 7. 38. Kissing their feet.

The rest also brought the price, and laid it at the Apostles feete: but of kissing their holy feete, is heere no mention. And although *Mary* kissed the feete of Christ, it is no warrant for the Pope to offer his feet to be kissed: seven of Kings and Emperours. When *Cornelius* fell downe at *Peters* feet, *Peter* would not suffer him, *Acts* 10. 25. The people of the East country, were full of ceremoniall reverence, in falling downe, kissing, and such other externall tires of humiliation, and the rather to *Epiphanius*, because he was an adversary to Heresies, and opposed himselfe against the proud Bishop of Hierusalem, which favoured some Heresies. But the duty of all men is evill gathered of that immoderate zeale of the people, which *Epiphanius* himselfe did not allow. For he was forced by the throng to suffer such things, & did not willingly, & of purpose stay in one place, to receive such honour of the people, as that envious Bishop of Hierusalem did falsly object unto him, as it followeth immediately in S. *Hierome*. But if such kissing of feete be commendable, how commeth it to passe, that the Pope onely hath holy feet to be kissed, and not other Bishops and Clergie men as well as he? Kissing the Popes toe.

FVLK. 3

CHAP. V.

RHEM. 1 *Ananias and his wife Saphira, for their sacrilege, at Peters word fall downe dead, to the great terrour of the rest.* 12 *By the Apostles miracles, not onely the number, but also their faith so increaseth, that they seeke in the streetes to the very shadow of Peter, the towne also about bringing their diseased to Hierusalem.* 17 *The Rulers againe oppose themselves, but in vaine.* 19 *For out of prison an Angel delivereth them, bidding them preach openly to all.* 27 *and in their Councell, Peter is nothing afraid of their big words:* 34 *Yea, Gamaliel being one of themselves casteth a doubt among them lest the matter be of God, and therefore impossible to be dissolved.* 40 *Finally, the Apostles being scourged by them count it an honour, and cease no day from preaching.*

FVLK. 1 The text saith, they were punished so severely, for lying to the holy Ghost in defrauding of the price, and tempting the spirit of God.

BVt a certaine man named Ananias, with Saphira his wife sold a piece of land,

2 And || defrauded of the price of the land, his wife being privy thereto: and bringing a certaine portion, laid it at the feet of the Apostles.

3 And || Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan tempted thy heart, that thou shouldest lie to the holy Ghost, and defraud of the price of the land?

4 Remaining, did it not remaine to thee: and being solde, was it not || in thy power? Why hast thou put this thing in thy heart? Thou hast not lyed || to men, but to God.

5 And Ananias hearing those words, fell downe, and gave up the ghost. And there came great feare upon all that heard it.

6 And young men rising up, remooved him, and bearing him forth buried him.

7 And it was the space as it were of three houres, and his wife, not knowing what was chanced, came in.

8 And Peter answered her, tell me woman, whether did you sell the land for so much? But she said, Yea, for so much.

9 And Peter unto her, Why have you agreed

BVt a certaine man named Ananias, with Saphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept away part of the price, his wife also being of counsell, and brought a certaine part, and laid it downe at the Apostles feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, how is it that Satan hath filled thine heart, to lie unto the holy Ghost, and keepe away part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine owne? and after it was sold, was it not in thine owne power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lyed unto men, but unto God.

5 Ananias hearing these words fell downe, and gave up the ghost: and great feare came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men rose up, and put him apart, and caried him out, and buried him.

7 And it came to passe, that as it were about the space of three houres after, his wife came in, not knowing that which was done.

8 And Peter said unto her, Tell me, solde ye not the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, Why have ye

agreed

agreed together to tempt the Spirit of our Lord? Behold, their feete that have buried thy husband, at the doore, and shall beare thee forth.

10 Forthwith she fell before his feete, and gave up the Ghost. And the young men going in, found her dead: and carryed her forth, and buried her by her husband.

11 And there fell great ‡feare in the whole Church, and upon al that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the Apostles were many signes and wonders done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Salomons porch.

13 But of the rest none durst joyne themselves unto them: but the people magnified them.

14 And the multitude of men and women that beleeved in our Lord, was more increased:

15 So that they did bring forth the sicke into the streets, and laid them in beds and couches, that when Peter came, ||his shadow at the least might overshadow any of them, and they all might be delivered from their infirmities.

16 And there ranne together unto Hierusalem the multitude also of the cities adjoyning, bringing sicke persons and such as were vexed of uncleane spirits: who were all cured.

17 And the high Priest rising up, and all that were with him, which is the heresie of the Sadduces, were replenished with zeale:

18 Laid hands upon the Apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But an Angel of our Lord by night opening the gates of the prison, and leading them forth, said,

20 Goe: and standing, speake in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 Who having heard this, early in the morning entred into the temple, and taught. And the high Priest comming, and they that were with him, called together the Councell and all the ancients of the children of Israel: and they sent to the prison that they might be brought.

22 But when the ministers were come, and opening the prison found them not: returning they told,

23 Saying, The prison truely we found shut with all diligence, and the keepers standing before the gates: but opening it, wee found no man within.

24 And as soone as the magistrate of the temple, and the chiefe priests heard these words, they were in doubt of them, what would befall.

25 And there came a certaine man and told them, that the men, loe, which you did put in prison, are in the temple standing, and teaching the people.

26 Then

agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feete of them which have buried thy husband, are at the doore, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she downe straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: And the young men came in, and found her dead, and carryed her out, and buried her by her husband.

11 And great feare came upon all the Church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the Apostles were many signes and wonders shewed among the people. (And they were all together with one accord in Salomons porch.

13 And of other durst no man joyne himselfe to them: nevertheless, the people magnified them.

14 The number of them that beleeved in the Lord, both of men and women, grew more and more.)

15 Insomuch that they brought the sicke into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least way the shadow of Peter when he came by, might shadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude of the cities round about unto Hierusalem, bringing sicke folkes, and them which were vexed with uncleane spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 Then the chiefe Priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadduces) and were full of indignation,

18 And laid hands on the Apostles, and put them into the common prison.

19 But the Angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doores, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Goe, and stand and speake in the Temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entred into the Temple early in the morning, and taught: but the chiefe Priest came, and they that were with him, and called a councell together, and all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to fetch them.

22 But when the Officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truely found we shut with all diligence, and the keepers standing without before the doores, but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Then when the chiefe Priest, and the captaine of the Temple, and the high Priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and shewed them, saying, Behold, the men that ye put in prison, are standing in the Temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then

Epistle on Imber Friday in Whitson weeke. And within the octave, and in a votive of SS. Peter and Paul.

Peters shadow.

An Angel leadeth them out of prison.

25 Then went the officers with the ministers, and brought them without violence: (for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them in the councell. And the high Priest asked them,

Acts 4.18.

28 Saying, * commanding we commanded you that you should not teach in this name: and behold, you have filled Hierusalem with your doctrine, and you will bring upon us the blood of this man.

29 But Peter answering and the Apostles, said, God must be obeyed, rather then men.

30 The God of our Fathers hath raised up IESVS, whom you did kill, hanging him upon a tree.

31 This Prince and Saviour God hath exalted with his right hand, to give * repentance to Israel, and remission of sinnes.

* FVLKE. Heere they translate the latine word *penitentia*, repentance, which elsewhere commonly they call penance.

32 And we are witnesses of these words, and the holy Ghost, whom God hath given to all that obey him.

33 When they had heard these things, it cut them to the heart, and they consulted to kill them.

34 But one in the councell rising up a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of law honorable to all the people, commanded the men to be put forth a while.

35 And he said to them. Ye men of Israel take heed to your selves touching these men what you meane to doe.

36 For before these daies there rose Theodas, saying, he was some body, to whom consented a number of men about foure hundred, who was slaine: and all that beleeved him, were dispersed and brought to nothing.

Theudas.

37 After this fellow there rose Iudas of Galilee in the daies of the Enrolling, & drew away the people after him, and he perished: and as many as ever consented to him, were dispersed.

38 And now therefore I say to you, depart from these men and let them alone: for if this counsell or worke be of men, it will be dissolved:

39 But if it be ‡ of God, you are not able to dissolve † them, lest perhaps you be found to resist God also. And they consented to him.

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40 And calling in the Apostles, after they had scourged them, they charged them that they should not speake in the name of Iesvs, and dismissed them.

41 And they went from the sight of the councell rejoycing, because they were accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of IESVS.

42 And every day they ceased not in the temple and from house to house to teach and evangelize Christ IESVS.

26 Then went the captaine of the Temple with the officers, and brought them without violence: (for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.)

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the councell, and the chiefe Priest asked them.

*28 Saying, * Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in his name? And behold, you have filled Hierusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this mans blood upon us.* Acts 4.

29 Then Peter and the other Apostles answered, and said, We ought more to obey God then men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Iesus, whom ye slew, and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God lifted up with his right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sinnes.

32 And we are records of these things which we say, and so is also the holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 When they heard that, they clave asunder, and sought meanes to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the councell, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctour of law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the Apostles forth a little space,

35 And said unto them, Te men of Israel, take heed to your selves, what ye intend to doo touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up one Theudas, reporting himselfe to be some great man, to whom a number of men, about foure hundred, joyned themselves: which was slaine, and they all, which † beleeved him were scattered abroad, and brought to naught.

† Or, greed unto.

37 After this man rose up one Iudas of Galilee, in the daies of tribute, and drew away much people after him: he also perished, and all, even as many as obeyed him, were scattred abroad.

38 And now I say unto you, refraine your selves from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsell or this worke be of men, it will come to naught:

39 But and if it be of God yee cannot destroy it, lest haply ye be found to strive against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the Apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speake in the name of Iesus, and let them goe.

41 And they departed from the face of the councell, rejoycing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daylie in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Iesus Christ.

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MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. V.

11 Feare in the whole Church.] *Hereupon rose great reverence, awe, and feare of the vulgar Christians towards the holy Apostles: for an example to all Christian people how to behave themselves toward their Bishops and Superiors.*

The feare of God fell upon the whole Church, and unfained reverence towards Gods Ministers: whom they feared not as tyrants, but loved as fathers. *Amari parentes & reverenter deberi, non timeri.* — *father and a Bishop ought to be loved, not to be feared.* Hierom. Ep. 62. ad The[illegible]

Bishops not to be feared as tyrants.

V. 3 39 Of God, you.] *Time and the evident successe of Christ's Church and religion, proove it to be of God: no violence of the Iewes, no persecution of the Heathen Princes, no endeavour of [illegible] Arrius, Sabellius, Manichees, or ill livers, prevailing against it; as on the other side, many attempts [illegible] by Arius, Macedonius, Nestorius, Luther, and the like, who thought themselves some body: but after they had [illegible] parts a while, their memory is buried, or liveth onely to malediction and infamie, and their scholers come [illegible] let no Catholike man be scandalized that this heresie holdeth up for a time. For this Arrian and some [illegible] flourished much longer then these, and were better supported by Princes and learning, and yet had an end.*

LK. 3. When you see the end of that doctrine which *Luther* preached against you, then boast of the victory of the Popish Church. We see the fall of *Babylon* daily more and more: and the madnesse of them that seeke to uphold her, made daily more and more manifest. But especially we know one of the holy Scriptures, that the Popish rable is the Synagogue of Satan and kingdome of Antichrist, and that the doctrine which we teach, is the faith of Christ.

The fall of Babylon.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 4 2 Defrauded.] *In that (saith S. Augustine) he withdrew any part of that which he promised, he was guilty at once, both of sacrilege, and of fraud; of sacrilege, because he robbed God of that which was his promise: of fraud, in that he withheld of the whole gift, a peece. Let now the heretikes come, and say, it was for lying or hypocrisie onely that this fact was condemned: because they be both to have sacrilege counted any such sin, who have taught men not onely to take away from God some peece of that or all that themselves gave, but plainely to spoyle and apply to themselves all that other men gave.*

Aug. ser. 9. in append. de verbis Dom. 10. Sanctificat.

FVLK. 4. S. *Augustine* is cited out of new found Sermons, which yet have not obteined credit of Antiquity. The text is plaine, for what sinne they were punished. Neither can it be prooved that they promised the whole, but that they affirmed they brought the whole, when they withdrew part. Sacrilege is condemned by many other places of Scripture, although it be not by this. And if it be also by this (as some fathers of better credite then you cite doe suppose,) yet the principall cause is manifest by the words of the Apostle, to be lying and hypocrisie. Now what heretikes they be, that reach men to commit sacrilege, you must name more particularly. The Popish clergie in King *Henry* the 8. time, consented to the suppressing of Monasteries: and some Papists at this day without conscience of sacrilege, doe enjoy their lands, and dwell in their houses, peradventure you meane them. If you meane us, as we do utterly detest sacrilege, so we thinke it not only lawfull, but necessary, to put down Idolatry, and to apply to good and godly purposes, things dedicated to maintaine false worship, superstition and Idolatry. *Hesych. lib. 2. cap. 10. in Levit.* *Domitum dicit, omne peccatum hominibus dimittitur, blasphemia autem contra spiritum non relinquetur. Hoc Petrus ipso opere ostendit, quis enim Ananias & Saphira spiritui sancto mentiri sunt, aut ad eos, Quare tentavit Satanas cor vestrum mentiri Spiritui sancto?*

Slander.

RHEM. 5 Peter said.] *S. Peter (as you see here) without more relation knew this fraude and the cogitations of Ananias, and as head of the College and of the whole Church against which this robbery was committed, executed this heavy sentence of excommunication both against him, and his wife consenting to the Sacrilege; for it was Excommunication by S. Augustines judgement, (li. 5. cont. ep. Parm. c. 1. tom. 7.) and had this corporall miraculous death joyned with all, as the Excommunication that S. Paul gave out against the incestuous and others; had the corporall vexation of Satan incident unto it.*

Excommunication joyned with corporall paines. 1 Cor. 5.

FVLK. 5 Every thing that *Peter* said or did, with you argueth his Popedome: but either you must bring better arguments, or else children will laugh you to scorne. The punishment laid upon these hypocrites, was greater then Excommunication, the end whereof is intended to be the repentance and amendment of the excommunicate, which was not in this case. *Hesychi. 2. in cap. 10. Levit.* *Tempus penitentiæ eis non dedit, scilicet quia vor execratum in transgressione & blasphemia Spiritus habentes pœnitere non poterantur.* Neither doth S. *Augustine* judge (as you say) that it was excommunication, but saith, that *Paul* in delivering the incestuous Corinthian to Satan, sought by destruction of the flesh, to provide for his spirituall salvation, *that neither by some punishment, or corporall death; as Ananias and his wife fell downe at the Apostle* Peters *feete: or else by repentance, for he was delivered to Satan, that he might slay in himselfe the wicked concupiscence of the flesh.* These words (as all men may see) proove not that *Ananias* and his wife were excommunicated, but that *Peter* of charitable affection used this severity, wishing (if it were Gods will) the salvation of their soules. That the excommunication of S. *Paul*, 1 Cor. 5. had the corporall vexation of Satan incident unto it, cannot be prooved by the text. For every one that is cast out of the Church of Christ, is delivered into the power of Satan, although he suffer no bodily vexation by Satan.

Peters Popedome.

Excommunication.

RHEM. 6. 4 In thy power.] It displeased God (*saith S. Augustine*) to withdraw of the money which they had vowed to God, how is he angry when chastity is vowed and is not performed? for to such may be said that which S. *Peter* said of the money: Thy virginity remaining did it not remaine to thee, and before thou didst vow, was it not in thine owne power? for, whosoever have vowed such things and have not paied them, let them not thinke to be condemned to corporall death, but to everlasting fire. *August. Ser. 10. de diversis.* And S. Gregory to the *same purpose writeth thus, Ananias* had vowed money to God, which afterward overcome with divelish persuasion he withdrew: but with what death he was punished, thou knowest. If then he were worthy of that death, who tooke away the money that he had given to God, consider what great perill in Gods judgement shall he worthy of, which hast withdrawne, not money, but thy selfe from almighty God, to whom thou hadst vowed thy selfe under the habite or weede of a Monke.

Vow of Chastity, and the breach thereof. *Greg. lib. 1. ep. 33.*

FVLK. 6 They that have as great power to keepe their vow of virginity advisedly made, as *Ananias* had to deliver the whole price of his land, sinne damnably if they breake it. But if they have rashly vowed that, which they are not able to performe, they have sinned in making such an unadvised vow, but it were better for them to marry, then to live incontinently out of marriage. *Hieron. ad Demetri. ad Epiphan. Ep. 62.*

Vowes.

RHEM. 7. 4 Not to men, but.) *To take from the Church or from the Governours thereof, things dedicated to their use and the service of God, or to lie unto Gods Ministers, is so judged of before God, as if the lie [illegible], and the fraude done to the holy Ghost himselfe, who is the Churches president and protector.*

Nor

[illegible] Peter. 8. [illegible] doth seeme to insinuate, who lived [illegible] after *Isidorus*, that was 200. yeares after S. *Augustine*, as it is [illegible] by citing his saying, as an ancient authour. *Ser. 39. de Sanct.*

Pious Deprehension. Mistake.

CHAP. VI.

By occasion of a murmure in the Church (whose number now is so grown, that it cannot be numbred) Steven of whom mention is made by the Apostles in the holy order of Deacons: 8 one of them, Steven, working great miracles: and disputing with the Libertines, Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, 9 is so farre as he confounded in disputation, falsely accused in the Counsell, of blasphemy against the Temple and the Law.

AND in those dayes the number of the disciples increasing, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrewes, for that their widowes were despised in the daily ministery.

2 And the Twelve calling together the multitude of the disciples, said, It is not reason, that we leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Consider therefore brethren, seven men of you of good testimonie, full of the holy Ghost and wisedome, whom wee may appoint over this businesse.

4 But we will be instant in prayer and the ministerie of the word.

5 And the saying was liked before all the multitude. And they chose Steven a man full of faith and of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas a [c] stranger of Antioch.

6 These they did set in the presence of the Apostles: and praying they imposed hands upon them.

7 And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples was multiplyed in Hierusalem exceedingly: a great multitude also of the [‡] Priests obeyed the faith.

8 [b] And Steven full of grace and fortitude did great wonders and signes among the people.

9 And there arose certaine of that which is called the Synagogue of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them that were of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen:

10 And they could not resist the wisedome and the Spirit that spake.

11 Then they suborned men, to say they had heard him speake words of blasphemie against Moses and God.

12 They therefore stirred up the people, and the Ancients, and the Scribes: and running together they tooke him, and brought him into the Councell,

13 And they set false witnesses that said This

The election of the 7. first Deacons.

c *Proselytus.*

‡ Now also the Priests and they of greater knowledge & estimation began to believe.

b The Epistle upon S. Stevens day in Christmas.

Acts 21. 6.

And in those days, when the number of the disciples grew, there arose a grudge among the Greeks against the Hebrewes because their widdowes were despised in the dayly ministerie.

2 Then the Twelve called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not good that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

3 Wherefore brethren looke ye out among you seven men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost, and wisedome, whom we may commit this businesse.

4 But wee will give our selves continually to prayer, and to the ministerie of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas a convert of Antioch.

6 These they set before the Apostles: And when they had prayed, they layed their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplyed in Hierusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certaine of the Synagogue, which is called the Synagogue *of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and of Alexandria, and of Cilicia, and of Asia disputing with Stephen:*

10 And they could not resist the wisedome and the spirit by the which he spake.

11 Then they privily prepared men, which said, Wee have heard him speake blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they moved the people, and the Elders, and the Scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the counsell:

13 And brought forth false witnesses, which said

ANNOTATIONS, CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 1 Murmuring.] *It commeth of humane infirmity, that in every Society of men (be it never so holy) some offence cause given or taken by the weake, of murmure and difference, which must ever be provided for, lest it grow to greater disease or sedition, and to all such defects, the more the number and diversity of men encreaseth, the more it is subiect. To all which things the Superiours ought to have an eye, for example and authority sake, that order, as time and occasion shall require.*

RHEM. 1 3 Seven men.] *We may not thinke that these Seven (here made Deacons) were only chosen to serue tables: or diuerse of the Churches were temporals; though by that occasion onely they may seeme to some were ordained, no expresse mention being made of any other function; for, diuerse circumstances of this same place giue vs to vnderstand, that the office stood not principally about prophane things, but about the holy Altar. They that were to be elected, must be full of the holy Ghost and wisedome, they must after publike prayer be ordered and consecrated by the Apostles imposition of hands, as Bishops and Priests were afterward ordered, ep. ad Tim. Where Saint Paul requireth in a manner the same conditions in them as in Bishops. All which would not have been prescribed for any secular stewardship. Yea straight vpon their ordering here (no doubt by commission of the Apostles; which they had not before their election) they preached baptized, disputed, and as it may appeare by the words spoken of S. Steven, that he was full of grace and fortitude they received great increase of grace by their Deaconship.*

S. Ignatius ep. 2. ad Tral. can best witnesse of their Office and the Apostles minde and meaning in such things, who writeth thus: It behoveth also to please by all meanes the Deacons, which are for the ministery of Iesus Christ. For they are not seruitours of meat and drinke, but ministers of the Church of God. For what are Deacons but imitatours or followers of Christ, ministring to the Bishop, as Christ to his Father? And who hath a cleane and immaculate worke, euen as S. Stephen to S. Iames, &c. S. Polycarpe [illegible] Philippenses: and S. Denys writeth that their office was about the Altar, and ministring the holy bread and chalice vpon the same. S. Clement also (Apost. Const. lib. 2. c. 61.) that their office [illegible] other things, is to assist the Bishops, and read the Gospel in the Seruice, &c. S. Cyprian in diuers places (as 65. & ep. 49. ad Cornel.) calleth Deacons the Churches and the Apostles Ministers, and their Office, administrationem sacram, an holy administration. S. Hierome affirmeth, in cap. 7. Michex, and in epist. 58. ad Euagrium tom 2. Where he checketh some of them for preferring themselues before Priests, and putteth them in remembrance of their first calling, that they be as the Leuites were in respect of the Priests of the old Law; finally, by S. Ambrose lib. 1. Offic. c. 41. and Prudentius in Hymno de S. Laurent. speaking of S. Laurence the Deacon, we may see their office was most holy. See S. Augustine also of the dignity of Deacons. ep. 148. ad Valerium Conc. Carthag. 4. can. 37. 38. 39. 41.

The ministery, whereunto the Deacons were assigned was an holy ministery, and the tables whereunto they were appointed to serue were holy tables, neither was their office exercised in prophane things. For the Apostles, although they dismaunch the preaching of the word from serving tables, yet doe they not thereby condemne that seruice of tables which they themselues did exercise before, of prophanenesse. For the prouision for the poore members of Christ, is an holy seruice, and no prophane thing. S. *Paul* appointeth the collection for the poore, to be on the Lords day, which he would not have done if it were a prophane matter 1 *Cor.* 16. 1. 2. And yet it is not denied, but their ministery was vsed also, to other holy purposes, as teaching, baptizing, and assisting the Apostles and other principall Pastors in their spirituall charge and ministery. But that they were occupied about the Altar, as the Popish Deacons are, or had any office like unto theirs, neither any of the places which you quote or cite doth shew, nor any testimony of Antiquity doth avow. The Epistles of *Ignatius*, and *Polycarpe*, that now goe under their names, though they have nothing for the Popish Deaconship, yet are they not authentike, but gathered out of the Apocryphall constitutions of that counterfeit *Clemens Dionysius* though not of that antiquity, which is pretended, yet doth not he name the Deacons (in the place by you quoted) which bring forth the bread and the cup, for the ministration of the Sacrament, but certaine principall ministers. Although it is no inconvenience, to understand the Deacons, seeing it is certaine by *Iustinus*, that they were vsed for the distribution of the Lords Supper. Finally, we acknowledge that the Deacons office is holy, according to the testimony of most ancient Fathers, and therefore it is not that prophane and ridiculous order of Popish Deaconrie.

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CHAP. VII.

Steven being permitted to answer, beginning at Abraham, sheweth that God was with their fathers both in other places, and also long before the Temple, 48 and that after it was built, it could not be (as they grossely imagined) a house for God to dwell in, 51 then he inveigheth against their stiffeneckednesse, and telleth them boldly of their traiterous murthering of Christ, as their fathers had done his Prophets afore him. 54 Whereat they being wood, he seeth heaven open, and Iesvs there in his diuine Maiestie. 57 Whereat they become more mad, so that they stone him to death (Saul consenting) he commending his soule to Iesvs, and humbly praying for them.

AND the chiefe Priest said, Are these things so?

2 Who said, Yee men, brethren and fathers, heare. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before that he abode in Charan,

THen said the chiefe Priest, Are these things so?

2 *And he said, Ye men, brethren, and fathers, hearken: The God of glory appeared vnto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,*

3 And

3 *And*

Gen.12.1. [illegible] *land that I will shew thee.*

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will blesse thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

And I will blesse them that blesse thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 Then he came forth out of the land of the Caldeans, and dwelt in Charan. And from thence, after his father was dead, hee translated him into this land, wherein you also now dwell.

5 And he gave him no inheritance in it, no not the space of a foot: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when as he had no childe.

Gen.15.13. 6 And God spake to him, *That his seed should be a sojourner in a strange country, and they should subdue them to seruitude, and shall evill intreat them foure hundred yeeres:*

7 *And the nation which they shall serue will I judge,* said God; *and after these things they shall go forth, and shall serve me in this place.*

Gen.17. 8 And he gave him the testament of circumcision, and so he * begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day: and * Isaac, Iacob; and * Iacob, the twelve Patriarchs.

Gen.21. Gen.25. Gen.29.30.35. Gen.37.

9 And the Patriarchs through emulation * sold Ioseph into Ægypt; and God was with him:

Gen.41. 10 And delivered him out of all his tribulations, and he gave him grace and wisdome in the sight of Pharao the King of Ægypt, and he appointed him Governour over Ægypt, and over all his house.

11 And there came famine upon all Ægypt and Chanaan, and great tribulation: and our fathers found no victuals.

Gen.42. 12 But when * Iacob had heard that there was corne in Ægypt: he sent our fathers first.

Gen.45. 13 And at the * second time Ioseph was knowne of his brethren, and his kinred was knowne unto Pharao.

14 And Ioseph sending, called thither Iacob his father and all his kinred in seventy five soules.

Gen.46. Gen.49. 15 And * Iacob descended into Ægypt: and * he died, and our fathers.

Gen.50. Gen.23. Ios.24. 16 And they were ‡ translated into Sichem, and were * laid in the Sepulchre that Abraham * bought for a piece of silver of the sonnes of Hemor the sonne of Sichem.

17 And when the time drew neere of the promise which God had promised to Abraham, the people * increased and was multiplied in Ægypt,

Exod.1,7. 18 Vntill another King arose in Ægypt, that knew not Ioseph.

19 This same, circumventing our stocke, afflicted our fathers: that they should expose their children, to the end they might not be kept alive.

Exod.2,2. 20 The same time was * Moses borne, and he was acceptable to God, who was nourished three moneths in his fathers house.

21 And

3 *And the land [illegible]*

4 *Then [illegible] of the land of Chaldeans, [illegible] Charran: and from thence, [illegible] was dead, he brought him into this land wherein you now dwell.*

5 *And he gave him none inheritance in it, no not the breadth of a foot: and promised that he would give it him in possesse, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no childe.*

6 *God verily spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourne in a strange land, and that they should keep it in bondage, and mistreat them euill foure hundred yeeres.*

7 *And the nation to whom they shall bee in bondage, will I judge, said God: And after that shall they come forth, and serue me in this place.*

8 * *And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: * and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day: * and Isaac begate Iacob, * and Iacob begate the twelve Patriarchs.* Gen.17.9. Gen.21.2. Gen.25.1. Gen.29.33.

9 * *And the Patriarchs moved with envy, sold Ioseph into Egypt: and God was with him,* Gen.37.28.

10 *And delivered him out of all his adversities, * and gave him favour and wisdome in the sight of Pharao king of Egypt: and he made him Governour over Egypt, and over all his household.* Gen.41.37.

11 *But there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, that our fathers found no sustenance.*

12 * *But when Iacob heard that there was corne in Egypt, he sent our fathers first.* Gen.42.1.

13 * *And at the second time Ioseph was knowne of his brethren, and Iosephs kinred was made knowne unto Pharao.* Gen.45.4.

14 *Then sent Ioseph, and caused his father Iacob to be brought, and all his kinne, threescore and fifteene soules.*

15 * *And Iacob descended into Egypt, and died, both he and our fathers.* Gen.46.5.

16 * *And were carried over into Sichem, and laid in the Sepulchre that Abraham bought for money of the sonnes of Emor, the sonne of Sichem.* Gen.49.33. and 50.7.

17 *But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworne to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt:*

18 *Till another King arose, which knew not of Ioseph.*

19 *The same dealt subtilly with our kinred, and evill intreated our fathers, and made them cast out their yong children, that they should not remaine alive.*

20 * *The same time was Moses borne, and was acceptable unto God, and nourished up in his fathers house three moneths:* Exod.2.1. Heb.11.23.

21 And when he was exposed, Pharao's daughter tooke him up, and nourished him for her owne sonne.

22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisedome of the Ægyptians: and hee was mighty in his words and workes.

23 And * when he was fully of the age of fourty yeeres, it came to his minde to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And when hee had seene one suffer wrong, hee defended him: and striking the Ægyptian, he revenged his quarrell that sustained the wrong.

25 And he thought that his brethren did understand that God by his hand would save them: but they understood it not.

Exod.2,13. 26 And the day following * he appeared to them being at strife: and hee reconciled them unto peace, saying, Men, yee are brethren, wherefore hurt you one another?

27 But he that did the injury to his neighbour, repelled him, saying, *Who hath appointed thee prince and judge over us?*

28 *What, wilt thou kill me, as thou didst yesterday kill the Ægyptian?*

29 And Moses fled upon this word: and he became a sojourner in the land of Madian, where he begat two sonnes,

Exod.3,2. 30 And after forty yeeres were expired, there * appeared to him in the desert of mount Sina an Angel in the fire of the flame of a bush.

31 And Moses seeing it, marvelled at the vision. And as he went neere to view it, the voyce of our Lord was made to him,

32 *I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob.* And Moses being made to tremble, durst not view it.

33 And our Lord said to him, *Loose off the shoe of thy feet: for the place wherein thou standest, is || holy ground.*

34 *Seeing I have seene the affliction of my people which is in Ægypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am descended to deliver them. And now come, and I will send thee into Ægypt.*

35 This Moses, whom they denied, saying, *Who hath appointed thee Prince and Captaine?* him God sent Prince and ‡ Redeemer, with the hand of the Angel that appeared to him in the bush.

Exo.7,8.9.10. 11. 12,37. Exod.16. 36 He * brought them forth doing wonders and signes in the land of Ægypt, and in the red Sea, and in the * desert fourtie yeeres.

Deut.18. 37 This is that Moses which said to the children of Israel, *A Prophet will God raise up to you of your owne brethren as my selfe: him you shall heare.*

Exo.19,3.19. 38 This is he that * was in the assembly in the wildernesse, with the Angel that spake to him in mount Sina, and with our fathers: who

21 *And when he was cast out, Pharao's daughter tooke him up, and nourished him for her owne sonne.*

22 *And Moses was learned in all manner of wisedome of the Egyptians, and was mightie in deeds and in words.*

23 *And when he was full fourty yeeres old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel,*

24 * *And when hee saw one of them suffer* Exod.2.11. *wrong, he defended him, and avenged his quarrell that had the harme done to him, and smote the Egyptian:*

25 *For he supposed his brethren would have understood, how that God by his hand should deliver them: but they understood not.*

26 * *And the next day he shewed himselfe* Exod.2.13. *unto them as they strove, & would have set them at one againe, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren, why doe ye wrong one to another?*

27 *But hee that did his neighbour wrong, thrust him away saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?*

28 *Wilt thou kill me, as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday?*

29 *Then fled Moses at that saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sonnes.*

30 * *And when fourty yeeres were expired,* Exod.3.2. *there appeared to him in the wildernes of mount Sina, an Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bramble bush.*

31 *When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew neere to behold, the voyce of the Lord came unto him,*

32 Saying, *I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Iacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.*

33 *Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest, is holy ground.*

34 *I have seene, I have seene the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come downe to deliver them: And now come, and I will send thee into Egypt.*

35 *This Moses whom they forsooke, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer, by the hands of the Angel which appeared to him in the bramble bush.*

36 * *Hee brought them out, after that hee* Exod.7.9. *had shewed wonders and signes in Egypt, and in the red Sea, * and in the wildernesse fourtie* Exod.16.1. *yeeres.*

37 *This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, * A Prophet shall the Lord* Deut.18.15. *your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me: him shall ye heare.*

38 * *This is he that was in the Church in the* Exod.19.2. *wilderness with the Angel, which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: this man*

who received the words of life to give unto us.

39 To whom our Fathers would not bee obedient: but they repelled him, and in their hearts turned away into Ægypt,

Exod.32,1. 40 Saying to Aaron: *Make us gods that may goe before us: for this Moses that brought us out of the land of Ægypt, we know not what is befallen to him.*

41 And they made a calfe in those dayes, and offered sacrifice to the Idoll, and rejoyced in the workes of their owne hands.

‡ For a just punishment of their former offences God gave them up to worke what wickednesse they would themselves, as it is said of the Gentiles. Rom.1.

42 And God turned, and ‡ delivered them up [b] to serve the hoste of heaven, as it is written in the booke of the Prophets: *Did you offer victimes and hostes unto me forty yeeres in the desert, O house of Israel?*

b Λατρεύειν. Amos 5,25.

43 *And you tooke unto you the tabernacle of Moloch, and the starre of your God Remphan, figures which you made, to adore them. And I will translate you beyond Babylon.*

Exod.25,40. 44 The Tabernacle of testimony was among our Fathers in the desert, as God ordained speaking to Moses, *that hee should make it according to the forme which he had seene.*

Ios.3,14. c This is Iosue, so called in Greeke in type of our Saviour. 45 Which our fathers * with [c] Iesus receiving, brought it also into the possession of the Gentiles, which God expelled from the face of our fathers, till in the dayes of David,

Psal.131,5. 46 Who found grace before God, and * desired that he might finde a tabernacle for the God of Iacob.

1 Chron.17. 47 And * Salomon built him an house.

Act.17,25. Esa.66,1. 48 But the Highest dwelleth || not in houses * made by hand, as the Prophet saith:

49 *Heaven is my seat: and the earth the foot-stoole of my feet. What house will you build me, saith our Lord? or what place is there of my resting?*

50 *Hath not my hands made all these things?*

51 You stiffe necked and of uncircumcised hearts and eares, you alwayes resist the holy Ghost: as your fathers, your selves also.

52 Which of the Prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they slew them that foretold of the comming of the Iust one, of whom now

53 You have beene betrayers and murderers: who received the Law by the disposition of Angels, and have not kept it.

54 And hearing these things they were cut in their hearts, and they gnashed with their teeth at him.

d The comfort of all Martyrs. 55 But he being full of the holy Ghost, looking stedfastly unto heaven, [d] saw the glory of God, and IESVS standing on the right hand of God.

56 And he said, Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Sonne of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 And

man received the word of life, to give to us.

39 *To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned backe againe into Egypt.*

40 *Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to goe before us. For as for this Moses that brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

41 *And they made a calfe in those dayes, and offered sacrifice unto the idoll, and rejoyced over the workes of their owne hands.*

42 * *Then God turned himselfe away, and* Amos *gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slaine beasts, and* 1.M *sacrifices by the space of forty yeeres in the wildernesse?*

43 *Yea, ye tooke unto you the tabernacle of Molach, and the starre of your god Remphan, figures which ye made, to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.* 1.M

44 *Our fathers had the Tabernacle of witnesse in the wildernesse, as he hath appointed, speaking unto Moses, that hee should make* 2.M *it according to the fashion that hee had* Exod.25.40. *seene.*

45 *Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Iesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, until the dayes of David,* 1.M.E.L.

46 *Which found favour before God, and would faine have found a Tabernacle for the God of Iacob.* 1.M.V.

47 * *But Salomon built him an house.* 1 Chro.17.12. Act.17.

48 * *Howbeit, he that is highest of all, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as saith the Prophet,*

49 *Heaven is my seat, and earth is my foot-stoole: What house will ye build me, saith the Lord? Or which is the place of my rest?*

50 *Hath not my hand made all these things?*

51 *Ye stiffenecked and of uncircumcised hearts and eares, ye doe alwayes resist the holy Ghost, as your fathers did, so doe you.*

52 *Which of the Prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slaine them which shewed before of the comming of the Iust, of whom ye have beene now the betrayers and murderers:*

53 *Which also have received the Law by the disposition of Angels, and have not kept it.*

54 *When they heard these things, their hearts clave asunder, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.*

55 *But he being full of the holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Iesus standing on the right hand of God,*

56 *And said, Behold, I see the heavens open, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.*

57 And they crying out with a loud voyce, ſtopped their eares, and with one accord ran violently upon him.

58 And caſting him forth without the city, they ‖ ſtoned him: and the witneſſes laid off their garments *beſide the feet of a young man that was called Saul.

59 And they ſtoned Steven invocating, and ſaying: Lord IESVS, receive my ſpirit.

60 And falling on his knees, he cryed with a loud voyce, ſaying: ‡ Lord, lay not this ſin unto them. And when he had laid this, he fell a ſleepe. And Saul was conſenting to his death.

57 *Then they gaue a ſhout with a loud voice, and ſtopped their eares, and ranne upon him all at once.*

58 *And caſt him out of the city, and ſtoned him: and the witneſſes layd downe their clothes at a young mans feet, whoſe name was Saul.*

59 *And they ſtoned Steven, calling on, and ſaying, Lord Ieſu, receiue my ſpirit.*

60 *And he kneeled downe, and cryed with a loud voyce, Lord, lay not this ſinne to their charge. And when he had thus ſpoken, he fell a ſleepe.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VII.

RHEM. 1 16 Tranſlated.] *Tranſlation of ſaints bodies agreeable to nature and Scripture. And the deſire to be buried in the place where they owether (which the holy Patriarchs alſo had, Gen. 49, 29. 50, 24. Heb. 11, 22.) hath ſometime grate cauſe,* Aug. de Cur. pro mort. c. 1. & ult.

Tranſlation of dead bodies.

FVLK. 1 The bodies of the Patriarchs were not tranſlated to be made Idols, as the manner is in Popiſh tranſlations, but to teſtifie to the poſterity, their faith in the promiſe of God, whereby they looked for the ſpirituall poſſeſſion of the land, although they died in baniſhment. Such cauſes favour not Popiſh ſuperſtition. *Ghryſoſtome* ſaith, that *Ioſeph* cauſed his bones to be removed, *Leſt the Egyptians ſhould abuſe his body to occaſion of ſuperſtity, In Gen. Hom. 67.* Saint *Auguſtine*, though not altogether free from error, in that booke *De cura*, yet of buriall and all things thereto belonging, he ſaith, *They be rather the comfort of the liuing, not helpe of the dead, De Cura, cap. 2.*

Reliques.

RHEM. 2 35 Redeemer.] *Chriſt is our Redeemer, and yet Moſes is here called redeemer; ſo Chriſt is our Mediatour and Aduocate, and yet we may haue Saints our inferiour mediatours and aduocates alſo.* See Annot. 1 Io. 2, 1.

FVLK. 2 Chriſt is our onely Redeemer from ſpirituall bondage, who only payed the price for us. *Moſes* was a miniſter of their bodily deliverance from Egypt. But neither *Moſes* nor any Saint, can be inferiour mediatours and Advocates unto God for us, except they can alſo be inferiour chriſts and ſaviours. For there is but one Mediatour, Ieſus Chriſt, who is our Advocate with the Father, 1 Tim. 2, 5. 1 Io. 2, 1. Saviour, Redeemer, Mediatour, and Advocate, be the proper offices of Chriſt, and therefore are not communicated to his ſeruants.

Saints, no mediators or aduocates.

RHEM. 3 60 Lord. ‖ *Euſebius Emiſſenus ſaith, when he praieth for his perſecutors, he imitateth to his worſhippers his meſſe interceſſion and ſuffrage. In hom. S. Steph. and S.* Auguſtine, *St Stephanum ſic non orabat, Eccleſia pontem non habebat, Serm. 1 de S. Stephen.*

FVLK. 3 Thoſe Homilies that are printed under the name of *Euſebius Emiſſenus*, were never written by that ancient Father, Biſhop of Emeſſa, but by a man of latter time, and a Frenchman borne, as is manifeſt, *Hom. de ſancta Baſilide*, and other places of thoſe Homilies. And yet the Authour of that Homily meaneth none other worſhippers, nor any other worſhip, then he deſcribeth in the beginning thereof, namely ſuch as did celebrate the praiſes of the Martyrs to the glory of God, and to ſtirre up men to the imitation of them. That the Saints in heaven pray for us, if it be granted, yet it followeth not that we muſt pray to them.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. VII.

RHEM. 4 33 Holy ground.] *If that apparition of God himſelfe or an Angel, could make the place and ground holy, and to be uſed of Moſes with all ſignes of reuerence and feare: how much more the corporall birth, abode, and wonders of the Sonne of God in Iewry, and his perſonall preſence in the bleſſed Sacrament, may make that countrey and all Chriſtian Churches and Altars holy? And it is the greateſt blindneſſe that can be, to thinke it ſuperſtition to reuerence any things or places in reſpect of Gods preſence or wonderous operation in the ſame. See S. Hieron. ep. 17, 18, 27. of the holy land.*

The holy land.

Holy places.

FVLK. 4 The ground was holy by the preſence of God in his miniſter the Angel, according to his pleaſure: But that holineſſe continued not after the departure of the Angel. So all places were holy, which it pleaſed our Saviour Chriſt to ſanctifie with his preſence, but not all places or perſons which he touched, for then Iudas and the ſouldiers that crucified him, ſhould have beene exceeding holy.

The perſonall preſence of Chriſt in the Sacrament, muſt firſt be proved before any ſanctification of places in that reſpect can be concluded. And then it muſt alſo be proved how farre he will have this holineſſe to proceed. For that preſence in the mouthes and ſtomackes of the wicked, doth not ſanctifie them by your owne doctrine, nor I thinke in the belly of a mouſe or other beaſt that happeneth to eat your conſecrated Hoaſt. To reuerence any place in reſpect of Gods preſence, where he hath appointed the ſame, is no ſuperſtition, but to eſteeme the land of Iewry to be holy, becauſe Chriſt hath ſometime trodden upon it, from whence he hath withdrawne his preſence, is groſſe ſuperſtition. S. *Hierom* in the places noted, aſcribeth no holineſſe to the ground, but in reſpect of the lively remembrance, that men may haue by ſight of thoſe places, in which Chriſt was conuerſant, and where in he wrought his miracles: otherwiſe, *It is no commendation* (ſaith *Hierome*) *to haue beene at Hieruſalem; but to haue liued well at Hieruſalem.* There is as ready a way to the ſeate of heaven from England, as from Hieruſalem, *Ep. 13. ad Paulinum.*

God is not contained in place, yet he will be worſhipped in one place more then in another.

RHEM. 5 48 Not in houſes.] *The vulgar heretikes alledge this place againſt the corporall being of Chriſt in the bleſſed Sacrament and in Churches: by which reaſon they might haue driuen him out of all houſes, Churches and corporall places, when he was viſible in earth. But it is meant of the Diuinity only, and ſpeakes to couteſt the Iewiſh Iewes: who thought God either ſo to be contained, compaſſed, and limited to their Temple, that he could be no where elſe, or at leaſt that he would not heare or receiue mens prayers and ſacrifices in the Churches of the Gentiles, or elſewhere out of the ſaid Temple. And ſo it maketh nothing for the Sacramentaries, no more doth it ſerue for ſuch as diſſente Churches and places of publicke prayer no more conuenient, nor more holy then any other profane houſes or chambers. For though his perſon or vertue be not limited to any place, yet it pleaſeth him condeſcending to our neceſſity and profit, to worke his wonders and to be worſhipped of us in holy places rather then profane.*

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FVLK. 5 This argument as lightly as you eſteeme it, beareth hard againſt your fantaſie of Conſecration, ſeeing by your corporall being of Chriſt in the Sacrament, you draw the preſence of his Godhead to the ſame place where the Sacrament is, more ſo God is in all places, filling them with his Majeſtie, but as the humanitie of the Godhead dwelleth in Chriſt, by reaſon of perſon. For although the Godhead dwelleth in the body of Chriſt, as in a temple not made with hands, yet he dwelled not in the temple of Hieruſalem, where Chriſt was preſent in it, nor in any other houſe or place into which his body came. For it is one thing to ſay, the Godhead filleth all places, another thing to ſay he dwelleth here or there. For publike prayer, places appointed are moſt conuenient, yet all places are conſecrated unto God for prayer, 1 Tim. 2. 8. and Churches are not more conuenient for publike aſſemblies, in reſpect of their holineſſe, but for order and conuenience ſake.

RHEM. 6 58 They ſtoned him.] *Reade a marueilous narration in S. Auguſtine of one Stone that hitting the Martyr on the elbow, rebounded backe to a faithfull man that ſtood neere: who keeping and conſerving it with him, was by reuelation warned to leaue it at Ancona in Italie: whereupon a Church or Memory of S. Steven was there erected, and many miracles done after the ſaid Martyrs body was found out, and not before,* Aug. tom. 10. Ser. 38. de diuerſis pontif. Patif.

FVLK. 6 Such paſſages we may eaſily finde in the *Legenda aurea, Gerſonnes Apiſpat, the Scala Cli*, and ſuch other Popiſh bookes ſtuffed with fables and bables, like to the counterfeit *Auguſt.* the Authour of theſe Sermons. There was too much counterfeit ſtuffe, printed before under the name of *Auguſtine*. You needed not to haue added more from Paris, but that you hate the truth, and delight in lies, fables, and forgeries.

CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 *So farre is perſecution from preuailing againſt the Church, that by it the Church groweth from Hieruſalem into all Iewrie and Samaria: 5 The ſeruant of the Deacons, Philip conuerteth with his miracles the city it ſelfe of Samarie, and baptizeth them, euen Simon Magus alſo himſelfe among the reſt. 14 But the Apoſtles Peter and Iohn ſee the miracles to giue them the holy Ghoſt. 18 Which Miniſtery Simon Magus would buy of them. 26 The ſame Philip being ſent of an Angel to a great man of Aethiopia, who came a pilgrimage to Hieruſalem, firſt catechiſeth him: 36 and then (he profeſſing his faith and deſiring Baptiſme) doth alſo baptize him.*

The third part. The propagation of the Church from Hieruſalem into all Iewry and to Samaria.

FVLK. 1 The Eunuch came not on Popiſh pilgrimage, but to worſhip God at Hieruſalem.

AND the ſame day there was made a great perſecution in the Church which was at Hieruſalem, and all were diſperſed thorow the countreys of Iewry and Samaria, ſaving the Apoſtles.

2 And ‖ devout men tooke order for Stevens funerall, and made great mourning upon him.

3 But Saul *waſted the Church: entring in from houſe to houſe, and drawing men and women, deliuered them into priſon.

4 They therefore that were diſperſed, paſſed thorow, ‡ euangelizing the word.

5 * And Philip deſcending into the citie of Samaria, preached CHRIST unto them.

6 And the ‖ multitudes were attent to thoſe things which were ſaid of Philip, with one accord, hearing and ſeeing the ſignes that he did.

7 For many of them that had vncleane ſpirits, crying with a loud voyce, went out. And many ſicke of the palſey and lame were cured.

8 There was made therefore great ioy in that city.

9 And a certain man named Simon, who before had beene in the city a ‖ ſorcerer, ſeducing the nation of Samaria, ſaying himſelfe to be ſome great one:

10 Vnto whom all hearkened, from the leaſt to the greateſt, ſaying, This man is the power of God, that is called great.

11 And they were attent upon him, becauſe a long time he had bewitched them with his magicall practiſes.

12 But when they had beleeued Philip euangelizing of the kingdome of God, and of the name of IESVS CHRIST, they were baptized, men and women.

13 Then

c conuertit: euangelizauit.

Act. 22, 4.

‡ This perſecution wrought much good, being an occaſion that the diſperſed preached Chriſt in diuers countreys where they came.

* The Epiſtle upon Thurſday in Whitſunweeke.

AND Saul was conſenting unto his death: *and at that time there was a great perſecution againſt the Church which was at Hieruſalem, and they were all ſcattered abroad thorow out the regions of Iewry, and Samaria, except the Apoſtles.*

2 *And deuout men carried Steven togither to his buriall, and made great lamentation ouer him.*

3 *As for Saul, he made hauocke of the Church, entring into every houſe, and drawing out both men and women, did put them into priſon.*

4 *Therefore they that were ſcattered abroad, went every where preaching the word of God.*

5 *Then came Philip into the city of Samaria, and preached Chriſt unto them.*

6 *And the people gaue heed unto thoſe things which Philip ſpake, with one accord, hearing and ſeeing the miracles which he did.*

7 *For vncleane ſpirits, crying with loude voices, came out of many that were poſſeſſed with them: and many taken with palſeys, and many that halted, were healed.*

8 *And there was great ioy in that city.*

9 *But there was a certaine man called Simon, which before time in the ſame city vſed witchcraft, and bewitched the people of Samaria, ſaying, that he was a man that could doe great things:*

10 *To whome they all gaue heed, from the leaſt to the greateſt, ſaying, This man is the great power of God.*

11 *And him they ſet much by, becauſe that of long time he had bewitched them with ſorceries.*

12 *But when they beleeued Philips preaching of the kingdome of God, and of the Name of Ieſus Chriſt, they were baptized, both men and women.*

13 Then Simon also himselfe beleeved: and being baptized, he cleaved to Philip; Seeing also signes and very great miracles to be done, he was astonied with admiration.

14 And when the Apostles who were in Hierusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God: they ‖ sent unto them ‡ Peter and Iohn.

15 Who when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Ghost.

16 For he was not yet come upon any of them, but they were onely baptized in the Name of our Lord Iesvs.

17 Then did ‖ they impose their hands upon them, and they ‖ received the holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon had seene that by the imposition of the hand of the Apostles, the holy Ghost was given, he ‖ offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I impose my hands, he may receive the holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said to him, Thy money be with thee unto perdition: because thou hast thought that the gift of God is purchased with money.

21 Thou hast no part, nor lot in his word. For thy heart is not right before God.

22 ‖ Doe penance therefore from this thy wickednesse: and pray to God, ‖ if perhaps this cogitation of thy heart may be remitted thee.

23 For I see thou art in the gall of bitternesse, and the obligation of iniquity.

24 And Simon answering said, ‖ Pray you for me to our Lord, that nothing come upon me of these things which you have said.

25 And they indeed having testified and spoken the word of our Lord, returned to Hierusalem, and evangelized to many countreys of the Samaritans.

26 And an Angel of our Lord spake to Philip, saying: Arise, and goe toward the South, to the way that goeth downe from Hierusalem into Gaza: ‖ this is desert.

27 And arising he went. And behold, a man of Æthiopia, an Eunuch, of great authority under Candace the Queene of the Æthiopians, who was over all her treasures, was come to Hierusalem to ‡ adore:

28 And he was returning and sitting upon his charet, and reading Esay the Prophet.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Goe neere, and joyne thy selfe to this same charet.

30 And Philip running thereunto, heard him reading Esay the Prophet, and he said: Trowest thou that thou understandest the things which thou readest.

31 Who said, And ‡ how can I, unlesse some man shew me? and he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 And

ιερωσυνον ἀνθ'. See Apo. 9, 21.

The Epistle upon Thursday in Easter week.

13 *Then Simon himself beleeved also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondred, beholding the miracles and signes which were done.*

14 *When the Apostles which were at Hierusalem, heard say that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them, Peter and Iohn.*

15 *Which when they were come downe, prayed for them that they might receive the holy Ghost.*

16 *(For as yet he was come downe upon none of them; but they were baptized only in the name of Christ Iesus.)*

17 *Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the holy Ghost.*

18 *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the Apostles hands, the holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.*

19 *Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I put the hands, he may receive the holy Ghost.*

20 *But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may bee obtained with money.*

21 *Thou hast neither part nor fellowship in this businesse: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*

22 *Repent therefore of this thy wickednesse, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

23 *For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitternesse, and in the bond of iniquity.*

24 *Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken fall on me.*

25 *And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned toward Hierusalem, and preached the Gospel in many villages of the Samaritanes.*

26 *And the Angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and goe toward the South, unto the way that goeth downe from Hierusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

27 *And he arose, and went on: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, an Eunuch, and of great authoritie with Candace, Queene of the Ethiopians, and had the rule of all her treasure, which came to Hierusalem for to worship.*

28 *And as hee returned home againe, sitting in his charet, he read Esaias the Prophet.*

29 *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Come neere, and joyne thy selfe to this charet.*

30 *And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him reade the Prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?*

31 *And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up, and sit with him.*

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32 *And the place of the Scripture which he read, was this,* * *He was led as a sheepe to the slaughter, and like a lambe dumbe before the shearer: so opened not he his mouth.*

Isay 53.7.

33 *In humilitie his judgement was taken away. His generation who shall declare, for from the earth shall his life be taken?*

34 And the Eunuch answering Philip, said, I beseech thee, of whom doth the Prophet speake this? of himselfe, or of some other?

35 And Philip opening his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, evangelized unto him Iesvs.

36 And as they went by the way, they came to a certaine water: and the Eunuch said, Lo water, ‖ who doth let me to be baptized?

‖ What.

37 And Philip said, If thou beleeve with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answering said, I beleeve that Iesvs Christ is the sonne of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stay: and both went downe into the water, Philip and the Eunuch, and ‖ he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of our Lord tooke away Philip, and the Eunuch saw him no more. And he went on his way rejoycing.

40 But Philip was found in Azotus, and passing through, he evangelized to all the cities, till he came to Cæsarea.

*32 The text of the Scripture which he read, was this, * He was led as a sheepe to the slaughter, and like a lambe dumbe before the shearer: so opened not he his mouth.*

33 In his humility, his judgement is exalted: but who shall declare his generation? For his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the Eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the Prophet this? of himselfe, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Iesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certaine water: and the Eunuch said, See, here is water, what doth let me to be baptized?

37 Philip said unto him, If thou beleevest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered, and said, I beleeve that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God.

38 And he commanded the charet to stand still: and they went downe both into the water, both Philip, and also the Eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And as soone as they were come out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoycing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and he walked through out the countrey, preaching in all the cities, till he came to Cæsarea.

MARGINALL NOTES. Chap. VIII.

Rhem. 2 — 27 To adore.] *Note that this Aethiopian came to Hierusalem to adore, that is, on Pilgrimage. Whereby we may learne that it is an acceptable acte of religion, to goe from home to places of greater devotion and sanctification.*

Fvlk. 2 — He came as a proselyte, to worship God in the Temple at Ierusalem, according to the Law, not on pilgrimage to worship Popish idols. But neyther the time is, and then was, that the true worshippers should worship God neither in Ierusalem, nor in any other place of greater devotion and sanctificition, but in spirit and truth. *Iohn 4.21.* The Temple and the comming up to Ierusalem to worship, had the expresse word to warrant them: Popish places of devotion and the pilgrimage to them are superstitious and idolatrous, having no warrant of Gods word for their holinesse, but manifest prohibition in Gods law, *Exod. 20.*

Pilgrimage.

Rhem. 3 — 31 How can I.] *The Scriptures are so written that they cannot be understood without an interpreter, as safe as our Protestants make them. See S. Hieronime Ep. ad Paulinum de omnibus divinæ historiæ libris, set in the beginning of Latine Bibles.*

Fvlk. 3 — All parts of the Scripture are not so written that an interpreter is necessary. *The holy Ghost hath bountifully and wonderfully so moderated the holy Scriptures, that by open or plaine places, he might provide against fastidiousnesse, and that by darke places he might wipe away bitternesse. For nothing almost is found out of those fountaines, which may not be found in other places, to be uttered most plainely. De doct. Christ. lib. 2. cap. 16.* That many things are hard to be understood in the Scriptures, which need an interpreter, we confesse with the Eunuch, and with S. *Hierom.*

The Scriptures are hard to understand in all places.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VIII.

Rhem. 4 — 2 Devout men.] *As here great devotion was used in burying his body: so afterward at the Invention and Translation thereof. And the miracles wrought by the same, and at every little memory of the same, were infinite: as S. Augustine witnesseth, lib. 22. de Civit. Dei. c. 8. & Sermon. de S. Stephe. tom. 10.*

Saint Stevens relikes.

Fvlk. 4 — It was an office of Christian charity, to bury the body of Steven; whist miracles were afterward wrought at the finding of his body, and in the memories of him, the Scripture telleth not. *S. Augustine* reporteth much: yet doth he condemne worshippers of sepulchres and pictures. De mor. eccl. cath. lib. 1. cap. 34. and telleth, that some idle Monkes in his time, caried about the reliques of Martyrs, which might be counterfeit, and not reliques of martyrs. *De opere Monach. cap. 28.*

Miracles.

Reliques.

Rhem. 5 — 14 Sent Peter.] *Some Protestants use this place to prove S. Peter not to be head of the Apostles. Because he and S. Iohn were sent by the Twelve, by which reason they might as well conclude that he was not equall to the rest: for commonly the Master sendeth the man, and the Superiour the inferiour, when the word of Sending is exactly used. But it is not always so taken in the Scriptures, for then could not the Sonne be sent by the Father, nor the holy Ghost from the Father and the Sonne: nor other wise in common use of this world, seeing the inferiour or equall many times hath superiority in the businesse for him; and specially a body politique or a Corporation may by civill or other like choose their Head and send him, as may the Citizens send their Major to the Prince or Parliament though he be the head of the Citie, because he may be more fit to doe their businesse; also the superiour or equall may be sent by his owne consent to desire. Lastly, the Colledge of the Apostles comprising Peter with the rest (as every such body politique hath the head and the members) was greater than Peter their head alone; as the Prince and Parliament is greater than the prince alone. And so Peter might be sent as by authority of the whole Colledge, notwithstanding he were the head of the same.*

That Peter was sent, is no reason against his Primacie.

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This soothing of *Peter*, is a good argument to proove that *Peter* was not their superiour, as Christ was not. For then he might have sent any of them, or gone of his owne accord without sending. *Peter* was therefore inferiour to the rest, and under the authority of the whole College of Apostles, though he were equall to every one, and in primacy of order, first of all. Whereas if *Peter* had beene superiour as Christs vicar, they could no more have sent *peter* then they could have sent Christ himselfe. That the word of sending, is not alwaies usually used for the Scriptures, you have no example to bring, but of the sending of the Sonne and the holy Ghost. Whereas all men of one one judgement knows, that the mysterie of the holy Trinity being ineffable, the words are almost all borrowed, that are vsed to shew the distinct working, and effects of the persons thereof. But heere, in proper phrase of speaking, the Apostles sent *peter* and *Iohn*: *Peter* and *Iohn* therefore were subject to the Apostles. But you adde, that the word of sending, *is not alwaies so taken in the common use of the world, forbeing the scribe to one equall, may intreat his friend to doe his businesse for him.* I grant that to be true, that the inferiour or equall, that hath intreated his friend, cannot truely say, he hath sent his superiour or equall. Neither can a Corporation, that is under a soveraigne head ((such as you would have *peter* to be) send their head, or chuse him to be their foot, to goe for them. Neither can the Citizens send their Mayor, which is the Princes Lieutenant, more then they can send the Prince himselfe. He may goe indeed by his owne consent or desire, but he cannot be sent, except he yeeld unto the authority of the senders. Lastly, you say (belike, for the uttermost refuge) that the College of the Apostles, comprising *Peter*, was greater then *Peter* their head alone. This granted, *Peters* headship was not the soveraigne authority of Christ, neither was *Peter* head of the Apostles, as Christs Vicar. For the whole Church, comprising Christ the head thereof, is not of greater authority then Christ himselfe. Neither may Christ be sent by authority of the whole Church. No more might *Peter* have beene sent by authority of the whole College, if he had had the whole authority and government over the Apostles, as Christ had, and likewise hath. Neither is this place vsed onely of Protestants (as you say) but also of some Papists, to proove that the Pope ought to be subject to the generall Councell, representing the whole Church. *Episc. Syn. Con. Basil. ad eugenium sub nomine* Eugenij *Pape, cent. sin. Basil.*

Popes supremacy

RHEM. 6 17 Did they impose.] If this *Philip* had beene an Apostle (*saith Bede*) he might have imposed his hands, that they might have received the holy Ghost; but this none can doe saving Bishops. For though Priests may baptize, and anoint the baptized also with Chrisme consecrated by a Bishop: yet he cannot signe him the chrisme with the same holy oyle, because that belongeth onely to Bishops, when they giue the holy Ghost to the baptized. *So saith he touching the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8. Act. This imposition therefore of hands, together with the prayers heere specified (which, no doubt were the very same that the Church yet vseth to that purpose) was The ministration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Whereof S. Cyprian saith thus; They that in Samaria were baptized of Philip, because they had saw full and Ecclesiasticall Baptisme, might not be baptized any more: but onely that which wanted, was done by Peter and Iohn, to wit, that by prayer made for them and imposition of hands, the holy Ghost might be powred upon them. Which now also is done with us, that they which in the Church are baptized, be by the Rulers of the Church offered, and by our prayer and imposition of hands receive the holy Ghost, and be signed with our Lords seale. So S. Cyprian. But the Heretikes object, that yet here is no mention of oyle. To whom we say that many things were done and said in the administration of this and other Sacraments, and all instituted by Christ himself, and delivered to the Church by the Apostles, which are not particularly written by the Evangelists or any other in the Scripture, among which this is evident by all antiquity and most generall practise of the Church, to be one.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation ministred by Bishops only.

Ep. 73. in. 3. ad Iubaianum.

S. Denys *saith, The priests did present the baptized to the Bishop, that he might signe them divino & deifico unguento, with the divine and deificall ointment. And againe,* Adventum Sancti Spiritus consummans innunctio largitur, *the unction consummating giveth the comming of the holy Ghost.* Tertullian de resur. carn. in. 7. & l. 1. adu. Marcio. *speaketh of this Confirmation by Chrisme thus;* The flesh is anointed, that the soule may be consecrated: the flesh is signed, that the soule may be fenced: the flesh by imposition of hand is shadowed, that the soule by the flesh may be illuminated. *S.* Cyprian *likewise*, ep. 70. in. 2. He must also be anointed, that is baptized, with the oyle sanctified on the Altar. *And* ep. 72. (*see also* ep. 73. in. 3.) *he expressly calleth it a sacrament*, saying it *with Baptisme, as* Melchiades *doth* (ep. ad omnes Hispaniæ Episcopos in. 2. tom. 1. Conc.) *shewing the difference betwixt it and Baptisme. S.* Augustine *also*, cont. lit. Petil. li. 2. c. 104. The Sacrament of Chrisme in the kind of visible seales is sacred and holy, even as Baptisme it selfe. *We read* S. Cyril mystag. 3. S. Ambrose li. 3. de Sacram. c. 2. & de iis qui mysterijs initiantur. c. 7. *S.* Leo ep 88. *the ancient Councels also of Laodicea, can. 48. Carthage 3. can. 39. and Arausicanum 4. can. 1. and others. And* S. Clement (Apost. Const. l. 7. c. 44.) *reporteth certaine constitutions of the Apostles touching the same.* * *S.* Denys *referreth the manner of consecration of the same Chrisme to the Apostles institution. S.* Basil li. de Sp. sancto. c. 27. *calleth it a tradition of the Apostles. And the most ancient Master* S. Fabian ep. 2. ad omnes Orientales Episcopos in initio. tom. 1. Conc. *saith plainely that Christ himselfe did first instruct the Apostles, at the time of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. And so doth the Author of the booke de unctione Chrismatis apud D. Cyprianum in. 1. telling the excellent effects and graces of this Sacrament. and why this kinde of oyle and balsme was taken of the old Law, and vsed in the Sacraments of the new Testament. Which thing the Heretikes can with lesse cause object against the Church, seeing they confesse * that Christ and his Apostles tooke the ceremony of imposition of hands in this and other Sacraments, from the Iewes manner of consecrating their Kings departed to sacrifice.*

Chrisme in Confirmation. Ex. Hier. c. 3. & 4.

* Dyon. in Hier. c. 4.

* Dyon in Hier. c. 6. init.

To conclude, never none denied or contemned this Sacrament of Confirmation and holy Chrisme, but heretikes. S. Cornelius that Blessed Martyr so much praised of S. Cyprian, ep ad Fabium apud Euseb. li. 6. cap. 35. affirmeth, that Novatus fell to heresie, for that he had not received the holy Ghost by the confirmation of a Bishop. With whom, that Novatus fell to heresie, for that he had not received the holy Ghost by the confirmation of a Bishop. With whom all the Nicenians did follow, never using that holy Chrisme, as Theodoret *witnesseth*, li. 3. Fabul. Hær. *And Optatus writeth, that it was the Special barbarous sacrilege of the Donatists, to consecrate the holy oyle.* li. 2. cont. Parm. *But all this is nothing to the savage disorder of Calvinists, in this point.*

Old heretikes against Confirmation, and Chrisme

Popish Confirmation

FVLK. 6 Heere you will inforce a Sacrament of Confirmation with oyle, which neither in this place, nor in any other place of the Scripture, hath either word of institution, or outward element of Christs appointment, which two things must needs concurre in any Sacrament. The Apostles here praied, that the Samaritans, for further confirmation of their faith, might receive the visible miraculous graces of the holy Ghost, as the gifts of tongues, of prophecie, of healing, and such like; out of which it is impossible to conclude any ordinary or perpetuall Sacrament of Confirmation of all that are baptized, and that with oyle, whereof there is no mention in all the Scriptures that it was either appointed or vsed for such purpose. Now that you are speaking of the word of God, let us see what testimony you gather out of men. First you bring *Bede*, who lived 900. yeeres after Christ, and speaketh of the ceremony of annointing with oyle by the Bishop, as it was vsed in his time. Yet doth he not call it a Sacrament, nor say that the Apostles vsed that Ceremony, but that it belonged to them, as gaine the holy Ghost and not to *Philip*, as in his time Bishops vsed to anoint with oyle, and not the Priests, by which unction they were perswaded the holy Ghost was given. Notwithstanding you are bold to conclude, that this imposition

[illegible] of hands with prayers, was the ministration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: which with the Ly[illegible] you have not gathered out of the text, nor out of *Bedes* words: although they be interpreted so at [illegible] But you see you were bold to affirme (for you may say will you will) that which you have not proved. But you see yet more bold to affirme (for you may say will you will) that which you have not proved. But you see yet more bold to affirme (for you may say will you will) that which you have not proved. But you see yet more

foreheads of them that are baptized: which thing with many other, he maketh unlawfull for [illegible], which he sayth were but Priests, yet doth he not call either the one ceremony or the other a sacrament, [illegible] and the Lords Supper are Sacraments. The Councell of Laodicea willeth them that are Baptized, [illegible] with Chrisme: the Councell of Carthage forbiddeth the Priest to make the Chrisme. The [illegible] Councell speaketh expressly of that anointing which was done by every one that baptized, and is not to be repeated, therefore cannot speake of the Popish Sacrament, which is given onely by the Bishop, [illegible] prisme. The words are these: *None of the ministers that hath received the office of baptizing, ought to go about any thing without Chrisme, because it is agreed amongst us that Chrisme be occupied but once in baptisme. But concerning him which in Baptisme, by any necessity hath not beene anointed, the Priest shall be admonished thereof in the Confirmation. For among us the blessing of the Chrisme is but one, we say not this in prejudice of any, but that the unction may be counted necessary.* But contrary to this Canon, the Papists hold, that the childe must be twise anointed, in Baptisme and in Confirmation. Now for the author of the ceremony (for sacrament [illegible] none) you alleage *Dionyse* and *Basil*, referring it to tradition of the Apostles. Whereunto if we must [illegible] credit, we must acknowledge many of the Apostolike traditions to be abolished, as it is certaine of many [illegible] described by that *Dionyse*, by *Tertullian* and *Basil*. Wherefore either we must say it was not ordeined of the Apostles, or else it was ordeined as a removeable Ceremony, as other ceremonies likewise fathered upon the Apostles, are long since worne out of use. The constitutions of *Clement* be meere forgeries, full of manifest lies, as I have shewed elsewhere. The decretall epistles of *Fabian*, be even as good stuffe as the rest of that sort. But you note falsly affirme, that the author of the treatise, *De unctione Chrismatis apud Cyprianum*, doth say that Christ did instruct his Apostles at that time of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament, to consecrate this Chrisme. For he saith not so, nor any thing to that effect: though he extoll the ceremony of making this Chrisme, greatly. And if it must be made of balsome (as he and your Canon law also saith) you have long deceived the common people with a strong confection, like false Apothecaries, for true Balsome is a precious oyntement, very hardly or not at all to be gotten in these parts. As for imposition of hands with prayer, which was the old and pure ceremony of Confirmation, we do not speake against it. We acknowledge that the unction of Chrisme, also in the ancient Church, was a tolerable Ceremony for the signification thereof, if it were not too highly esteemed, as of some it was, but not to be matched and preferred before the holy Sacrament of Christs institution, as is is by you.

To conclude, you say none but knowne heretikes did ever deny or contemne this sacrament of Confirmation or holy Chrisme. But as yet you have not prooved any such sacrament, acknowledged by the ancient Catholikes, though of olde time, there was a ceremonie of anointing, which was omitted in *Novatus*, because he was Baptized in his bed being very sicke, and like to die. Whereupon also his followers neglected that ceremony also, as might seeme by *Theodoret*.

Yet doth not *Cornelius* say, that he fell into heresie, because he had not receved the holy Ghost, by consignation of a Bishop, but onely sheweth what maner a man he was, and how that being baptised in his bed, after he recovered, he regarded not the rest of the ceremonies, of which he should have beene partaker, according to the rule of the Church, not so much as to be sealed or confirmed by the Bishop, which having not obtained (saith he) how could he obtaine the holy Ghost? By these words, it is not prooved, that unction was the ceremony of Confirmation, but rather one of the ceremonies of Baptisme, that were omitted, because he was at the point of death. And in such case as his was, Confirmation was requisite, because it might be doubted, whether after his recovery, he would ratifie that which he promised in Baptisme, which he received, being in feare of death. For it appeareth afterward, that it was against the discipline of the Church, that such should be admitted into the Ministery, as received Baptisme upon such necessity. And the Bishop was faine to intreat the Clergy and the people for him, that he might nevertheless be ordained. That which *Optatus* writeth of the Donatists, was not a speciall outrage against the holy oyle, but generally against any thing that belonged to the Catholikes. For the Donatists also, had their holy oyle, and did attribute more unto it, then the Catholikes did to their unction, as is shewed before out of S. *Augustine, Cont. lit. petil. lib. 2. cap. 104.*

Where you complaine of the savage disorder of the Calvinists, in contemning your Popish ceremonies, we might make answer of your devillish disorder, in burning and defacing the holy Scriptures, yea the bodies of all them that professe the Gospel of Christ. But of all savage parts, that ever were practised since the creation of the world, (all circumstances considered) there is none comparable to the *Bartholmew* Feate of the French Papists at Paris, and other places in France.

RHEM. 17. 17 And they received the holy Ghost.] *The Protestants charge the Catholes,* * *that by applying and commending so much the Sacrament of Confirmation, and by attributing to it specially the gift of the holy Ghost, they diminish the force of Baptisme, challenging also boldly the ancient Fathers for the same. As though any Catholike Doctor ever said more then the expresse words of Scripture heere and elsewhere plainely give them warrant for. If they diminish the vertue of Baptisme, then did Christ so, appointing his Apostles and all the Faithfull even after their Baptisme to expect the holy Ghost and vertue from above; then did the Apostles injurie to Baptisme, in that they imposed hands on the baptised, and gave them the holy Ghost. And this is the heretikes blindnesse in this case, that they cauter, or will not see that the holy Ghost is given in Baptisme to remission of sinnes, life, and sanctification: and in Confirmation, for force, strength, and corroboration to fight against all our spirituall enemies, and to stand constantly in confession of our faith, even to death, in times of persecution either of the heathen or of the heretikes, with great increase of grace. And let the good Reader note here our Adversaries great perversity and corruption of the plaine sense of the Scriptures in this point: some of them affirming the holy Ghost heere to be no other but the gift of wisedome in the Apostles and a few more to the government of the Church, when it is plaine that not onely the governours but all that were baptized, received this grace, both men and women. Some, that it was no internall grace, but onely the gift of divers languages: Which is very false, the gift of tongues being but a sequell and an accident to the grace, and an externall token of the inward gift of the holy Ghost, and our Saviour calleth it vertue from above. Some say, that whatsoever it was, it was but a miraculous thing, and dured no longer then the gift of the tongues joyned thereunto: by which evasion they deny also the Sacrament of extreme Vnction, and the force of Excommunication, because the corporall punishments which were annexed oftentimes in the Primitive Church unto it, ceaseth; and so may they take away (as they meane to doe) all Christs faith or religion, because it hath not the like operation of miracles as in the beginning. But S. Augustine toucheth this point fully.* Is there any man (*saith he*) of so perverse an heart, to deny these Children on whom we now imposed hands, to have received the holy Ghost, because they speake not with Tongues? &c. *Lastly, some of them make no more of Confirmation of the Apostles fact, but as of a doctrine, instruction, or exhortation to continue in the faith received. Whereupon they have turned this holy Sacrament* * *into a Catechisme,* * *There are also that put the baptized comming to yeeres of discretion, to their*

* Sess. Conc. Trid. sess. 7. can. 1. de Confirmat.

* Cyprianus de unct. cons. Trid. de Confir.

The effects of baptisme & confirmation differ. Heretikes shifts and evasions against manifest scriptures, and against this Sacrament of Confirmation.

owne choice to renew [illegible] they will continue Christians or no. To such devises and divers inventions they fall, that will take they God knoweth [illegible], which is no prayer, of imposition of hands, of the holy Ghost, of grace and vertue from above, and use of instruction, which might and may be done as well before Baptisme, and [illegible] of grace and vertue from above, and use of instruction, which might and may be done as well before Baptisme, and [illegible] authors, as by Apostles and Bishops; to whose only this holy function pertaineth, in so much that in our country it is cal[illegible]

FVLK. 7. The ancient ceremony of imposition of hands, which is nothing else, as S. *Augustine* saith, *but prayer over a man*, to be strengthened [illegible] by the Holy Ghost, or to receive increase of the gifts of the Holy Ghost, as S. [illegible] we doe not in any wise mislike, but use it our selues. Neither doe we charge the Papists, for [illegible] the force of Baptisme, in saying that men may receive the gifts of the holy Ghost by faithfull prayers with imposition of hands: but for making their unction a Sacrament, whereof, neither the word nor the element is of Christs institution; and for affirming [illegible] to be unperfect without it, for it is to be used, say they, *Vt plenè Christiani inveniantur, that they may be perfect Christians. De Con. dist. 5. cap. omnes.* Whereof it is inferred, that Baptism maketh not perfect [illegible] Againe, *quod nunquam erit Christianus, nisi in confirmatione Episcopali susceperit chrisma tum. And that he shall never be a Christian, which is not anointed with Chrisme in the Bishops confirmation. De Consecrat. dist. 5. cap. Vt lateni.* Whereof is followeth, that Baptisme maketh not a Christian. And in this connexion it [illegible] *imperfectum, Confirmatio ad baptismi perfectionem pertinet. Confirmatio pertinet ad perfectionem baptismi. De his vero.* To these matters of charge, taken out of your Canon Law, you answer nothing, but cavill of the gifts of the holy Ghost obtained by prayer and imposition of hands of the Apostles, which we deny not, impudently accusing us of great perversity, and corruption of the plaine sense of the Scriptures in this point: Full, *because some of us the affirme, the holy Ghost to be none other, but the gift of wisedome in the Apostles, and a few other for government.* But this is a flander, for none of us doe so affirme. Further, you charge some of us, so affirme that it was no internall grace, but onely the gift of divers languages. But this also is a flander: for we neither deny the internall grace, in all, nor restraine the outward grace onely to the gift of tongues. But we affirme, that the holy Ghost, in this place is taken principally, for the visible graces of the holy Spirit, as is manifest by that saying: The holy Ghost was not yet come upon any one of them. *What* (saith *Oecumenius*) *did not they feel by that saying: The holy Ghost was not yet come upon any one of them. What* (saith *Oecumenius*) *did not they that were baptized by Philip, receive the holy Ghost? yet they received the holy Ghost unto remission of sinnes, but they received him not to the working of miracles.* Againe, *Simon Magus* saw, that by imposition of hands, the holy Ghost was given, but he could not see the internall grace, therefore it was the grace of working miracles, as of tongues, healing, prophesying, casting out of devils, and such like: and this was vertue from above, in some also that were voide of internall grace, *Matth. 7. 22.* So saith *Oecumenius. We may understand that in the giving of the holy Ghost, there was some wonderfull thing that was sensible, for otherwise Simon would not have made this request, except he had seene it.* We say indeede, that this kind of imposition of hands to this purpose, endured no longer then the miraculous gifts, as the unction with oyle to recover bodily health, ordained by S. *Iames*. But there is another kind of imposition of hands, mentioned, *Heb. 6. 2.* whereof there may be a perpetuall use in the Church, which is the same, which S. *Augustine* calleth, *nothing else, but prayer over a man*, and whereof he speaketh *Tract. 6 in Ep. 1. Ioan.* But where you say, we may deny the force of excommunication, because corporall punishment, which was annexed unto it in the Primitive Church ceaseth, it is merely false. For we have a plaine commandement for the use of excommunication *Matth. 18.* without any mention of corporall punishment, which was not alwaies joyned with excommunication in the Primitive Church; albeit it might be sometimes. Your other slander, (that we meane to take away all Christian religion, because it hath not the like operation of miracles, as in the beginning) because it is without colour, I count as unworthy of any answere, onely bewraying the intollerable malice of your lying spirit. Let God be Iudge in this case betweixt you and us. Left of all, you charge some of us, to make no matter of Confirmation, or the Apostles fact, but as of a doctrine, instruction, or exhortation, to continue in the faith received. But this is also false. For we acknowledge imposition of hands with prayer, that they which were so taught, instructed, and exhorted, might receive strength of Gods Spirit so to continue. And yet againe, where you say, there are among us, which put the baptized comming to yeeres of discretion, to their owne choyce, whether they will continue Christians or no: it is as false, as the rest. For when they are required to make confession themselues, of that faith which other men professed in their name at their baptisme, they are not put to their choyce, but put in minde, that they must performe themselues, that by other was promised in their name, or else their baptisme will not availe them to eternall salvation. Finally, that which the Scripture teacheth us of prayer, imposition of hands, of the holy Ghost, of grace and vertue from above, we acknowledge as well as instruction: but oyle and balsome, and the rest of the Popish doctrine, of this counterfeit Sacrament, because it is not found in the holy Scriptures, we renounce it.

RHEM. 18 Offered money.] *This wicked sorcerer Simon is noted by S. Irenæus li. 1. cap. 20. and others, to have beene the first Heretike, and father of all Heretikes to come, in the Church of God. He taught, onely faith in him, without good life and workes, to be enough to salvation; he gave the ouest to purchase with his money a spirituall function, that is to be made a Bishop; for, to have power to give the holy Ghost by imposition of hands, is to be a Bishop: as to buy the power to remit sinnes, or to consecrate Christs body, is to buy to be a Priest, or to buy Priesthood; and to buy the authority to minister Sacraments, to preach in or to have cure of soules, is to buy a benefice; and likewise in all other spirituall things, whereof ecclesiastes to make sale or purchase for money or money worth, was great horrible sinne called Simony: and in such as thinke it lawfull (as heere Simon judged it) it remained Simoniacall Heresie, of this detestable man who first attempted to buy a spirituall function or office.* D. Greg. apud Ioan. Diac. in vit. lib. 3 cap. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Simony.

RHEM. 8 22 Doe penance.] S. Augustine (epist. 108.) understanding this of the penance done in the Primitive Church for heinous offences, doth teach us to translate this and the like places (2 Cor. 12, 21. Apoc. 9, 21.) *as we doe*, and as it is in the vulgar Latine, and consequently that the Greeke μετανοειν doth signifie so much. Yea when he addeth, that very good men doe daily penance for venniall sinnes by fasting, prayer, and almes; he warranteth this phrase and translation throughout the new Testament, specially himselfe also reading so as it is in the vulgar Latine, and we translate.

Penance.

FVLK. 8 This place of *Augustine*, hath beene sufficiently answered before: he speaketh not of satisfaction to Gods justice, but of outward signes of inward repentance. And if by your terme of doing penance, you meane no more then S. *Augustine*, or your vulgar interpreter doth by agere penitentiam, it were all one with repentance: for so doth he sometimes translate the word μετανοειν, *Penitentiam*, that you cannot say, doe penance, but be penitent

Popish penance forbidden.

Dashing in pieces.

24 Pray you for me.] *As this Sorcerer had* [illegible] *yet that the Apostles and Bishops can give the holy Ghost to the* [illegible] *they be to be blamed by the Governours of the Church* [illegible] *for his sin.*

Simon Magus more religious than the Papists.

When the Pope and the Governors of your Church, [illegible] those whom you confirme, receive the power of [illegible] when you heare no workes miracles, nor teach the doctrine of the Apostles, but the contrary: we desire you that we should desire you to pray for us, whose prayer we know is [illegible] the law of God? Prov. 28. 9.

Miracles.

Rhem. 11 Anno. 10. Tho. 1556. Fvlk. 11

27 This is a desert.] *Intolerable boldnesse of some Protestants, (here and [illegible] places) against all expositions both Greeke and Latine, to surmise corruption or falsehood of the text, saying in answer to it: What is to accuse the holy Evangelists, and to blaspheme the holy Ghost himselfe. See* [illegible]

Beza. Stadan.

A lewd slander. Beza saith, that this desert cannot be [illegible] a populous city, but of the way which led unto it, that was in a [illegible] out of the consent of the Greeke Fathers, *The way was to* [illegible] *not fearre the authority of the fewer.* The same in effect [illegible] lice and blindnesse of Popish Rhemists.

Rhem. 12

38 He baptized him.] *Upon the heretikes of this time* [illegible] *by the Apostles or other in the primitive Church, they imagine* [illegible] *beleeve so much. As if imposition of hands in the* [illegible] *in Christes* [illegible] *this table here, then here it is mentioned. Whereupon S. Augustine* [illegible] *baptized him, he would have it understood that all things* [illegible] *sake they are not mentioned, yet by order of tradition we* [illegible]

The ceremonies of Sacraments done, though not mentioned.

Deut. & qu. 9.

Fvlk. 12

When we reade of any Sacrament ministred by the Apostles, though all things be not expressed in particular, yet we beleeve that all things were done, that by the [illegible] which is the thing that *Augustine* meaneth, where he saith, *Seeing* [illegible] *in the order of the delivery or institution* of Baptisme, namely, the renouncing of dead workes, [illegible] Baptisme, saith the Apostle, *Heb. 6. 2.* with the whole confession of Christian faith, [illegible] which is expressed in the Scripture. But your Sacrament of Chrisme we beleeve not, because we reade it not written. Contrariwise, your manner is (to find a miserable colour, for your [illegible]) rather upon find bread only mentioned in some place of the Scripture, you imagine, or at least would have us imagine, that the Apostles ministred the Supper of our Lord in one kind, directly contrary to the [illegible] and the expresse commandement of our Saviour Christ. In which places, you should give credit to the [illegible] of S. Augustine, for the cup, which is written in the institution of that Sacrament, and not for the [illegible] of Chrisme, which is no where instituted, or mentioned in the holy Scriptures.

The sufficiency of Scripture. Tradition. Popish Chrisme. Communion in one kind.

CHAP. IX.

Saul not content to persecute so cruelly in Hierusalem, 3 is in the way to Damascus stricken by our Lord Iesvs of his wilde attempt and miraculously converted to be a preacher: 8 and being [illegible] refused to his sight by Ananias, and baptized. 20 And preaching he made [illegible] against the Iewes, proving Iesvs to be Christ, to their great admiration. 23 But such is their obstinacy that they lay [illegible] to kill him. 26 From hence he goeth to Hierusalem and there rejoyeth with the [illegible] and against the [illegible] Iewes his death is sought. 32 The Church being now growne over all Iewry, Galile and [illegible] peace, edifieth and [illegible] all: and in his visitation, 33 healing a lame man, 36 and raising a dead woman, converteth very [illegible]

The Epistle upon the Conversion of S. Paul. Ian. 25. Acts 22, 24. Gal. 1, 13.

AND Saul as yet breathing threatnings and slaughter against the Disciples of our Lord, came to the high Priest,

2 And asked letters of him into Damascus to the Synagogs, that if he had found any men and women of this way, he might bring them bound unto Hierusalem.

3 And as he went on his journey, it chanced that he drew nigh to Damascus: and 3 Cor. 12, 2. suddenly a light from heaven shined round about him.

4 And falling on the ground, he heard a voice

Rom. 9. 3.

AND * Saul yet breathing out threatnings and slaughter against the Disciples of the Lord, went unto the high Priest,

2 And desired of him letters to carry to Damascus, to the Synagogues, that if he found any of this way whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Hierusalem.

3 And when he journeyed, it came to passe, that as he was come nigh to Damascus, suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven.

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice

‡ Paul also himselfe, though with the divine and heavenly voice prostrated and confounded, yet was sent to a man to receive the Sacraments, and to be joyned to the Church, &c. *de doct. Chr. lib. 1. in prooem.*

saddaies to see them: to this end came hither to this purpose that he might bring them bound to the chiefe Priests?

22 But Saule waxed mighty much more, and confounded the Iewes that dwelt at Damascus, affirming that this is CHRIST.

23 And when many dayes were fulfilled, the Iewes consulted that they might kill him.

24 But their conspiracie came to Saules knowledge. And * they kept the gates also day and night, that they might kill him.

25 But the Disciples taking him in the night, conveyed him away by the wal, letting him downe in a basket.

26 And when he was come into Hierusalem, he assayed to joine himselfe to the disciples, and all feared him, not beleeving that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas tooke him and brought him to the Apostles, and told them how in the way he had seene our Lord, and that he spake unto him, and how in Damascus he dealt confidently in the name of IESVS.

28 And he was with them going in and going out in Hierusalem, and dealing confidently in the name of our Lord.

29 He spake also to the Gentiles, and disputed with the Greekes: but they sought to kill him.

30 Which when the brethren had known, they brought him downe to Cæsarea, and sent him away to Tarsus.

31 The ‡ Church truely through all Iewrie and Galilee and Samaria had peace, and was edified, walking in the feare of our Lord, and was replenished with the consolation of the holy Ghost.

32 And it came to passe, that Peter as he passed through all, came to the Saints that dwelt at Lydda.

33 And he found there a certaine man named Æneas, lying in his bed from eight yeares before, who had the palsey.

34 And Peter said to him, Æneas, our Lord IESVS CHRIST ‖ heale thee: arise, and make thy bed. And incontinent he arose.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron, saw him: who converted to our Lord.

36 And in Ioppe there was a certaine disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas. This woman was full of good workes and almes-deedes which she did.

37 And it came to passe in those daies, that she was sicke and died. Whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And whereas Lydda was nigh to Ioppe, the disciples hearing that Peter was in it, they sent two men unto him, desiring him, Be not loth to come so farre as to us.

39 And Peter rising up came with them. And

‡ The Church visibly proceedeth still with much comfort and manifold increase even by persecution.

‖ healeth.

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when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widowes stood about him weeping, ‡ and shewing him the coats and garments which Dorcas made them.

40 And all being put forth, Peter falling on his knees prayed, and turning to the body, he said: Tabitha, Arise. And she opened her eyes: and seeing Peter, she sate up.

41 And giving her his hand, he lifted her up. And when he had called the Saints and the widowes, he presented her alive.

42 And it was made knowne thorowout all Ioppe: and many beleeved in our Lord.

43 And it came to passe that he abode many dayes in Ioppe, with one Simon a Tanner.

By conferring Scripture with another.

2.Cor.11.32.

When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: And all the widowes stood about him weeping, and shewing the coates and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

40 And Peter put them all forth, and kneeled downe, and prayed, and turned him to the body, and said, Tabitha, Arise. And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sate up.

41 And Peter gave her the hand, and lifted her up: and when he had called the Saints and widowes, he delivered her alive.

42 And it was knowne throughout all Ioppe, and many beleeved in the Lord.

43 And it came to passe, that he tarried many dayes in Ioppe, with one Simon a Tanner.

MARGINALL NOTES CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 1 4 Saul, Saul why persecutest.] *The Heretikes that conclude Christ so in heaven, that he can be no where else till the day of judgement, shall hardly resolve a man that would know where Christ was when he appeared here in the way, and spake these words to Saul.*

FVLK. 1 We conclude not Christ in heaven, otherwise then of his owne will he hath appointed to remaine there. But your question is easily answered out of the text, that Christ spake from heaven, from whence the glorious light shined, passing the light of the Sunne. Oecumenius saith; *They that accompanied Saul heard not the voyce that came from above.*

RHEM. 2 36 Good workes.] *Behold good workes and almes-deede, and the force thereof reaching even to the next life.*

FVLK. 2 The force of good workes reacheth to the next life, to be rewarded of Gods mercy, and not of mans merit. *Merit.*

RHEM. 3 39 And shewing him.] *The prayers of our Almes-folke and Beads-men may do us great good even after our departure. For if they procured her temporall life, much more may they helpe us to Gods mercy, and to release of punishment in Purgatory.*

FVLK. 3 The text saith not, that her Almes-folke prayed to God for restitution of her life, and if they did, yet this argument followeth not, that they ought to have prayed for release of her punishment in Purgatory. Because the Scripture teacheth no such place of punishment after this life, nor prescribeth any forme of prayer, to obtain mercie for them that are departed, and have received their judgement: for immediatly after death, followeth every mans particular judgement, *Heb.9.27.* *Purgatory.*

CHAP. X.

The fourth part.

The preparation of the Church to the Gentiles calling.

RHEM. 1 *Because the Iewes so much abhorred the Gentiles, for the better warrant of their Christening, an Angel appeareth to Cornelius the devout Italian: 9 and a vision is shewed to Peter himselfe (the chiefe and Pastor of all) 19 and the Spirit speaketh to him, 34 yea and as he is catechizing them about Iesus, 44 the holy Ghost commeth visibly upon them: and therefore not fearing any longer the offence of the Iewes, he commandeth to baptize them.*

FVLK. 1 There is no word in the text, nor in all the Scriptures, to prove that Peter was Pastor of all, otherwise then every one of the Apostles.

AND there was a certaine man in Cæsarea, named Cornelius, Centurion of that which is called the Italian band.

2 Religious, and fearing God with all his house, ‖ doing many almes-deeds to the people, And alwayes praying to God,

3 He saw in a vision manifestly, about the ninth houre of the day, an Angel of God comming in unto him, and saying to him, Cornelius.

4 But he beholding him, taken with feare, said, Who art thou Lord? and he said to him, Thy prayers and thy almes-deeds are ascended into remembrance in the sight of God.

5 And now send men into Ioppe, and call hither one Simon that is surnamed Peter.

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a Tanner, whose house is by the sea side; he will tell thee what thou must doe.

7 And when the Angel was departed that spake to him, he called two of his household, and a souldier that feared our Lord, of them that were under him.

THere was a certain man in Cæsarea, called Cornelius, a captaine of the band, called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his household, which gave much almes to the people, and prayed God alway.

3 He saw by a vision evidently, about the ninth houre of the day, an Angel of God comming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine almes are come up into remembrance before God.

5 And now send men to Ioppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter.

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a Tanner, whose house is by the sea side: He shall tell thee what thou oughtest to doe.

7 And when the Angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout souldier of them that waited on him.

8 To

8 To whom when he had told all, he sent them vnto Ioppe.

9 And the next day whiles they were going on their journey, and drawing nigh to the citie, Peter went up into the higher parts, to pray about the sixt houre.

10 And being hungry, he was desirous to take somewhat. And as they were preparing, there fell upon him an excesse of mind:

11 And he saw the heaven opened, and a certaine vessell descending, as it were a great linnen sheete with foure corners let downe from heaven to the earth,

12 Wherein were all foure-footed beasts, and that creepe on the earth, and foules of the aire.

13 And there came a voice to him, Arise Peter: kill, and eate.

14 But Peter said, God forbid, Lord: for I did never eate any common and uncleane thing.

15 And ‡ a voice came to him againe the second time, That which God hath purified, doe not thou call common.

16 And this was done thrice; and forthwith the vessell was taken up againe into heaven.

17 And whiles Peter doubted within himselfe, what the vision should be that he had seene, behold the men that were sent from Cornelius, inquiring for Simons house, stood at the gate.

18 And when they had called, they asked, if Simon that is surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 And as Peter was thinking of the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold three men doe seeke thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee downe, and goe with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 And Peter going downe to the men, said, behold I am he whom you seeke: what is the cause, for the which you are come?

22 Who said, Cornelius the Centurion, a just man and that feareth God, and having testimony of all the nation of the Iewes, received an answer of an holy Angel to send for thee into his house, and to heare words of thee.

23 Therefore bringing them in, he lodged them. And the day following he arose and went with them: and certaine of the brethren of Ioppe accompanied him.

24 And on the morrow he entred into Cæsarea. And Cornelius expected them, having called together his kinne, and speciall friends.

25 And it came to passe, When Peter was come in, Cornelius came to meete him, and falling at his feete ‖ adored.

26 But Peter lifted him up saying, Arise, my selfe also am a man.

27 And

8 *And told them all the matter, and sent them to Ioppa.*

9 *On the morrow as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up into the highest part of the house to pray, about the sixth houre.*

10 *And when he waxed hungry, he would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,*

11 *And he seeth heaven opened, and a certaine vessell come downe unto him, as it had bin a great sheet, knit at the foure corners, and let downe to the earth:*

12 *Wherein were all manner of foure footed beasts of the earth, and wilde beasts, and such as creepe, and foules of the ayre.*

13 *And there came a voyce to him, Rise, Peter: kill, and eate.*

14 *But Peter said, not so, Lord: for I have never eaten any thing that is common or uncleane.*

15 *And the voice spake unto him againe the second time, What God hath cleansed, that † call not thou common.*

16 *This was done thrise: and the vessell was received up againe into heaven.*

17 *Now while Peter doubted in himselfe what this vision which hee had seene should meane: behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius, had made enquirance for Simons house, and stood before the doore,*

18 *And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.*

19 *While Peter thought on the vision, the spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seeke thee.*

20 *Arise therefore, and get thee downe, and goe with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*

21 *Then Peter went downe to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seeke: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?*

22 *And they sayd, Cornelius the Captaine, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the people of the Iewes, was warned by an holy Angel, to send for thee into his house, and to heare wordes of thee.*

23 *Then called he them in, and lodged them: And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certaine brethren from Ioppe accompanied him.*

24 *And the third day after, entred they into Cæsarea: and Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and speciall friends.*

25 *And it came to passe as Peter came in, Cornelius met him, and fell downe at his feete, and worshipped him.*

26 *But Peter tooke him up, saying, Stand up, I my selfe also am a man.*

† Or, doe not thou pollute.

27 *And*

27 And talking with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said vnto them, You know how abominable it is for a man that is a Iewe, to ioine, or to approach unto a stranger: but God hath shewed me, to call no man common or uncleane.

29 For the which cause, making no doubt, I came when I was sent for. I demand therefore, for what cause you have sent for me?

c At the time of prayer specially God sendeth men comfortable visitations.

30 And Cornelius said, Foure dayes since, untill this houre, I was * praying the ninth houre in mine house, & behold ‡ a man stood before me in white apparell,

31 And said: Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thy almes-deedes are in memorie in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Ioppe, and call hither Simon that is surnamed Peter: he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner by the sea side.

33 Immediatelie therefore I sent to thee: and thou hast done well in comming. Now therefore all we are present in thy sight, to heare all things whatsoever are commanded thee of the Lord.

34 And Peter opening his mouth, said, In verie deed I perceive that God is not an accepter of persons.

35 But in everie nation, he that feareth him and worketh justice, is acceptable to him.

36 The word did God send to the children of Israel, preaching peace by IESVS CHRIST (this is Lord of all.)

The Epistle upon Munday in Whitson weeke. Mat. 4, 12.

37 b You know the word that hath been made through all Iurie, for * beginning from Galilee, after the baptisme which Iohn preached.

38 IESVS of Nazareth how God anointed him with the holy Ghost & with power, who went throughout doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devill, because God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things that hee did in the countrey of the Iewes and in Hierusalem, whom they killed, hanging him upon a tree.

40 Him God raised up the third day and ‖ gave him to be made manifest.

41 Not to all the people, but to us, who did eate and drinke with him after he rose againe from the dead.

The Epistle upon Munday in Whitsun weeke.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testifie that it is he that of God was appointed judge of the living and of the dead.

43 To him all the Prophets give testimonie, that all receive remission of sinnes by his Name, which beleeve in him.

44 As Peter was yet speaking these words, the holy Ghost fell upon all that heard the word.

45 And

27 *And talking with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.*

28 *And he said unto them, You know how that it is an unlawfull thing for a man that is a Iew, to company or come unto one of another nation: but God hath shewed me, that I should not call any man common or uncleane.*

29 *Therefore came I unto you without delay, as soone as I was sent for. I aske therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?*

30 *And Cornelius said, Foure dayes agoe untill this houre I was fasting, and at the ninth houre I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,*

31 *And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine almes-deeds are had in remembrance in the sight of God.*

32 *Send therefore to Ioppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter, hee is lodged in the house of one Simon a Tanner, by the sea side, who when he commeth shall speake unto thee.*

33 *Then sent I for thee immediately, & thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to heare all things that are commanded unto thee of God.*

34 *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God hath no regard of persons:* Deut. 10. 17. 2 Chron. 19. 7. 1 Pet. 1 17. Rom. 2. 11. Gal. 2. 6.

35 *But in every nation, he that feareth him and worketh righteousnesse, is accepted with him.*

36 *Touching the word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Iesus Christ (he is Lord over all.)*

37 *Yee know how the word was published throughout all Iurie, beginning in Galilee, after the baptisme which Iohn preached:*

38 *How God anointed Iesus of Nazareth with the holy Ghost, and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devill: for God was with him.*

39 *And we are witnesses of all things which he did in the land of the Iews, and at Hierusalem, whom they slew when they had hanged him on a tree.*

40 *Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly.*

41 *Not to all the people, but unto us witnesses, chosen before of God, even to us which did eate and drinke with him after he rose from the dead.*

42 *And he commanded us to preach unto the people, & to testifie that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Iudge of quicke and dead.*

43 * *To him give all the Prophets witnesse, that through his name whosoever believeth in him, shall receive remission of sinnes.* Acts 15. 9. Jer. 31. 34. Micha. 7. 18.

44 *While Peter yet spake these words, the holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*

46 And the circumcision that came with Peter, were astonished because that the gift of the holy Ghost was powred out upon the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speake with tongues, and magnifying God. Then Peter answered,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized which have received the holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of our Lord IESVS CHRIST. Then they desired him that he would tarrie with them certaine daies.

45 *And they of the circumcision which beleeved, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was powred out the gift of the holy Ghost.*

46 *For they heard them speake with tongues, and magnified God. Then answered Peter,*

47 *Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptised which have received the holy Ghost as well as we?*

48 *And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certaine daies.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 2 — 15. A voice came to.] *Here God first uttered to Peter that the time was come to preach also to the Gentiles, and to converse with them for their salvation, no lesse then with the Iewes, with full freedome to eate all meats without respect of the prohibition of certaine, made in the old Law.*

FVLK. 2 — Before this time God uttered as much to *Paule*, namely at the time of his conversion, as he confesseth, *Acts* 26, 17. and 18.

RHEM. 3 — 30. A man stood.] *Note these apparitions and visions to S.* Peter, Cornelius, *and others, in the Scriptures very often, against the incredulity of our heretikes, that will beleeve neither vision nor miracle, not expressed in Scripture: these being beleeved of Christian men even before they were written.*

FVLK. 3 — *Peter* was not bound to beleeve the report of the vision of *Cornelius*, before he was admonished by vision and revelation himselfe. But the doctrine revealed in the Scriptures concerning the calling of the Gentiles, he should have acknowledged before his vision. If we see any miracle or heare it reported by men of as good credite as *Peter* was, we will beleeve it, though it be not written: but if it tend to maintaine another Gospel then that which is set forth in the Scriptures, we will not be moued by *Peter* nor *Paule*, nor any Angel, to leave the truth knowne for any miracles, *Gal.* 1. — Visions. Miracles.

RHEM. 4 — 35 Worketh justice.] *Not such as beleeve onely, but such as feare God and worke justice, are acceptable to him.*

FVLK. 4 — Such as beleeve onely (as *Simon Magus* did) and doe not feare God, nor worke righteousnesse, are nothing acceptable to God. But such as feare God and worke righteousnesse, are accepted of God, not for their works, but for their faith onely, *Rom.* 3. 28. *Ephes.* 2. 8. — Faith onely.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 5 — 2 Doing many almes deeds.] He knew God creator of all, but that his omnipotent Sonne was incarnate he knew not: and in that faith he made prayers and gave almes which pleased God, and by well doing he deserved to know God perfectly, to beleeve the mysterie of the Incarnation, and to come to the Sacrament of Baptisme. *So saith venerable* Bede *out of S.* Gregorie. *And S.* Augustin *thus, li.* 1. *de Bapt. c.* 8. Because whatsoever goodnesse he had in prayers and almes, the same could not profit him unlesse he were by the hand of Christian Societie and peace, incorporated to the Church, he is bidden to send unto *Peter*, that by him he may learne Christ, by him he may be baptized, &c. *Whereby it appeareth that such workes as are done before justification, though they suffice not to salvation, yet be acceptable preparatives to the grace of justification, and such as moove God to mercy, as it might appeare also by Gods like prudent mercifulnesse to the Eunuch; though all such workes preparative come of grace also: otherwise they could never deserve as Gods bond of congruity, or any otherwise toward justification.* — *Bede in hunc locum* Good workes before faith, are preparatives to the same, not properly meritorious. Acts 8.

FVLK. 5 — *Whatsoever is not of faith, is sinne. Without which it is impossible to please God*, Rom. 14. 23. Hebr. 11. 6. Therefore it is certain, that *Cornelius* had faith, as a true Proselyte in the *Messias* to come, although he knew not that he was come, and so saith *Beda*. Therefore this place prooveth not that good workes before faith are preparatives to it; for no workes are good, but such as are done in faith. And seeing you affirme, that workes before faith, are not meritorious, you falsifie *Beda*, and slander *Gregory*, by translating the Verbe *promeruit*, he deserved, which is commonly used of the Fathers, to obtaine without respect of merite or desert. But that the Reader may see how impudently you cite this place, to proove that good workes are preparatives to faith, I will set downe his whole discourse upon this text. *Non virtutibus ad fidem, sed fide pertingitur ad virtutes, ut beatus* Gregorius *exponit, &c. Men attaine not to faith by vertues, but to vertues by faith, as S.* Gregory *expounderh it. For* Cornelius (saith he) *whose almes before baptisme, as the Angel witnesseth, are praised, came not by workes to faith, but by faith to workes. For if he had not beleeved the true God before baptisme, unto whom did he pray? or how did Almighty God heare him, if he prayed not to be perfected in good things by him? Therefore he knew God the creator of all things, but that his Almighty Sonne was incarnate, he knew not. He had faith, whose prayers and almes could please God. And by good action he obtained to know God perfectly, and to beleeve the mysterie of the Incarnation of his onely begotten Sonne, that he might come to the Sacrament of Baptisme. By faith therefore he came to workes, but by workes he was made strong in faith.* S. *Augustine* also affirmeth, that he had faith before he beleeved in Christ, saying, *He did not give almes and prayed without some faith. For how did he call upon him in whom he beleeved not.* De praed. sanct. li. 1. c. 7. The same is to be said of the Eunuch. And how are you not ashamed to say, *That good workes before faith, are preparatives to the same.* When S. *Augustine* sayth, *Faith goeth before, that good workes may follow, neither are there any good workes, but those that follow faith going before.* In Psa. 67. Where also he saith, *that the ungodly man is justified by faith without the merites of good workes.* — No good workes but of faith.

RHEM. 6 — 3 To pray about the Sixt houre.] *The houres is specified, for that there were certaine appointed times of prayer vsed in the Law, which devout persons, according to the publike service in the Temple, observed also privately: and which the Apostles and holy Church afterward both kept and increased. Whereof thus writeth S.* Cyprian *very notably.* In celebrating their prayers, we find that the three children with *Daniel* observed the third, sixt, and ninth houre, as in Sacrament (*or mysterie*) of the holy Trinity, &c. *And a little after,* Which spaces of houres the worshippers of God spiritually (*or mystically*) determining long since, observed set times to pray: and afterward the thing became — The Canonicall houres. *De orat. Dom. tit.* 15.

come manifest, that it was for Sacrament (*or mystery*) done that all the prayers of the holy Ghost [illegible] upon the Apostles, fulfilling [illegible] our Lords promise, [illegible] the first houre *Peter* [illegible] up [illegible] at the first houre, at the ninth, [illegible] Every one knows with his object. But we (dearely beloved) [illegible] seasons [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] and Circumstances of praying be necessarie; [illegible] we must pray in the [illegible], that the [illegible] of our Lord may be celebrated by Morning prayers: as of him the holy Ghost designed in the Psalme, saying, In the morning early will I stand up to thee, and thou hearest my voice. *Toward the Evening* also when the Sunne departeth, and the day [illegible] we must of necessity pray againe. — Ephes. 5. — Psal. 3.

S. Matthew also reporting of Daniels *praying* three times in a day, *saith*: There are three times, wherein we must bow our knees to God. The third, the sixt, and the ninth houre the Ecclesiasticall tradition doth well understand. Moreover, at the third houre the holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles? [illegible] that *Peter* went up into a higher chamber to pray; at the [illegible], * *Peter* and *John* went to the Temple. Again, according to Eustochium a virgine and Nunne, *epist.* 22. c. 16. Though the Apostle bid us pray alwaies, and to many persons their very sleepe is prayer: yet we must have distinct houres of prayer, that if perhaps we be [illegible] occupied, the very time may admonish us of our office or dueties. The third, sixt, ninth houre, morning early, and the evenings, no man can be ignorant of. *And to* Demetrias ep. 8. c. 8. *that in the Psalmes and prayer she must keepe alwaies the third, sixt, nineth houre, evening, midnight, and morning. He hath the like* ep. 7. c. 5. *And* (ep. 27. c. 10.) *he telleth how* Paula *the holy abbesse with her religious Nunnes* sung the Psalter in order, in the morning, at the third, sixt, nineth houre, evening, midnight; *by midnight meaning the time of Matins (therefore called* Nocturnes) agreeable to Saint Cyprian de Orat. Do. num. 15. *and by the morning, the first houre called* Prime: *all corresponding to the times and houres of Christs Passion, as in S.* Matthew *is noted* c. 26. 27. *By all which we see, how agreeable the use of the Churches service is even at this time to the Scriptures and Primitive Church: and how wicked the Puritan Calvinists be, that count all such order and set seasons of prayer, superstition: and lastly, how insufficient and mutilate the new pretended Church-service of England is to the primitive use, which both to such houres of ought to be, saving a little imitation of the old Matins and Evensong, and that in schisme and heresie, and therefore not only unprofitable, but also damnable.* — Ps. 54. — Dan. 6. — Acts 3. — Religion and civill honour.

FVLK. 6 — No man denieth but set times of prayers, both publike and private, and set formes also are very convenient. But the Popish service, hath nothing but the names of these houres, and not the times themselves observed in their prayers, which are all finished in the forenoone, when they are said or sung (for they are not used but at certaine solemne times) whereas the first houre is the time of high noone, the ninth houre, is the third houre before the Sunne set. — Canonicall houres.

Our Church Service, having but two times appointed for publike prayers, is not tobe misliked for that, seeing there is no necessity of more times prescribed in the Scriptures. Yet privately all godly persons do observe more times of prayers, as the morning at their rising up, at noone when they take their repast, likewise at night at their repast, and when they goe to their rest. And these prayers both publike and private, are made in the true faith of Iesus Christ, and in the vnity of his Catholike Church.

RHEM. 7. — 25. Adored.] S. Chrysostome, ho. 21. in Acts, *thinketh* Peter *refused this adoration of humility onely; because every falling downe to the ground for worship sake, is not divine worship or due onely to God, * the word of Adoration and prostration being commonly vsed in the Scriptures toward men. But S.* Hierom adu. Vigil. capite. 10. 2. *rather thinketh that* Cornelius *by error of Gentility, and of Peters person, did goe about to adore him with divine honour, and therefore was lifted up by the Apostle, adding that he was but a man.* — * προσκυνησις. Adoration of creatures.

FVLK. 7 — The Pope refuseth not, but requireth greater adoration of the greatest Princes, so well he followeth *Peters* steps. *Chrysostome* saith, *Hoc faciens, &c. This doing he shewed his humility, and taught other, and giveth God thankes, and declareth that although he was commanded, yet he was very ready of himselfe. What then saith* Peter, *Arise, for I also am a man. Thou seest how about other men he teacheth them to thinke no great matter of him, or to have no great opinion of him.* The first words are of *Cornelius* shewing humility, the latter of *Peter*, teaching that men may not thinke too highly of him: *Peter* said, I am a man. The Pope can admit other to say to him, *Nec Deus es nec homo, quasi neuter es inter utrumque. Thou art neither God nor man, but as it were a neuter betweene both.* But *Chrysostomes* opinion pleaseth you not so well, as *Hieromes adu. Vigilat.* Where either you understand not *Hierom* aright, or else *Hierom* doth injury to *Cornelius*, to charge him with error of Gentility, and such grosse ignorance, that he thought *Peter* was God. Of whom what he was, he was instructed by God in a vision. But his error was, that he thought religious honour to be due to *Peter*, which *Peter* acknowledgeth to be due onely to God, and to no man. For civill adoration could not be prohibited by this reason, that *Peter* was a man, for it is due to men, and in some measure was due to *Peter*. Therefore it was religious worship, such as Papists attribute to Saints, that *Peter* refused. *Athan. cont. Arr. lib.* 2. *St Christum ut gloria excellens adoretur, quicunque præstarent & excellerent, ab inferioribus esset adorandi. Hoc autem non fit. Nec ret ullo creata res creatam adorat, sed servus Dominum, & quæ creatæ sunt adorat Deum.* Petrus quidem *Apostolus*, Cornelium volentem se adorare prohibet, ego, inquiens, homo sum. Euthym. panopl. par. tit. 22. S. *Basil* citeth this text to proove that no Christian man must admit immoderate honour, but reproove them that give it. *Hex. hom.* 10. — The Popes pride.

RHEM. 8. — 40 Gave him.] *Christ did not utter his Resurrection and other mysteries to all at once, and immediately to the vulgar: but to a few chosen men that should be the governours of the rest; instructing us thereby to take our faith and all necessary things of salvation, at the hands of our Superiours.* — The authority of Gods Word.

FVLK. 8. — Christ teacheth us to receive instruction unto faith, and unto all things necessary to salvation at the hands of his chosen Ministers, but not to take faith it selfe at mens hand, nor to take any instruction of our Superiours without examining the same by the word of God, but to search the Scriptures, as the *Bereanes* did. *Acts* 17. 11.

RHEM. 9. — 47 Baptized, which have received.] *Such may be the grace of God sometimes toward men, and their charity and contrition so great, that they may have remission, justification, and sanctification before the externall Sacrament of Baptisme Confirmation, or Penance be received, as we see in this example, where at Peters Preaching they all receive the holy Ghost before any Sacrament; but in the same we learne not necessarily to sin, that such notwithstanding must needs receive the Sacraments appointed by Christ, which whosoever contemneth, can never be justified.* Aug. super Levit. q. 84. tom. 4. — They that are justified before, must not omit the Sacraments.

FVLK. 9. — The seale is not unprofitable which is of Gods appointment, but the Sacraments of Popish confirmation and penance are not of Christs institution, nor mentioned in S. *Augustine* in the place which you cite. And if confirmation be a Sacrament of necessity, (as now a dayes you teach) why did not *Peter* as well confirme them, as he commanded them to be baptized? — Popish Sacraments.

CHAP.

CHAP. XI.

The Circumcision murmure against the calling of Peter, in baptizing Cornelius and his kinsfolke. 4 He by shewing his vision and hearing plainly what he was commanded, doth satisfie them. 19 The Church of Antioch is first so called. 27 Agabus foretelleth a dearth. 29 The Disciples gathering for the poore, send relief to Hierusalem by Barnabas and Saul.

The Archbishops acknowledged not Peter to be Pope: for even then was Rome Metropolitane | him, if he carrie i unquestionable Petrus Populonius
speaker was held with him, by his owne confession. *Distinct. 40. cap. Si Papa.*

AND the Apostles and brethren that were in Iewrie, heard that the Gentiles also receiued the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Hierusalem, they that were of the Circumcision reasoned against him, saying,

3 Why didst thou enter in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them?

4 But Peter beganne and declared to them the order, saying:

Act. 10,9. 5 *I was in the citie of Ioppe praying, and I saw in an excesse of minde a vision, a certaine vessell descending as it were a great sheete with foure corners let downe from heaven, and it came even unto me.

6 Into which I looking considered, and saw foure footed beasts of the earth, and cattell, and such as creepe, and foules of the ayre.

7 And I heard also a voice saying to me, Arise Peter, kill and eate.

8 And I said, Not so Lord: for common or uncleane thing never entred into my mouth.

9 And a voice answered the second time from heaven: That which God made cleane, doe not thou call common.

10 And this was done thrice: and all were taken up againe into heaven.

11 And behold, three men immediately were come to the house wherein I was, sent to me from Cæsarea.

12 And the spirit said to me, that I should goe with them, doubting nothing. And there came with me these sixe brethren also: and we went into the mans house.

13 And he told us, how he had seene an Angel in his house, standing, and saying to him, send to Ioppe, and call hither Simon that is surnamed Peter,

14 Who shal speake to thee words wherein thou shalt be saved and all thy house.

15 And when I had begun to speake, the holy Ghost fell upon them, as upon us also in the beginning.

Acts 1.5. 16 And I remembred the word of our Lord, according as he said, *Iohn indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the holy Ghost.*

17 If therefore God hath given them the same grace, as to us also that beleeved in our Lord IESVS CHRIST: who was I that might prohibit God?

18 Having heard these things, they held their peace: and glorified God, saying, God then

AND the Apostles and brethren that were in Iewrie, heard that the heathen had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Hierusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended against him,

3 Saying, thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and diddest eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning and expounded it by order unto them saying,

5 I was in the citie of Ioppe praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, a certaine vessel descend, as it had beene a great sheete, let downe, from heaven by foure corners, and it came even unto me.

6 Vpon the which when I had fastened mine eies, I considered, and saw foure footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and such as creepe, and foules of the aire.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise Peter, slay, and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or uncleane hath at any time entred into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me againe from heaven, Doe not thou make them common which God hath cleansed.

10 And this was done three times: and all were taken up againe into heaven.

11 And behold immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæsarea unto me.

12 And the spirit said unto me, that I should goe with them, nothing doubting: Moreover, these five brethren accompanied me, and we entred into the mans house:

13 And he shewed us how he had seene an Angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, send men to Ioppe, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter:

14 He shall tell thee words whereby both thou, and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I beganne to speake the holy Ghost fell on them, as he did on us at the beginning, Acts 2.4.

*16 Then remembred I the word of the Lord, how that he said, * Iohn baptized with water: but ye shall be baptised with the holy Ghost.* John 1.17. acts 1.5.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us when we believed on the Lord Iesus Christ: what was I that I should have withstood God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, & glorified God, saying, Then hath God

then to the Gentiles also hath given * repentance unto life. *Vel. Their Latine is Penitentiam.*

Acts 8,1. 19 Now they truely that had beene dispersed by the tribulation that was made under Steven, walked throughout unto Phœnice and Cipres and Antioch, speaking the word to none, but to the Iewes onely.

20 But certaine of them were men of Cypres and Cyrene, who when they were entred into Antioch, spake to the Greekes, preaching our Lord IESVS.

The Epistle upon S. Barnabees day. Ann. 11. 21 And the hand of our Lord was with them, and a great number of beleevers was converted to our Lord.

22 And the report came to the eares of the Church that was at Hierusalem, touching these things: and they sent * Barnabas as farre as Antioch.

Acts 4,36.

23 Who when he was come, and saw the grace of God, rejoiced: and he exhorted all with purpose of heart to continue in our Lord:

24 Because he was a good man, and full of the holy Ghost, and faith. And a great ‖multitude was added to our Lord.

25 And he went forth to * Tarsis, to seeke Saule:

Acts 9,30.

26 Whom when he had found, hee brought him to Antioch. And they conversed there in the Church a whole yeare: and they taught a great multitude, so that the Disciples were at Antioch first named ‖CHRISTIANS.

The name of CHRISTIANS

27 And in these daies there came Prophets from Hierusalem to Antioch.

28 And one of them rising, named Agabus, did by the Spirit signifie a great famine that should be in the whole world, which fell under Claudius.

29 And the Disciples according as each man had, purposed every one to send, for to serve the brethren that dwelt in Iurie:

30 Which also they did, sending to the Ancients by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life,

*19 * They also which were scattered abroad through the affliction that arose about Steven, walked throughout unto Phœnice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no man, but unto the Iewes onely,*

20 And some of them were men of Cypres and Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greekes, and preached the Lord Iesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number beleeved, and turned unto the Lord,

22 The tidings of these things came unto the eares of the Church which was in Hierusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas that he should goe unto Antioch.

23 Which when he came, and had seene the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the holy Ghost, and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seeke Saule.

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to passe, that a whole yeare they had their conversation with the Church there, and taught much people: insomuch that the disciples of Antioch were the first that were called Christians.

27 And in those daies came Prophets from Hierusalem unto Antioch.

28 And there stood up one of them, named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit, that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to passe in the days of Claudius Cæsar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, purposed to send succour unto the brethren which dwelt in Iurie.

30 Which thing they also did, and sent it to the Elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 2 18 Held their peace.] *Good Christians heare and they gladly such truths as be opened unto them from God by their chiefe Pastours, by vision, revelation or other waies.*

FVLK. 2. *Peter was a good shepheard, that disdained not to shew his warrantise, which the Pope like a proud Pilate refuseth.* The Pope vnlike to Peter.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 3 24 Multitude added.] *As before (c. 10.) a few, so now great numbers of Gentiles are adjoined also to the visible Church, professing before men all of them. Which Church hath beene ever since Christs ascension, universally seen and knowne: their preaching open, their Sacraments visible, their discipline visible, their heads and Governours visible, the provision for their maintenance visible, the persecutions visible, their deliverance visible: the heresies that went out from them, visible: the joyning either of men or nations unto them, visible: their peace and rest after persecutions visible: their government in prison, visible: the Church prospering for them visibly, their Councells visible, their gifts and graces visible, their name (Christians) knowne to all the world, of the prosperous invisible Church we heare not one word.* The Church not always visible.

FVLK. 3 *Vnderstanding Visible, for that which may be seene, there is no doubt, but all Christians were always visible. But if you understand Visible, for that which is seene and knowne to all the world, as you say the name of Christians hath beene ever since Christs ascension, it is not true, that the Church was always visible. For persecutions have beene so great, that the world saw none of those things. And therefore Dioclesian and Maximian wickedly boasted, that they had utterly abolished the superstition of Christ and name of Christians. Maximian wickedly boasted, that they had utterly abolished the superstition of Christ and name of Christians. Epiphanius in scriptis Sebastenicis in vita Bartholomæi. The like devilish boasting made Nero in his time: Inspicio in*

...ride is placed in the heavens, a place in Spaine. But the Catholike Church of Christ, whereof we ... members, is Ierusalem the heavenly, which is the mother of us all, and being an article of our faith, is ... sible. *Heb* 12.1. *Gal.*4.26.

Heretikes, name, & offence in being.

26 Christians.] *This name* Christian, *ought to be common to all the faithfull, and other new names of Sects* ma-*kers and Sectaries must be abhorred.* If thou heare (*saith S.* Hierome) any where, such as be said to be of Christ, not to have their names of our Lord IESVS CHRIST, but to be called after some other certaine name, as Marcionites, Valentinians, (*as now also the Lutherans, Calvinists, Protestants*) know thou that they belong not to the Church of Christ, but to the Synagogue of Antichrist. Lactantius *also* (lib. 7. Divin. instit. c. 30.) *saith thus*, When Phrygians, or Novatians, or Valentinians, or Marcionites, or Anthropomorphites, or Arians, or any other be named, they cease to be Christians, who having lost the name of Christ, have done on the names of men. *Neither can our new Sectaries discharge themselves, for that they take not to themselves these names, but are forced to beare them as given by their adversaries. For, so were the names of Arrians, and the rest of old, imposed by others, and not chosen commonly of themselves: Which notwithstanding were callings that proved them to be Heretikes. And as for the name of Protestants, our men hold them well content therewith. But concerning the Heretikes turning of the argument against the peculiar callings of our Religious, as Dominicans, Franciscans, Iesuits, Thomists, or such like, it is nothing, except they could prove, that the Orders and persons so named, were of divers faiths and sects, or differed in any necessary point of religion or were not all of one Christian name and communion: and it is as ridiculous, as if it were objected, that some be Ciceronians, some Plinians, some good Augustine men, some Hieronymians, some Oxford men, some Cambridge men, and (which is most like) some* Rechabites, *some* Nazarites.

Protestants. Diverse religious orders not diverse faiths.

Ierem. 35. Num. 6.

Neither doth their objection, that we be called Papists, helpe or excuse them in their new names: for, besides that it is by them scornefully invented (as the name Homousians was of the Arrians) this name is not of any one man B. of Rome, or elsewhere, knowne to be the author of any schisme or sect, as their callings be: but it is of a whole state and order of Governours, and that of the chiefe Governours, to whom we are bound to cleave in religion, and to obey in all things. So to be a *Papist*, is to be a Christian man, a child of the Church, and subiect to Christs Vicar. And therfore against such impudent Sectaries as compare the faithfull for following the Pope, to the diversity of Heretikes bearing the names of new Masters, let us ever have in readinesse this saying of S. Hierom to Pope Damasus, *What* is I know not, *Meletius* I refuse, I know not *Paulinus*, Whosoever gathereth not with thee, scattereth: that is to say, Whosoever is not Christs, is Antichrists. *And againe*, If any man joyne with *Peters* chaire, he is mine.

Papists, Catholikes, and true Christians, All one

Not to be with the Pope, is to be with Antichrist.

To. 2. ep. 57. & ep. 28. ad Damasum.

The name of Christians.

We must here further observe that this name, Christian, given to all beleevers and to the whole Church, was specially taken to distinguish them from the Iewes and Heathens which beleeved not at all in Christ and the same now severeth and maketh knowne all Christian men from Turkes and others that hold not of Christ at all. But when Heretikes begon to rise from among the Christians, who professed Christs name, and sundry Articles of faith as true beleevers doe, the name Christian *was too common to sever the Heretikes from true faithfull men: and therupon the Apostles by the holy Ghost imposed this name* Catholike *upon the beleevers which in all points were obedient to the Churches doctrine.* When heresies were risen (*saith S.* Pacianus ep. ad Sympherianum) and endevored by divers names to teare the dove of God and Queene, and to rent her in pieces, the Apostolicall people required their surname; whereby the incorrupt people might be distinguished, &c. *and so those that before were called Christians, are now surnamed also Catholikes.* Christian is my name, *saith he*, Catholike my surname. *And this word, Catholike, is the proper note whereby the holy Apostles in their Creed taught us to discerne the true Church from the false heretical congregation of what sort soever. And not only the meaning of the word, which signifieth universall of all times, places, and persons, but the very name and word it selfe, by Gods providence alwayes, and onely appropriated to be true beleevers, and (though sometimes at the beginning of sects challenged) yet never obtained by heretikes, giveth so plaine a marke and evidence, that S. Augustine said*, In the lap of the Church the very name of Catholike keepeth me, *cont. ep. fund. c.4. And againe, tract. 32. in Io.* We receive the holy Ghost if we love the Church, if we be joyned together by charity, if we rejoyce in the Catholike name and faith. *And againe, de ver. rel. c.7. to 2.* We must hold the communion of that Church which is named Catholike, not only of her owne, but also of all her enemies; for, will they nill they, the Heretikes also and Schismatikes themselves, when they speake not with their owne fellowes but with strangers, call the Catholike Church nothing else but the Catholike Church: for they could not be understood, unlesse they discerne it by this name, wherewith she is called of all the world. *The Heretikes when they see themselves prevented of this name* Catholike, *then they plainely reject it, and deride the name, as the Donatists did, calling it an humane forgerie or fiction, which S. Augustine calleth words of blasphemy, li. 2. c. 33. cont. Gaudent. and some Heretikes of this time call them scornefully, carholikes, and cacolikes. Another calleth it*, the most vaine terme Catholike. *Beza in praef. in. Test. an.* 1565. *Another calleth the Catholike religion*, a Catholike Apostasie or defection, *Humfrey in vit. Iuel. pag.* 223. *Yea, and some have taken the word out of the Creed*, * parting Christian *for it. But against these good fellowes let us follow that which S.* Augustine de vtil. Cred. c.8. to. 6. *giveth as a rule to direct a man the right and sure way from the diversity and double falsnesse of all errour, saying*, If after these troubles of minde thou seeme to thy selfe sufficiently tossed and vexed, and wilt have an end of these molestations, follow the way of Catholike discipline, which from Christ himselfe by the Apostles hath proceeded even unto us, and shall proceed from hence to the posterity. *See the Anoot.* 1 Tim. 3. c. 15.

Grek Rockfast Catholicke.

The Protestants deride the name Catholike.

In the Catechisme of the Lacedemonians.

Slanders, Names.

FVLK. 4. We acknowledge no names but of Christian Catholikes. The names of *Calvinists*, and *Lutherans*, &c. are but slanders by you invented, as the names of *Athanasians*, *Alexandrians*, *Homousians*, were by the Arrian Heretikes. Neither doe we hold our selues content with the name of Protestants, though it be not so odious, as to be called of any man, when we are the people of God and Christ. Neither did the onely calling of the old heretikes proove them to be heretikes, but their pernicious opinions contrary to the holy Scriptures. For *Athanasians, Homousians*, &c. were true Catholikes, though they were nicknamed by heretikes. The names of Dominicans, Franciscans, Iesuites, and such like, prooveth them to be sectaries, because they be of their owne chusing, though they all maintaine one grand heresie of Popery: having also there divers opinions among them: and ech sect envying other, and swelling against the other. The name of Papists you doe not greatly mislike, because it is not the name of any one man. We might answere you the like of the name of Protestants. But divers heretikes, have the name of their heresie, not of their author, as Patrip ſſians, Collyridians, Apostolici, Cathari, &c. But the name of Papists, is taken both of the authour of your heresie, and of the heresie it selfe. In the saying of *Hierome*, you omit that which is principall, *Ego nullum primatum nisi Christum sequens, &c. I follow none chiefe, or first, but Christ, am joyned in communion with thy blessednesse, that is with* Peters chayre. While the Bishop of Rome therefore joyned with Christ, (as then he did in the matter whereof *Hierome* speaketh, and in all doctrine necessary to salvation) whosoever gathered not with the Bishop of Rome scattered with Antichrist. But when *Liberius* Bishop of Rome, did by subscription openly profesſe Arrianisme, as the same *Hierome* testifieth in *Catal. in Fortunatian.* Would *Hierome* thinke you, or ought any Christian man to

Nicknames.

Sectaries.

Communion with the See of Rome.

CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 1 *Herod the first king that persecuted the Christians after the Ascension of Christ, when Barnabas and Saul were there with the collation of the Antiochians, killeth* (by the sword) *the Apostle, 3 and perceiving the Iewes well pleased with the minde to kill him also, but* [illegible] *Angel sent of God, at the continuall prayers of the Church made for* [illegible] *pastor, 19 being punished by such pride that at Cesarea he refuseth not to be honoured as God: 23 is miserably* [illegible] *strikes of Gods Angel, and so after the perfect* [illegible] *death, the Churches preaching prospereth exceedingly.*

FVLK. 1 *Peter was not chief Pastour of the Church of Ierusalem, where prayer was made for him, but Iames: whom* [illegible] *in the half verse, you confesse to be* [illegible] *Ierusalem.*

The Epistle upon SS. Peter and Paules day. Iun. 29.

AND at the same time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict certaine of the Church.

2 And he killed Iames the brother of Iohn with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Iewes, he proceeded further, and tooke Peter also. (Those were the daies of Sweet bread.)

4 Whom when he had caught him, he put him in prison also, and delivered him to foure quaternions of souldiers to be kept, intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 And Peter indeed was kept in prison. But prayer was made of the Church without ceasing unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping betweene two souldiers, bound with two chaines: and the keepers before the doore kept the prison.

7 And behold an Angel of the Lord came upon him, and light shined in the house: and striking Peter on the side, raised him, saying, Arise quickly. And the chaines fell from his hands.

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7 And behold the Angel of the Lord was there present, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and stirred him up saying, Arise up quickly. And his chaines fell off from his hands.

8 And

14 And when she knew Peters voice, for joy she opened not the gate, but ranne in & told that Peter stood before the gate.

15 But they said to her, Thou art mad. But she affirmed also that it was so. Then said they, It is his Angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the doore, and saw him, they were astonied.

17 And beckening with his hand unto them, that they should hold their peace, he declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison, and he said, || Tell these things unto James and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stirre among the souldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Iewrie to Cesarea, and there abode.

20 And he was angrie with the Tyrians and the Sidonians: but they came with one accord to him, and when Blastus the king's chamberlain was chiefe of the bedchamber, they desired peace, because their country was nourished by his.

21 And upon a day appointed Herod being arrayed in royall apparel, sate in his judgement seate, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the Angel of the Lord stroke him, because he gave not the honour to God: and he was eaten of wormes, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Hierusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministerie, and tooke with them Iohn, whose surname was Marke.

‡ Though God had so miraculously delivered him, yet he would not tempt God by tarying among his persecutors, but according to Christs commandement fled for a time.

‡ Princes that take delight in the flattery and prayses of the people, so much that they forget themselves to be men, and to give the honour to God, may be warned by this example.

‡ stroke him, because

Rubr. 7 ... determined truly, were not priviledged from errour by the Bishop of ... by following the word of God: for the Bishop of Romes assent, assistance or confirmation, ... to be truth. *Liberius* after he had ascribed to heresie, gave his assent to the Councell, that *Con* ... held ... rone, with *Prætum* and *Valens*, and other Arians, wherein *Felix* a Catholike Bishop was depo... and he himself ... now an heretike, or a dissembler with heretikes was restored: as testifieth *Damasus* him... history of Rome *in Pontificali*: Yet was that Councell for all ... consent and confirmation wicked, and bla... If *Honorius* had lived when he was condemned and accursed in the Councell of Constantinople the ... would he have given his assent, assistance or confirmation? And if he ... a C..., such as he was, would he not have confirmed that Councell, determining against ...?

7 Chose that by my mouth.] *Though Paul were called and appointed specially to be the Apostle of the Gentiles, yet that was S. Peters speciall priviledge by Gods own choice, that the ... Gentiles ... be called by his mouth, and that he first should utter to the Church that truth of the admission of the Gentiles and Vicar, being not with ... as his Master was) Minister Circumcision is, that is, ... thing all preeminence unto him in that point also.*

Peters preeminence.

Gal. 2. 7.

Rubr. 7 The text saith not, that the first Gentiles were called by S. *Peter* himself: and ... is evident to the

Fvll. 7 ... S. *Paul* was sent to the Gentiles, even at his conversion, *Act.* 26. 17. Neither ... he slacke the time, ... preached in Arabia, and saw not *Peter* untill three yeares after. All which time, it is not like ... neglected his calling. Beside your ovvne vulgar translation saith expressly, that he spake to the Gentiles, and disputed with the Greekes, *Cap.* 9. 29. before *Peter* was sent to *Cornelius*. Therefore ... saith ... the Adverbe ... in the speech of S. *Iames*, is not referred to the time of the conversion of ... to the order of S. *Peters* speech, which was first of Gods visitation of the Gentiles in calling them to ... which S. *Iames* confirmeth by authority of Scripture, and then concludeth as *Peter* did. Therefore you can prove no preeminence in this point granted to *Peter*.

Rubr. 8

13 Iames.] *S. Iames because he was an Apostle and also a Bishop of Hierusalem, gave his sentence next; for his speech interposed of S. Paul and S. Barnabas, was but for their better information in the decision of the matter, and for confirmation of S. Peters sentence, though they being Apostles and Bishops, had voyces in the Councell also: as many moe had, though their sentences be not here reported. And where S. Iames in his speech saith,* I judge, *it is not meant that he gave the principall definitive sentence: for he (as all the rest) followed and allowed the sentence of S. Peter, in it is plaine in the text, the whole assembly for reverence of his person, and approbation of his sentence, holding their peace.* All the multitude (*saith S. Hierome*) held their peace, and into his sentence *Iames* the Apostle and all the Priests did passe together. *For* ... S. Iames *did particularise certaine points incident to the question debated, as of eating strangled meats, &c. yet the proper controversie for which the Councell assembled, was, Whether the Gentiles converted were bound to observe the Law of Moses; and it was concluded, that they were not bound, nor ought not to be charged with Moses Law or the Sacraments and Ceremonies of the same; this is the substance and principall purpose of this Councels decree, which doth binde for ever: and* Peter (*saith S. Hierome in the same place*) was Prince or Author of this decree; *the matter of fornication and Idolatrie being but incident to the question or resolution, and the forbidding of eating strangled and blood, but a temporall prohibition, which by the consent of the Church or otherwise afterward was abrogated, the Church of God having the true sense of difference of times, places, and persons, when and how farre such things are to be observed, and when not. And to such things as these, and in other like which according to their circumstances require alteration, it is, that S. Augustine saith,* Ep. 48. de bapt. c. 3. tom. 7. The former generall or plenary Councels may be amended by the latter.

The principall question.

Incident questions.

How latter Councels alter the former.

Fvll. 8 Your whole drift in this place, is to deny the primacie of order unto *Iames*, whom all antiquity except *Hieromo*, allowed to be principall person in this Councell, as he was at this time; the Bishop or chiefe Overseer of the Church at Hierusalem, and therefore is named before *Peter* by *Paul*, Gal. 2. 9. *Clemens Dispositionis lib.* 6 cited by *Eusebius, translatione Rufini*, saith, that *Iames* was constituted *Bishop of the Apostles*. *Chrys.* upon this place saith, *Et vide post* Petrum Paulus *loquitur, &c. And see that after* Peter Paul *doth speake, and no man stoppeth his mouth, Iames heareth it, and doth not gee backe, to him was the principality or chiefe place committed.* Againe he saith of *Iames*, *Abstitit quidem, &c. At the beginning truly,* Peter *spake more vehemently, but this man more mildly. So they must alwayes do that are in great authority, that permit things burdenous to other men, and they themselves deale more gently, in Act. hom.* 33. Thus you see he ascribeth plainely the chiefe place and power to *Iames*. *Hieromo* indeed defending S. *Peters* simulation against S. *Paul*, endeavoureth to prove out of this place, that *Peter* was not ignorant of the truth, whereof he had beene a principall setter forth in the Councell. But the matter is so evident by the circumstances of the text, and the judgement of ancient writers, that the Author *Opusculi tripartiti cont.* 10. c. 6. 9. saith, that when *Iames* gave sentence, it was not yet fully ordained concerning the preeminence of *Peter* above the rest of the Apostles, and of the fulnesse of his power above all Churches. Finally, where S. *Augustine* saith, that the former generall Councels may be amended or corrected by the latter, he speaketh not of alteration in matters of indifference, for then he would not have used the word amending or correcting, but some other word, that signifieth altering or changing: for amending and correcting, is of errours, and so the words going before and after, doe make manifest that he meaneth. For before he saith, that onely the Canonicall Scriptures have soveraigne authority, so that it is not lawfull to doubt, whether any thing written in them be true or right, but that all latter writings of Bishops may be lawfully reprehended, either by other learned writings, or by Councels, if they have erred from truth, and that provinciall Councels must give place to generall Councels, and that the former generall Councels may be corrected by the latter, *Cum aliquo experimento, &c. When by any triall of matters, that is opened which before was shut, and that is knowne which before was hidden:* so that he speaketh manifestly of correction of errours, not alteration of things indifferent, writing against the Donatists, that maintained the authority of the Councell of Carthage, holden by S. *Cyprian* against the truth.

Iames President of the Councell.

Councels may erre.

Rubr. 9 20 Fornication.] *Fornication and contamination with idols, are of themselves mortall sinnes, and therefore can never be lawfull: yet because the Gentiles by custome were prone to both, and of fornication made very small ac-*

count, it pleased the holy Ghost to forbid both specially. Concerning the other points of abstaining from blood and strifled meats, they were things of their owne nature indifferent, in which for a time the Iewes were to be [illegible], and the Gentiles to be a little time exercised to obedience. By which we may see the great authority of Gods Church and Councels, which may command for ever, or for a time, such things as be fit for the state of times and nations, without any expresse Scriptures at all, and so by commandement make things necessary that were before indifferent.

The Churches authority in making decrees.

The authority of the Church and of the Scriptures.

9 The Church hath no authority to command any thing necessary to salvation, but that which may be proved undoubtedly out of the holy Scriptures: otherwise in matters of indifference, we yeeld to your observation. To abstaine from blood and strangled, was not necessary to salvation, but for charity to beare with the weakenesse of the Iewes for a season.

Going out, a mark of heretikes.

24 Going forth from us.] *A proper description or note of heretickes, schismatikes, and seditious teachers, to goe out from their spirituall Pastors and Governours, and to teach without their commission and approbation, to discquier the Catholike people with multitude of words and sweet speeches, and finally to overthrow their soules.*

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God and our Lady, and the like speeches.

28 To the holy Ghost and to us.] *By this, first we note, that it is not such a fault as the heretikes would make it in the sight of the simple, or any incongruity at all, to ioyne God and his creatures, as the principall cause and the secondary, in one speech and to attribute that to both, which though diversly, yet proceedeth of both.* God and you, *say good people commonly:* God and our Lady, Christ and S. *Iohn:* We confesse to God and to *Peter* and *Paul*; as * God and his Angel, To our Lord and *Gideon*, the sword of our Lord and of *Gideon*, Our Lord and *Moses*, Christ and his Angels, Our Lord and all Saints. ep. ad Philem. S. *Paul* and our Lord, 1 Thes. 1, 6. *All these speeches being partly Scriptures, partly like unto the Scriptures speeches, are warranted also by this Councell, which saith boldly, and hath given the forme thereof to all other Councels lawfully called and confirmed to say the like,* It hath pleased the holy Ghost and us. 8 Cyprian. ep. 54. num. 2. *reporting the like of a Synode holden in Affrike, saith,* It hath pleased us by the suggestion of the holy Ghost.

* Exo. 14. 31. * Gen. 48, 15. 16. Iud. 7, 18. 20. 1 Tim. 5, 21. VISVM EST Sp. sancto & nobis.

The holy Ghost assistant in all lawfull Councels, to the worlds end, and that by Christs promise.

Secondly we note, that the holy Councels lawfully kept for the determination or clearing of doubts, or condemning of errours and heresies, or appeasing of schismes and troubles, or reformation of life, and such like important matters, have ever the assistance of Gods Spirit, and therefore cannot erre in their sentences and determinations concerning the same, because the holy Ghost cannot erre: from whom (as you see here) ioyntly with the Councell the resolution proceedeth.

Ioan. 16, 13.

S. Gregories reverence of generall Councels.

Thirdly we learne, that in the holy Councels specially (though otherwise and in other Tribunals of the Church it be also verified) Christs promise is fulfilled, that the holy Ghost should suggest them and teach them all truth, and that not in the Apostles time onely, but to the worlds end; for so long shall Councels, the Church, and her Pastours have this privilege of Gods assistance, as there be either doubts to resolve, or heretikes to condemne, or truths to be opened, or evill men to be reformed, or schismes to be appeased; for which cause S. Greg. l. 1. Ep. 24. sub fin. *reverenceth the foure generall Councels* (Nicen. Constantinop. Ephes. Chalced.) *as the foure bookes of the holy Gospel, alluding to the number: and of the fifth also he saith that he doth reverence it alike: and so would he have done moe, if they had beene before his time, who saith of them thus,* Whiles they are concluded and made by universall consent, himselfe doth he destroy, and not them, whosoever presumeth either to loose whom they binde, or to binde whom they loose.

The Protestants fond distinction betwen the foure first and the later Councels.

S. Gregorie *therefore reverencing all five alike, it may be marvelled whence the heretikes have their fond difference betwixt those foure first and other latter: attributing much to them, and nothing to the rest. Whereas indeed the latter can erre no more then the first foure, being holden and approved as they were, and having the holy Ghost as they had. But in those first also when a man findeth any thing against their heresies (as there be divers things) then they say plainly that they also may erre, and that the holy Ghost is not tied to mens voyces, nor to the number of sentences: Which is directly to reprove this first Councell also of the Apostles, and Christs promise of the holy Ghosts assistance to teach all truth. Yea that you may know and abhorre these heretikes throughly, heare yet what a principall Sect-master with his blasphemous mouth or pen uttereth, saying,* that In the very best times such was partly the ambition of Bishops, partly their foolishnesse and ignorance, that the very blinde may easily perceive, Satan verily to have beene president of those assemblies. *Good Lord deliver the people and the world from such blasphemous tongues and bookes, and give men grace to attend to the holy Scriptures and Doctours, that they may see how much, not onely S. Augustine and other Fathers attribute to all generall Councels specially, (to which they referre themselves in all doubts among themselves and in all their controversies with heretikes:) but to which even S. Paul himselfe (so specially taught by God) and others also yeelded themselves. Notorious is the saying of S. Augustine concerning S. Cyprian, who being a blessed Catholike Bishop and Martyr, yet erred about the rebaptizing of such as were Christened by heretikes.* If he had lived (*saith S.* Augustine lib. 2. de bapt. cap. 4.) to have seene the determination of a plenary Councell, which hee saw not in his life time, hee would for his great humility and charity straightway have yeelded and preferred the generall Councell before his owne judgement and his fellow Bishops in a Provinciall Councell onely. *Whereby also we learne, that Provinciall Councels may erre, though many times they doe not, and being conformable to the generall Councels, or confirmed and allowed by them or the See Apostolike, their resolutions be infallible as the others are.*

Bezas blasphemy against the first generall Councels.

Beza in pref. Test. Ann. 1565.

What the Fathers attribute to Councels, and namely S. Augustine.

Provinciall Councels.

Notwithstanding the holy Ghosts assistance, yet humane meanes must be used to search the truth.

Luke 2, 30.

If any here aske what need so much disputing, studie and travell in Councels to finde out and determine the truth, if the holy Ghost infallibly guide them? We answere that such is the ordinary Providence of God in this case, to assist them when they doe their indeavour, and use all humane meanes of industry, and not else. And so (though sometimes otherwise) God assisted the Evangelists and other writers of the holy Scriptures, that they could not erre in penning the same, but yet they did and ought to use all possible humane diligence to know and learne out the histories and truth of matters, as is plaine in the beginning of S. Lukes Gospel: *else the holy Ghost would not have assisted them. Even so in this Councell of the Apostles, though they had the holy Ghost assistant, Yet the text saith,* Cùm magna conquisitio fieret, *When there was great disputation search and examination of the case, then Peter stake, &c. If againe it be demanded, what need is there to expect the Councels determination, if the Popes or See Apostolike judgement be infallible and have the assistance of God also, as the Catholikes affirme? We answere, that for the Catholike and peaceable obedient children of the Church, it is a comfort to have such various meanes of determination, triall, and declaration of the truth, and that it is necessary for the recoverie of heretikes; and for the contentation of the weake, who not alwayes giving over to one mans determination, yet will either yeeld to the judgement of all the learned men and Bishops of all Nations, or else remaine desperate and condemned before God and man for ever. And as I said before, this assistance of the holy Ghost promised to Peters See, presupposeth humane meanes of searching out the truth, which the Pope always hath used, and will, and must use in matters of great importance, by calling Councels, even as you see S. Peter and S. Paul themselves; and all the Apostles, though indued with the holy Ghost, yet thought it not withstanding necessary for further triall and clearing of truth and maintenance of unitie to keepe a Councell.*

Though the See Apostolike it self have the same assistance, yet Councels be also necessary for many causes.

Lastly it is to be noted, that as Christ & the holy Ghost be present by his promise, to all such assemblies as gather in the bedience & unity of the Church, with full mind to obey whatsoever shalbe determined, whereby the assembled though

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When any of Gods creatures are by him appointed to be inferiour causes or [illegible] to ioyne them as the sword of the Lord and of Gideon. But where God hath not [illegible] to be ioyned with him in cause, there is no place to match them with him in any: as neither God and our Lady hath holpen [illegible] to God and our Lady, our Lord and his Saints be praised. These formes of speech are neither Scripture, nor Scripture like, nor warranted by this Councell. Neither doth this Councell give the forme of the speech here used to all other Councels, how lawfully soever called and [illegible] by the Bishop of Rome: except their determination may be warranted as this was by the holy Scripture. Cyprian with the Fathers of Affrike, doe declare unto Cornelius Bishop of Rome, upon what authority of Councels their determination was grounded, and are bold to say, It hath pleased us by the suggestion of the holy Ghost, before their Councell received confirmation of the Bishop of Rome, yea before he once heard of it. Neither doe they in that Epistle, require his assent, but onely report what they had done, and for what causes, and upon what ground. God and our Lady.

Secondly you note, that holy Councels have ever the assistance of Gods Spirit, and therefore cannot erre, where you play the Sophisters kindly: for if it be proved that any doe erre in that point, they are not holy. But if by holy Councels you meane lawfull Councels, as you say in the margent, or as you seeme to explaine holy Councels, such as are *lawfully kept for determination or clearing of doubts, &* there is no doubt but they may erre, if they follow not the direction of Gods word, against which, in vaine they may boast of the direction of Gods Spirit. S. *Cyprian*, and all the Bishops of Affrica, gathered a Councell as lawfull as any they did before, no doubt but of good intent for determination and clearing of a doubt that was moved among them, whether such as came from heresies, were to be baptized againe: and with a purpose to condemne errours, and heresies, and to appease schismes and troubles; yet did they erre in their sentence and determination concerning the same doubt, and all through ignorance of the Scriptures, and not of any perverse or heretical affection. Whereupon S. *Augustine*, as is before declared, doubteth not to affirme that all men and all Councels, both provinciall and generall (*saith he*) *fallere Scripturæ Canonicæ, &c.* And who can be ignorant, that the holy Councell Scripture, as well of the old, as of the new Testament, is contained within her certaine limits, and that it is so preferred before all later writings of Bishops, that it cannot in any wayes be doubted or disputed of it, whether it be true, or whether it be right, whatsoever, it is certaine to be written in it: But that the writings of Bishops which have beene written, or which are now written after the Canon is confirmed, may be lawfully reprehended, both by the more wise speech, perhaps of any man that is more skilfull in that matter, and also by the more grave authority, and more learned prudence of other Bishops, and by Councels, if any thing in them perhaps have strayed from the truth. And even Councels themselves, which are gathered in every region or province, (without all doubt) must give place to the authority of generall Councels, which are gathered out of all the Christian world: And that oftentimes the former generall Councels themselves, may be corrected by the later, when by any triall of matters, that is opened which was shut, and that is known which was hidden, without any swelling of sacrilegious pride, without any stiffnecke of pressing arrogance, without any contention of cankred envie, with holy humility, with Catholike peace, with Christian charity. Concerning your third observation, there is no doubt but Christs promise shall be performed unto the end, but the priviledge of Gods assistance, pertaineth onely to them which follow the direction of his holy word in Councels or other sentences of the Church. For the Spirit of God, must not be sacrilegiously separated from the word of God. Therefore the determination of the foure generall Councels is no be reverenced as the foure Gospels, because it was taken out of the foure Gospels, which teach the truth of the divinity and humanity of Christ, and of the divinity of the holy Ghost: not because it was so agreed by authority of so many Bishops gathered in those Councels. Neither doe we make any such fond difference of the Councels as you dreame of, but receive the fifth, and sixth, as well as the first foure, for the matters of faith and doctrine concluded in them, agreeable to the holy Scriptures; & whether ye receive none. You say there be divers things in the first foure councels that you finde against our heresies, yet you are able to shew none. But we shew against you the sixth Canon of Nice Councell, declaring the Bishop of Alexandria to be equall to the Bishop of Rome, and generally every Metropolitane in his Province. We shew the 27. Canon of Chalcedon, wherein is declared the determination as well of that Councell as of the first of Constantinople, that the See of Constantinople should have equall priviledges of dignity and authority with the See of Rome. We shew the words of the Councell of Ephesus in their Epistle to *Nestorius*, that *Peter and Iohn were of equall dignity because they were both Apostles and holy Disciples*: By which words, the supremacie of the Pope pretended from *Peter* is overthrowne. So we shew the foure first generall Councels, all against the Popes supremacie. Likewise the fifth, confirming all that was decreed in the fourth, and in the sixth of Constantinople, *Can.* 36. we shew, confirming the equality of priviledges of the Bishop of Constantinople with the Bishop of Rome, according to the former determinations of the Councels of Constantinople the first, and of Chalcedon. When we say that Councels may erre, and that the holy Ghost is not tied to the voyces of men, nor to the number of sentences, you affirme, *that it is directly to reprove this first Councell also of the Apostles, and Christs promise of the holy Ghost.* But by what Logicke you gather this conclusion, we cannot perceive, except it be this: Councels may erre, *ergo*, this Councell of the Apostles did erre. Or else thus: Christ promised the holy Ghost, *ergo*, he tied the holy Ghost to the voyces of men, or to the number of mens sentences. If these be good conclusions, I referre me to all that have but one crumme of right reason, or naturall Logicke. That you report of *Beza* is a most detestable slander, for he speaketh not a word against the first generall Councels, but against the offendings of proud and unlearned lightheaded Bishops of Greece, which lived in those best times, whereof it is manifest by the Church stories, that many of them were heretically and blasphemously, having not the holy Ghost, but the devill himselfe to be President of their meetings. This Logicke is like the former: *Beza* saith, there were wicked Bishops in the best times, *ergo*, he blasphemeth against the first generall Councels. The father of lies and slanderer, of the Saints, will welcome you for this Logicke, except you repent in time. What *Augustine* ascribeth to generall Councels, you heard before, in these words: how he acknowledgeth that they may erre, because they may be amended as concerning that something may be shut up and hidden from them, which afterward may be opened and knowne.

Slander.

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The … Councels is no … and determining … so really … the … Christ … by the … Ghost, … and … Acts 15. 17. … that … the Pope … not … reason … why … first reason … searching … the Pope … Councell … (as … you say: the assistance of the holy Ghost promised to Peter … supposeth … and calling of Councels is an humane meane, therefore calling of … that the Pope … not … Wherby it seemeth that you take … to … hitherto … decided … generall Councels of … and *Basil*, that the … which may erre out … Councell, yet is it not agreed … among all Papists at this time. For the … hold, and so doe you … elsewhere, that the Pope is above the Councell, and that the Councell may erre, if it be not confirmed by the Pope. Yet the Councell of *Constance* was confirmed in that point by *Iob.* 23. before the … and in the end thereof, all things concluded in that Councell. *Concilliariter*, that is, as in forme of a … were confirmed by Pope *Martin.* 5. *Sess.* 45. That Christ is not present with heretikes, and schismatikes, is … of doubt: but seeing in many of the Synods, and Councels holden in Germany, France, Poole, England, and other … the truth hath beene concluded out of the holy Scriptures, it is certaine that Christ was present in those assemblies by his holy Spirit, and that in such things as they have determined according to the word of God, they are not to be reputed for heretikes or schismatikes, but for true Christian Catholikes.

RHEM. 11 31 Rejoyced upon the Consolation.] *Straight upon the intelligence of the Councels determination, not onely the Gentiles, but even the Masters of the former troubles and dissension, were at rest, and all tooke great comfort that the controversie was so ended. And so should all Christian men doe, when they see the sessis of our time condemned by the like authority, and most grave judgement of the holy Councell of Trent. Against which the heretikes of our time make the like frivolous exceptions and false cavillations, as did the old heretikes heeretofore against those Councels that specially condemned their errors. The Pope and Bishops (say they) are a party, and they ought not to be our judges: they are partiall and come with prejudicate mindes to condemne us, and we accuse them all of idolatry and other crimes, and we will be tried by Gods word onely, and we will expound it according to another rule; that is to say, as we list. So say they against this Councell, and the like say the Arians against the first Nicene Councell, and all such like against those Councels, namely: that condemned their heresies. And so say all theeves against their correctors and punishers, and would both say and doe more against temporall Tribunals, Iudges, Iustices, and Iuries, if they had as much licence and liberty in those matters, as men have now in religion.*

All good Christians rest upon the determination of a generall Councell.

All heretikes make exceptions against the councels that condemne them.

FVLK. 11 When the Papists themselves doe not acknowledge the authority of the Tridentine assembly; for both the Emperour and the French King protested against it, and it is not at this day received of the Popish Church of France, there is no reason that we should be subject unto it, although we have many other argum…ts to oppose against it. And where you say in the margent, that *all good Christians rest upon the determination of a generall Councell*, you condemne your selves to be no good Christians, because you doe not rest upon the determination of the generall Councels of *Constance* and *Basil*, in the question of the Popes supremacie above the Councell. You condemne the Popish Church of France, which accepteth not your Tridentine Chapter, for a generall Councell, in which there were scarce forty Bishops, and they for the most part Italians and Spaniards. That all heretikes make exceptions against Councels that condemne them, it proveth not all to be heretikes that are condemned by Councels. The Catholikes also condemned by the Councels of heretikes, tooke exceptions against those Councels. The exceptions that we make are most reasonable. For it is against all equity that they which are parties, that are partiall, that are accused, should be the onely Iudges. Neither could the Arians justly say so against the Nicene Councell, or other heretikes against the Councels that condemned them: neither can all theeves justly say so against their punishers. For their Iudges are never parties, seldome partiall, never accused in that offence, whereupon they sit as Iudges. That we would be tried onely by Gods word, it is true, but that we will expound it as we list, it is false. For we will and doe by Gods grace expound it sufficiently to confute your heresies, according to the plaine and naturall sense thereof, and in doubtfull places according to plaine places, and according to the exposition of the most ancient and best approved Fathers of the Primitive Church, in the most and chiefe of the controversies that are betweene you and us.

Authority of Councels.

RHEM. 12 39 Dissension.] *Such occasions of differences fall out even among the perfect men often, without any great offence. And this their departing fell out to the great increase of Christians. And therefore it is very ridiculously applied to excuse the disagreeing of the heretikes among themselves, in the principall points of religion, namely, the Sacrament.*

Every dissension is not a schisme.

FVLK. 12 It cannot be alledged to justifie any dissension, but to shew that for dissensions sake in matters of externall policie, and discipline of the Church, specially, as this of the Apostles was, the substance of the doctrine is not to be misliked, nor the Church or teachers thereof to be utterly rejected: it is rightly alledged. The dissension that is among many true Christians in the Sacrament of the Supper, doth no more convince either part to be no member of the Church, then the like dissension that was betweene *Cyprian* and the Bishops of Africa, and *Cornelius* with the Bishops of Europe, about the Sacrament of Baptisme, doth deny either of them to have beene true members of the Church, and yet the one party erred from the truth.

CHAP. XVI.

Paul having for his part visited the Churches of Syria, Cilicia, and Lycaonia, delivering unto them withall to keepe the Decrees of the Councels: 6 beginneth a new journey, over Phrygia, Galatia, Mysia: 8 Troas in which Citie also he receiveth, admonished by a vision, and commeth into Macedonia, 12 and there he beginneth the Church of the Philippians, working miracles, and suffering persecution.

AND he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, there was a certaine Disciple there named Timotheus, the sonne of a widow woman that beleeved, of a father a Gentile.

‖ Iew.

2 To this man the brethren that were in Lystra and Iconium, gave a good testimony.

THen came he to Derbe, and to Lystra: and behold, a certaine Disciple was there, named Timotheus, a womans sonne, which was a Iewesse, and beleeved: but his father was a Greeke.

Rom. 16. 21. phil 1. 19. 1 thes. 3. 2.

2 Which was well reported of the brethren that were at Lystra and

3 Him

3 Him would he have to goe forth with him: and taking him he circumcised him because of the Iewes that were in those places: for they all knew, that his father was a Gentile.

‡ Here againe they take order that the decrees and articles of faith agreed upon in the Councell of Ierusalem, should be executed and observed, wherby we see both the great authority of Councels, and the diligence that all Prelates ought to have to see the decrees and Canons of the Councels put in execution.

4 And when they passed through the cities, they delivered unto them to keepe the ‡ decrees that were decreed of the Apostles and Ancients which were at Hierusalem.

5 And the Churches were confirmed in faith, and did abound in number daily.

6 And passing through Phrygia and the country of Galatia, they were ‡ forbidden by the holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

‡ This people had not the Gospel denied unto them altogether, but for a time: because (as Venerable *Beda* thinketh) God foresaw they would not beleeve, and so should have bin more grievously damned.

7 And when they were come into Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia: and the Spirit of IESVS permitted them not.

8 And when they had passed through Mysia, they went downe to Troas:

9 And a vision by night was shewed to Paul; There was a certaine man of Macedonia standing and beseeching him, and saying, passe into Macedonia, and helpe us.

10 And assoone as he had seene the vision, forthwith we sought to goe into Macedonia, being assured that God had called us to evangelize to them.

‡ *Colonia*, is such a city where the most inhabitants are strangers, sent thither from other great cities and States, namely from the Romanes.

11 And sailing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the day following to Neapolis:

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the first city of the part of Macedonia, a ‡ *Colonia*. And we were in this city certaine daies, abiding.

13 And upon the day of the Sabboths, we went foorth without the gate beside a river, where it seemed that there was prayer: and sitting we spake to the women that were assembled.

14 And a certaine woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of the Thyatirians, one that worshipped God, did heare: whose heart our Lord opened to attend to those things which were said of Paul.

15 And when she was baptised, and her houshold, she besought us, saying: If ye have judged me to be faithfull to our Lord, enter in unto my house, & tary. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to passe as we went to prayer, a certaine wench having a Pythonicall spirit, met us, that brought great gaine to her masters by divining.

‡ Either the devill was compelled by the vertue of *Pauls* presence to say truth, or else (as such do oftentimes) he spake truth now, that they might the more trust him, and he better beguile them at other times.

17 This same following Paul and us, cried saying, ‡ These men are the servants of the high God, which preach unto you the way of salvation.

18 And this she did many dayes. And Paul being sory: and turning, said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of IESVS CHRIST to goe out from her. And he went out the same houre.

19 But her masters seeing that the hope of their gaine was gone, apprehending Paul and

3 *Paul would have him to goe forth with him, and tooke and circumcised him, because of the Iewes which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greeke.*

4 *And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keepe, that were * ordained of the Apostles and Elders* Acts. *which were at Hierusalem.*

5 *And so were the Churches stablished in the faith, and increased in number daily.*

6 *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia, and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.*

7 *They comming to Mysia, sought to goe into Bithynia: but the spirit suffered them not.*

8 *And they passing thorow Mysia, came downe to Troada.*

9 *And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come into Macedonia, and helpe us.*

10 *And after he had seene the vision, immediatly we prepared to goe into Macedonia, gathering by conference, that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them.*

11 *Then we being caried from Troada, came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis:*

12 *And from thence to Philippos, which is the chiefe city in the parties of Macedonia, and a free city: and we were in that city abiding certaine daies.*

13 *And on the day of the Sabboths we went out of the city, besides a river, where prayer was wont to be made, and we sate downe, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.*

14 *And a certaine woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the citie of the Thyatirians, which worshipped God, gave us audience: Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

15 *And when she was baptized, and her houshold, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithfull to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*

16 *And it came to passe, as we went to prayer, a certaine damosell possessed with a spirit of soothsaying, met us: which brought her masters much vantage with soothsaying.*

17 *The same followed Paul and us, and cryed, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.*

18 *And this did she many dayes: but Paul not content, turned about, and said to the spirit, I command thee in the Name of Iesu Christ, that thou come out of her. And he came out the same houre.*

19 *And when her masters saw that the hope of their gaines was gone, they caught Paul and*

and Silas, brought them into the market place, to the princes:

20 And presenting them to the magistrates, they said, These men trouble our citie, being Iewes:

21 And they preach a fashion which it is not lawfull for us to receive, nor doe, being Romanes.

22 And the people ranne against them: and the magistrates tearing their coats commanded them to be beaten with rods.

23 And when they had laid *many stripes upon them, they did cast them into prison, commanding the keeper that hee should keepe them diligently.

24 Who when he had received such commandement, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stockes.

25 And at mid-night, Paul and Silas praying, did praise God. And they that were in prison, heard them.

26 But sodenly there was made a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And foorthwith all the doores were opened: and the bandes of all were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison waked out of his sleepe, and seeing the doores of the prison opened, drawing out his sword, would have killed himselfe, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thy selfe no harme, for we are all here.

29 And calling for light, he went in, and trembling fell downe to Paul and Silas at their feete:

30 And bringing them forth, he said, masters, what must I doe that I may be saved?

31 But they said ‡ Beleeve in our Lord Iesvs and thou shalt be saved and thy house.

32 And they preached the word of our Lord to him with all that were in his house.

33 And he taking them in the same houre of the night, c washed their wounds: and himselfe was baptized and all his house incontinent.

34 And when he had brought them into his owne house, he layed the table for them, and rejoyced with all his house, beleeving God.

35 And when day was come, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men goe.

36 And the keeper of the prison told these words to Paul, That the magistrates have sent that you should be let goe; now therefore departing, goe ye in peace.

37 But Paul said to them, Being whipped openly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, they have cast us into prison: and now doe they send us out secretly? Not so, but let them come, and let us out themselues.

38 And the sergeants reported these words to

Silas, and drew them into the market place, unto the rulers.

20 And brought them to the officers, saying, These men being Iewes, doe exceedingly trouble our citie:

21 And preach ordinances, which are not lawfull for us to receive, neither to observe, seeing we are Romanes.

*22 And the people ranne against them, and the officers rent their clothes, and commaunded * to beate them with rods.* 2 Cor. 11. 25.

23 And when they had laied many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, commanding the jaylour of the prison to keep them diligently. 1 thes. 2. 2.

24 Which when hee had received such commaundement, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feete fast in the stockes.

25 And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and lauded God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And sodainely there was a great earthquake, so that the foundation of the prison was shaken: and immediatly all the doores opened, and every mans bands were loosed.

27 When the keeper of the prison waked out of his sleepe, and saw the prison doores open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himselfe, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cryed with a loud voyce, saying, Doe thy selfe no harme, for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell downe before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I doe to be saved?

31 And they said, Beleeve on the Lord Iesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy houshold.

32 And they spake unto them the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he tooke them in the same houre of the night, and washed their wounds, and was baptized himselfe, and all they of his houshold straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meate before them, and joyed that he with all his houshold beleeved on God.

35 And when it was day, the officers sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men goe.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The officers have sent word to loose you: Now therefore, get you hence, and goe in peace.

37 Then said Paul unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romanes, and have cast us into prison, now doe they thrust us out privily? Nay verily: but let them come themselues, and fetch us out.

38 And the sergeants told these words unto the

‡ It is no other faith that saveth but that which worketh by charity, *Aug. Enchirid.* c. 67.

c Happy Gaylers that doe mercy toward their godly prisoners, and receive againe by them such spirituall benefits.

to the magistrates, and they were afraid hearing that they were Romans.

39 And comming they besought them, and bringing them forth they desired them to depart out of the citie.

40 And going out of the prison, they entred in unto Lydia: and having seene the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

the officers: and they feared when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the citie.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entred into the house of *Lydia, and when they had seene the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.* Act.

CHAP. XVII.

How in other parts of Macedonia he planted the Church, and namely at Thessalonica, 5 where the obstinate Iewes are so malicious, that they pursue him also into Berea, 14 From whence being conducted into Greece, he preacheth at Athens both to the Iewes & Gentiles, disputing with the Philosophers, 19 and to Areopagus, perswading them from their idoles unto one God and Iesvs Christ *raised from the dead.*

AND when they had walked through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Synagogue of the Iewes.

2 And Paule according to his custome entred in unto them, and three Sabbaths he discourseth to them out of the Scriptures,

3 Declaring and insinuating that it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise againe from the dead: and that it is Iesvs Christ whom I preach to you.

4 And certaine of them beleeved and were joyned to Paul and Silas, and of the Gentiles that served God a great multitude, and noble women not a few.

5 But the Iewes ‡ envying, and taking unto them of all the rascall sort certaine naughty men and making a tumult, stirred the citie: and besetting Iasons house, sought to bring them forth unto the people.

6 And not finding them: they drew Iason and certaine brethren to the Princes of the citie, crying, That these are they that stirre up the world, and are come hither,

7 Whom Iason hath received, and all these doe against the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, Iesvs.

8 And they moved the people, and the Princes of the citie hearing these things.

9 And taking a satisfaction of Iason and of the rest, they dismissed them.

10 But the brethren forthwith by night sent away Paule and Silas unto Berea. Who when they were come, entred into the Synagogue of the Iewes.

11 (And these were more noble then they that are at Thessalonica, who received the word with all greedinesse, dayly || searching the Scriptures, if these things were so.

12 And many surely of them beleeved, and of honest women Gentiles, and men not a few.)

13 And when the Iewes in Thessalonica understood, that at Berœa also the word of God was preached by Paule; they came thither also, moving and troubling the multitude.

14 And

AS they made their journey through Amphipolis, and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a Synagogue of the Iewes.

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath daies disputed with them out of the Scriptures,

3 Opening and alledging, that Christ must needes have suffered and risen againe from the dead: and that this is Christ Iesus which I preach unto you.

4 And some of them beleeved, and joyned with Paul and Silas, and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chiefe women not a few.

5 But the Iewes which beleeved not, moved with envy tooke unto them certaine vagabonds, and evill men, and gathered a companie, and set all the citie on a rore, and made assault unto the house of Iason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Iason and certaine brethren unto the heads of the citie, crying, These that have troubled the world are come hither also,

7 Whom Iason hath received privily: *and these all doe contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king,* one *Iesus.*

8 And they troubled the people, and the officers of the citie, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken sufficient suretie of Iason, and of the other, they let them goe.

10 And the brethren immediatly sent away Paule and Silas by night unto Berea: which when they were come thither, they entred into the Synagogue of the Iewes.

11 These were the noblest of birth among them of Thessalonica, which received the word with all readinesse of minde, and searched the Scriptures dayly, whether such things were so.

12 Therefore many of them beleeved: also of honest women which were Greekes, and of men not a few.

13 But when the Iewes of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paule at Berœa also, they came thither, and moved the people.

14 And

14 And then immediatlie the brethren sent away Paule, to goe unto the sea: but Silas and Timothy remained there.

15 And they that conducted Paule, brought him as farre as Athens, and receiving commandement of him to Silas and Timothee, that they should come unto him very speedily, they departed.

16 And when Paule expected them at Athens, his spirit was incensed within him, seeing the citie given to Idolatry.

17 He disputed therefore in the Synagogue with the Iewes, and them that served God, and in the market-place, everie day with them that were there.

18 And certaine Philosophers of the Epicures and the Stoikes disputed with him, and certaine said, What is it that this [b] word-sower would say? But others, He seemeth to be a preacher of new [c] Gods; because he preached unto them Iesus and the resurrection.

19 And apprehending him, they led him to Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine is that thou speakest of?

20 For thou bringest in certaine new things to our eares. We will know therefore what these things may meane.

21 (And all the Athenians, and the strangers sojourning there, emploied themselves to nothing else but either to speake, or to heare some newes.)

22 But Paule standing in the midst of Areopagus, said: Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive you as it were ‖ superstitious.

23 For passing by and seeing your [d] Idols, I found an altar also whereupon was written, *To the unknowne God.* That therefore which you worship, not knowing it, the same doe I preach to you.

24 The God that made the world and all things that are in it, he being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth ‡ not in * temples made with hands.

25 Neither is he served with mens hands needing any thing, whereas himselfe giveth life unto all, and breathing, and all things:

26 And he made of one all mankinde, to inhabite upon the whole face of the earth, assigning set times, and the limits of their habitation,

27 For to seeke God, if happily they may feele or finde him, although he be not farre from every one of us.

28 For in him we live and move and bee, as certaine also of your owne Poets said, *For of this kind also we are.*

29 Being therefore of Gods kinde, wee may not suppose, ‖ the Divinitie to be like unto gold or silver, or stone, the graving of art and devise of man.

30 And the times truely of this ignorance

14 *And then immediatly the brethren sent away Paul, to goe as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.*

15 *And they that guided Paul, brought him unto Athens, and received a commandement unto Silas and Timotheus, for to come to him with speede, and went their way.*

16 *While Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was moved in him, when he saw the citie given to worshipping of Idoles.*

17 *Therefore disputed he in the Synagogue with the Iewes, and with the devoute persons, and in the market dayly with them that came unto him by chance.*

18 *Then certaine Philosophers of the Epicures, and of the Stoikes, disputed with him: and some said, What will this babbler say? Other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of new Gods, because he preached unto them Iesus, and the resurrection.*

19 *And they tooke him, and brought him into the streete of Mars, saying, May wee know what this new doctrine whereof thou speakest, is?*

20 *For thou bringest certaine strange things to our eares: we would know therefore what these things meane.*

21 *(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there, had leisure to nothing els, but either to tell or to heare some new thing.)*

22 *Then Paul stood in the middes of the streete of Mars, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.*

23 *For as I passed by, and beheld the maner how ye worship your Gods, I found an altar wherein was written, Vnto an unknowne God. Whom yee then ignorantly worship, him shew I unto you.*

24 *God hath made the world, and all that are in it, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in Temples made with handes:* Acts 7.48.

25 *Neither is worshipped with mens handes, as though he wanted of any thing, seeing he himselfe giveth life and breath to all everie where:* Psal.50.8.

26 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and also the bounds of their habitation:* Esa.40.18.

27 *That they should seeke the Lord, if perhaps they might have felt & found him, though he be not farre from everie one of us.*

28 *For in him we live, and move, and have our being, as certaine of your owne Poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

29 *For as much then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to thinke that the Godhead is like unto gold, silver, or stone, graven by art and mans device.* Esay 40.18.

30 *And the time of this ignorance God winked*

b σπερμολόγος.

c *daemoniorum*

The Epistle for S. Dionisius Areopagita. Octob. 9.

d τὰ σεβάσματα.

‡ God is not concluded in Temples, nor needeth them for his necessity of dwelling, or other vses of indigence. See Annot. c.7. Acts 5.48.

Aratus.

Dionysius Areopagita.

33 So Paul went forth out of the middes of them.

34 But certaine men joyning unto him, did beleeve: among whom was also [Dionysius Areopagita, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.]

33 *So Paul departed from among them.*

34 *Howbeit, certaine men clave unto him, and beleeved: among the which was Dionysius Areopagita, and a woman named Damaris, and other with them.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVII.

RHEM. 1 — 5 Envying, Zelantes.] *This is the zeale of heretikes, and a lively patterne of their dealing at this day against Catholike Priests and Preachers, and the good Iudeans that receive them.*

FVLK. 1 — This is rather a lively patterne of the dealing of Papists in Queene *Maries* time, against the Christian Catholikes, and of the godly men, which in that time did receive them. Slander.

RHEM. 2. — 23 Idols, I found, &c.] *The Aduersaries (in the new Test. 1580.) translate, your devotions, most corruptly against the nature of the Greeke word (2 Thess. 2.4.) and most wickedly, against the laudable devotion of good Christians, calling the Pagans idolatry and superstition, their devotions.*

FVLK. 2. — The authors of this note, shewe themselues to be ignorant in the Greeke tongue, for the Greeke word doth signifie whatsoever men doe reverence for religions sake. The Dictionaries say, it signifieth the formes of worship, or devotions, as well as the thing worshipped. Now the word devotion, is indifferent either to true or false devotion, and so is the Greeke word. Therefore the devotions of good Christians, is no more touched by this terme, then true religion by the terme of religion, when it is applyed to false religion. Cavilling.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVII.

RHEM. 1 — 11 Searching the Scriptures.] *The Heretikes use this place to proove that the hearers must trie and judge by the Scriptures, whether their teachers and preachers doctrine be true, and so refuse all that they find not in the Scriptures, as though here the sheepe were made iudges of their masters, the people of the priests, and men and women of all sorts, even of S. Pauls doctrine it selfe: which were the most foolish disorder in the world. And they did not therefore reade the Scriptures of the old Testament (for none of the new were yet extant commonly) to dispute with the Apostle or to try and judge of his doctrine, or whether they should beleeue him or no: for they were bound to beleeue him, and obey his word, whether he alleaged Scriptures or no, and whether they could reade or understand the Scriptures or no, but it was a great comfort and confirmation for the Iewes that had the Scriptures, to find even as S. Paul said, that Christ was God, crucified, risen, and ascended to heaven: which by his preaching and expounding they understood, and never before, though they read them, and heard them read every Sabboth. As it is a great comfort to a Catholike man, to heare the Scriptures declared and alleaged most evidently for the Churches truth against heretikes, in Sermons or otherwise, and it doth the Catholikes good and much confirmeth them, to view diligently the places alleaged by the Catholike preachers. Yet they must not be iudges for all that, over their owne pastors, whom Christ commandeth them to heare and obey, and by whom they heare the true sense of Scriptures.* The readers not iudges of the sense of Scriptures.

The comfort of Christian men by hearing or reading the Scriptures.

FVLK. 3 — This place is rightly vsed, to proove that the hearers ought to examine by the Scriptures, whether the teachers doctrine be true, and to reject whatsoever they find not prooved by the Scriptures. Yet are not the sheepe made iudges of the sheepheards, people of the Priests, &c. But the word of God is made iudge of all doctrine, whether it be true or false. And these men searched the Scriptures, to try whether those things were so, as the Apostle preached. For they having received the Scriptures in credit before, were not bound to beleeue him, except his doctrine were consonant unto the holy Scriptures, as he himselfe willeth *Gal. 1.8.* That if he preached any other Gospel then he had preached before, they should hold him accursed. And the Gospel which he preached before, was that which God had promised before by the Prophets in the holy Scriptures. *Rom. 1.2.* And although they could not reade the Scriptures, yet they heard the Scriptures read, and were brought to understand them by his preaching. Wherefore their searching of the Scriptures, was not onely to confirme them being before throughly perswaded, but to perswade them being not throughly brought to the faith, untill they found the Scriptures to be manifestly agreeable to the Apostles preachings. And yet is followeth not that the sheepe must be iudges of their Pastors, but that they must heare them, obey them, and be ordered by them, which they will doe more cheerefully, when by searching the Scriptures, they finde their Pastors doctrine to be the doctrine of the holy Ghost: and not the invention or tradition of men. The authority and sufficiency of the Scriptures.

RHEM. 4. — 22 Superstitious.] *S. Paul calleth not them superstitious, for adoring the true and onely God with much deuotion or many ceremonies, or in openly prescribed order, or for doing due reuerence to holy Sacraments, to Saints and their memories, images or Monuments: or for keeping the prescribed tymes, dayes, and feasts of the Church, or for making vowes made to God, or for blessing with the signe of the Crosse, or for copping and kneeling at the name of Iesvs, or for religiously vsing creatures sanctified in the same name, or any other Christian obseruations; for which our new Masters condemne the Catholike people of superstition: themselues wholly voide of that vice by all wise mens iudgement, because they haue in manner taken away all religion, and are become Epicurians and Atheists, or very much troubled with superstition, because it is a wise ordering in cause of worship or religion, whereof they are both, but the Apostle calleth them superstitious for worshipping the Idoles and gods of the heathen, and* [a] *for the same cause, lest they should frame out any God that was vnknowne to them, for then their Altar was superfluous: Deos Indos, Europen, & Lybiæ, Deo ignoto & peregrino, that is, To the godles of Asia, Europe, and Lybia: to the vnknowne and strange God. This superstition (saith Saint Augustine) is wholly taken away from the Church by Gods true incarnation, and by the Apostles preaching, and by Martyrs holy life and death. Neither doth the Catholike* Church

[a] *Iustin. in Apol. Aug. de cons. Euang. li. 1. c. 26.*

Church without these visible helpes. Only we must take heed that we attribute not to them that which is proper to God, neither put our confidence in them. Adversaries we know of sundry sorts, but they would herein all cry out.

The Catholike Church alloweth no superstition.

Though S. Paul in this place, doe not simply reprove any kinde devotion, not a great number of superstitions that you vse, yet are you sufficiently convinced by other testimonies of holy scripture, where all kinde of worship, of what sort soever (vnlesse the superstition,) but as I will worship, superstition is appointed to the best seruice. And [illegible] the Etymologie of the word Deisidæmonia. For in zeale of true religion, and worship of God, as a fault thereof, we cannot exceed. Therefore you discharge vs of superstition, we accept your testimonie, and the testimonies of our adversaries: but where you charge vs to be voide of religion, the Lord be iudge betweene you and vs. The Greeke word, which the Apostle vseth against the heathen, is abused also by the heathen against the Apostle and Christian religion. Acts 25. 19. and therefore superstition is not onely worshipping of Idoles and gods of the heathen. For although he would superstition be taken away, as S. Augustine saith: Yet other as evill superstitions, is vsed in the place among the ungodly, that will not be directed by Gods word in religion, but follow their owne imaginations. S. Augustine himselfe condemneth worshippers of sepulchres and pictures, of superstition. *Now you shall see* (saith he) *what difference there is betweene the Mermaides of superstition, and the Haven of Religion. Giue not vnto vs the professors of the name of Christ neither knowing nor shewing the force or vertue of their profession. Follow ye not the multitudes of the vnskilfull, which euen in true religion are superstitious, so soone as they giue to their lusts; that they haue forgotten what they haue promised to God. I know there are many worshippers of sepulchres and pictures. De moribus eccles. Cath. c. 34.* S. Ambrose calleth it *an heathenish error*, to worship the Crosse whereon Christ died. *De obitu Theodosij.* Gelasius Bishop of Rome, calleth it *superstition to abstaine from the cup* in the Lords Supper. *De consec. dist. 2. C. Comperimus.* Celestinus Bishop of Rome reproueth certaine Priests for superstitious apparell, *Ep. 2. ad Gallie Episcopos.* But the superstition of Papists, hath not onely all these points but many more, which they would perswade the ignorant to be high points of true religion. You see by these few testimonies we call that superstition, which the ancient Fathers before vs haue so termed, and that we doe not so define superstition, as we would emply all true religion, but onely those things that are not prescribed by the word of God. Wherein notwithstanding, Papists doe place by these words, all true religion.

Rhem. 5. 29 The Divinity to be like.] *Nothing can be made by mens hand of what forme or fore soever, that is like to Gods essence, or to the forme or shape of his Godhead or Divinity; therefore how soever the heathens did paint or grave their Idols, they were nothing like to God. And this also is impertinently alleaged by Heretikes against the Churches images: Which are not made, either to be adored with godly honour, or to be any resemblance of the Divinity or any of the three persons in Godhead, but onely in Christ as he was in forme of man, who in that respect may be truely expressed, as other men by their portraits: and of the holy Ghost, not as he is in himselfe, but as he appeared in fierie tongues, or in the similitude of a Doue, or such like. And so to paint or grave any of the three persons as they appeared visibly and corporally, is no more inconvenient or vnlawfull then it was vndecent for them to appeare in such formes. And therefore to paint or portraite the Father also being the first person, as he hath shewed himselfe in vision to any of the Prophets of the old or new Testament (namely to Daniel as an old man) or the three Angels representing the three Persons to Abraham, or the one Angel that wrastling with Iacob bare our Lords person, no such thing is any where forbidden, but is very agreeable to the peoples instruction. In which sort the Angels were commonly pourtraited (and namely the Cherubins over the Propitiatory) as they be now in the Church, not in their naturall formes, but with corporall wings (as the Seraphins appeared to Esay the Prophet) to expresse their quality and office of being Gods Angels: that is, Messengers: and God the Father with the world in his hand, to signifie his creation and gouernement of the same, and such like: Whereof the people being well instructed may take much good, and no harme in the world, being now through their faith in Christ farre from all fond imagination of the false gods of the Pagans. And therefore S. Gregory saith of the Churches Images,* That which Scripture or writing doth to the readers, the same doth the picture to the simple that looke thereupon; for in it even the ignorant see what they ought to follow, in it they doe reade, that know no letters. *Where he calleth it a matter of antiquity and very conuenient, that in holy places Images were painted to the peoples instruction. So they be taught that they may not be adored with diuine honours, and be in the same place sharpely rebuketh Serenus the Bishop of Massilia, that of indiscrete zeale he would take away Images, rather then teach the people how to vse them.*

How there may be Images or resemblances of the three persons in Trinity, and of Angels.

Images are for the peoples instruction.

Daniel 7.22. Genesis 18.2. Genesis 32.24. Exod. 37.7. Esay 6.2.

Greg. lib. 9. ep. 9.

Fvlk. 5. In your blasphemous Images of God the Father, and of the holy Trinity, you doe transforme the glory of the immortall God, to the Image of a mortall man, or fethered foule. *Rom. 1. 23.* Yea of a monster which is worse. And where you say, they are not made to be adored with godly honour, you say vntruely, for all religious honour is due to God onely, and it is concluded in that Idolatrous Councell of Nice 2. and defended by *Thomas* and other Papists, that the Image of God is to be worshipped, with the same worship that is due to God himselfe. Your other excuse, that they are not made to be any resemblance of the Diuinity, or of the three persons in the Godhead, it is also false; for to what end else should any Image of the Trinity be made? The Gentiles laid as much of their Idols, That they knew they were not gods, nor like to gods, being voide of sense and life, neither did they worship them as gods, but they worshipped the invisible godhead, and the same that we call Angels, the vertues and ministeries of the great God, but all in vaine as S. *Augustine* sheweth in *Psal. 96.* Because they worshipped as you doe, those that haue eyes and see not, mouths and speake not, hands and handle not, &c. Neither can you make the image of Christ, as he was in forme of man: for you can make no image but of his bodily shape, and not as he was God in the forme of man. And that image which you make of his bodily shape, is no more the image of Christ, then of any other man. When *Epiphanius* saw in a Church at Anablatha, an image painted in a vaile, as it were of Christ, or some Saint, he affirmeth that is was contrary to the authority of the Scriptures, that any image of a man should hang in the Church of Christ. *Epiph. ep. ad Ioan.* How much more the image of the holy Trinity, and of the holy Ghost? But you say boldly, *to paint or grave any of the three persons, as the three persons, as they appeared visibly and corporally, is no more inconvenient or vnlawfull, then it was vndecent for them to appeare in such formes.* Thus these senselesse Idolaters controle the law of God, which expressly forbiddeth any such image, of any similitude or shape of any thing in heaven, in earth, in the waters to be made. *Exod. 20.* Accusing the majestie of God of vndecency, if he hath appeared in any visible shape, which he hath forbidden to be made of him. And yet in giving the law, God would not appeare in any visible shape, lest the people should abuse that shape, to make an image of God after it, as the Lord himselfe declareth expressly, *Deut. 4. 15. &c.* Therefore, though it be not simply vnlawfull, so expresse in painting the visible shapes that were shewed in visions to the Prophets, yet to make those shapes for any vse of religion, or service of God, is to abhominable idolatry. You streine very much to finde the image of God the Father, when you say, he appeared himselfe to *Daniel* as an old man. For although *Daniel* in vision saw an old man, how proue you that the shape of an old man represented the person of the Father, rather then of the Sonne, who is called the Father, then the whole Godhead? As for the Cherubins over the propitiatory, when you can shew no good warrant for your images,

Images.

being [illegible] in the Scripture for them, namely an expresse commandement to make them, we will yeeld them vnto you to be lawfully made. *Thou shalt not make to thy selfe* (saith the Lord) that is of thy priuate authority or motion, reserving to himselfe power to command what Images he thought necessary to be made for the vse of his religion. Where you talke of the images of Angels with their wings, you might haue alleaged the authority of the second Nicene Councell, which defineth, that they *haue bodies and are circumscriptible, Act. 5.* but that you are ashamed of the grosse error of that Idolatrous Councell. The image of God the Father with the world in his hand, you commend highly, *to signifie his creation and gouernment in the same, whereof the people being well instructed, may take much good and no harme in the world.* But first, you should remember that these images haue beene and are where the people are not instructed at all. Secondly, that if they be truely instructed of the creation and government of the world, *This is a lying image, and doctrine of vanity*, as the Prophet calleth all images, *Abac. 2. 18.* Because it maketh the creation and gouernement of the world to seeme proper to the person of the father, which is common to the whole Godhead. Finally, where you say the people through their faith in Christ, are farre from all fond imaginations of false gods, it is most vntrue. For your Popish ignorant people, be as fond in their imaginations as the heathen were. S. *Augustine* saith, worshippers of pictures, though they professe the name of Christ, neither know, nor shew foorth the vertue or force of their profession. And of all worshippers of images, or before images, S. *Augustine* saith, *Quis autem adorat, vel orat istiusmodi simulacrum, &c. And who doth worship, or pray beholding an image, which is not so affected, that he thinketh he is heard of it, and hopeth that to be performed by it, which he desireth. In Psal. 113. Gregory* in deed, contrary to the saying of the Prophet, *Ab. 2.* to be performed by it, which he desireth. *In Psal. 113. Gregory* in deed, contrary to the saying of the Prophet, *Ab. 2.* alloweth images to be lay mens bookes, but he forbiddeth all kinde of worshipping of them. And as for the antiquity of them, it was not long before his time that they were tollerated in Churches. *Epiphanius* rent the Image that he found in the Church, because it was there (as he saith) *contrary to the authority of the Scriptures. Ep. ad Ioan. &c.* The Councell of Eliberis before him decreed *that pictures should not be in the Church, least that which is worshipped or adored, should be painted on the walls.* Behold, the Councell feared that which afterwards by the negligence of the Bishops came to passe, lest the Image of God who onely is to be worshipped, should be painted on the walles; and esteemed that to be most detestable, which you defend to be conuenient and lawfull. So well you agree with the doctrine of the ancient Fathers and Councels.

Rhem. 6. 34 Dionysius Areopagita.] *This is that famous Denys that first converted France, and wrote those notable and diuine workes, De Ecclesiastica & coelesti hierarchia, De diuinis nominibus, and others, in which he confirmeth and proueth plainely, almost all things that the Church now vseth in the ministration of the holy Sacrament, and affirmeth that he learned them of the Apostles, giuing also testimony for the Catholike faith in most things now controuersed, so plainely, that our Aduersaries haue no shift but to deny this Denys to haue beene the author of them, saiuing that they be an others of latter age. Which is an olde flight of Heretikes, but most proper to these of all others. Who seeing all antiquity against them, are forced to be more bold or rather impudent then others in that point.*

S. Dionysius Areopagita is all for the Catholikes.

Fvlk. 6 That *Dionysius Areopagita* was author of those bookes which now beare his name, you bring no proofe at all. We alledge that *Eusebius, Hierome, Gennadius* never heard of his writings, for if they had heard, *Dionysius Areopagita* should haue beene registred by them among Ecclesiasticall writers. And further whosoever shall reade those bookes of his, shall finde in deed many ceremonies, but as unlike to the ceremonies of the Popish Church, those bookes of his, shall finde in deed many ceremonies, but as unlike to the ceremonies of the Popish Church, as they are to ours. The rest, of the flight of Heretikes, and that we see all antiquity against us, is but vaine jangling without proofe, and contrary to manifest proofe in all our writings against the Papists, and namely, in confutation of these popish notes.

S. Denys.

CHAP. XVIII.

At Corinth in Achaia, he worketh with his owne hands, preaching Iesvs *to be* Christ, *vnto the Iewes vpon their Sabboths. 6 But they being obstinate and blaspheming, he in plaine termes forsaketh them, and reacheth to the Gentiles, among whom according to a vision that he had to embolden him, he planteth the Church in great numbers. 12 The obstinate Iewes in vaine soliciting the Proconsull against him. 18 From thence at length departing he returneth, 19 by Ephesus (where he promiseth the Iewes to returne to them) 22 and so to Antioch in Syria. (from whence he began his journey, Act. 15.) 23 but not resting by and by he goeth againe to visit the new Churches that he planted, Act. 16. in Galatia and Phrygia: 24 Apollo in his absence mightily confounding the Iewes at Ephesus, 27 and afterward at Corinth.*

AFter these things, departing from Athens, he came to Corinth.

2 And finding a certaine Iew, named Aquila, borne in Pontus, who of late was come out of Italy, and Priscilla his wife (because Claudius had commanded all Iewes to depart from Rome) he came to them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he remained with them and wrought, (and they were tentmakers by their craft.)

4 And he disputed in the Synagogue every Sabboth interposing the name of our Lord Iesvs, and he exhorted the Iewes and the Greekes.

5 And when Silas and Timothee were come from Macedonia, Paul was instant in preaching, testifying to the Iewes that Iesvs is Christ.

9 But they contradicting and blaspheming, he shaking his garments said to them, Your blood upon your owne head: I being cleane, from henceforth will goe to the Gentiles.

7 And

After these things, Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth,

2 *And found a certaine Iew, named* * *Aquila, borne in Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, (because that Claudius had commanded all Iewes to depart from Rome) and he came vnto them.* * Rom. 16. 3.

3 *And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought (for by their occupation they were Tent makers.)*

4 *And he disputed in the Synagogue euery Sabbath, and exhorted the Iewes, and the Greekes.*

5 *And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the spirit to testifie to the Iewes that Iesus was Christ.*

6 *And when they said contrary, and blasphemed,* * *he shooke his raiment, and said vnto them, Your blood be vpon your owne heads: from henceforth will I goe blamelesse vnto the Gentiles.* * Matt. 10. 14. Acts 13. 51.

7 *And*

of the Synagogue: and all his house:

[illegible] beleeued, and were baptized.

[illegible] our Lord said in the night by a vision to Paul, Doe not feare, but speake, and [illegible] by peace,

10 For because I am with thee: and no man shall set upon thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he sate there a yeere and sixe moneths, teaching among them the Word of God.

12 But Gallio being Proconsul of Achaja, the Iewes with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, That this man contrary to the Law perswadeth men to worship God.

14 And Paul beginning to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Iewes, If it were some unjust thing, or an heinous fact, O you men Iewes, I should by reason beare you.

15 But if they be questions of word and names and of your law, your selues looke vnto it: I will not be iudge of these things.

16 And he drove them from the judgement seat.

17 And all apprehending Sosthenes the prince, of the Synagogue, strooke him before the judgement seate: and Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 But Paul when he had staied yet many dayes, taking his leave of the brethren, sayled to Syria, (and with him Priscilla and Aquila,) who had shorne his head in Cenchris; for he had * a vow.

Num.6,18. Acts 21,24.

19 And he came vnto Ephesus, and them he left there. But himselfe entring into the Synagogue, disputed with the Iewes.

20 And when they desired him, that he would tarry a longer time, he consented not,

21 But taking his leave, and saying, I will returne to you againe God willing, he departed from Ephesus.

22 And going downe to Cesarea, he went up, and saluted the Church, and came downe to Antioch.

23 And having tarried there a certaine time, he departed, walking in order through the countrey of Galatia and Phrygia, confirming all the disciples.

Apollo.

24 And a certaine Iew, named Apollos, borne at Alexandria, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, mighty in the Scriptures.

25 This man was taught the way of our Lord: and being fervent in spirit, hee spake and taught diligently those things that pertaine to Iesus, knowing only the baptisme of Iohn.

26 This

7 [illegible] dispersed [illegible] Iesus, named [illegible] Christ, whose house ioyned [illegible] Synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chiefe ruler of the Synagogue, beleeued in the Lord with all his house: and many of the Corinthians hearing beleeued, and were baptized.

1 Cor.1.14.

9 Then spake the Lord vnto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speake, and hold not thy peace.

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall inuade thee, to hurt thee: For I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a yeere & sixe moneths, teaching the word of God among them.

12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaja, the Iewes made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the iudgement seate,

13 Saying, This fellow counselleth men to worship God contrary to the Law.

14 And when Paul now was about to open his mouth, Gallio said, vnto the Iewes, If it were a matter of wrong, or an euill deed, O ye Iewes, reason would that I should beare with you:

15 But if it be a question of words & names, or of your law, looke ye to it your selues, for I will be no iudge of such matters.

16 And he drave them from the iudgement seat.

17 Then all the Greeke tooke Sosthenes the chiefe ruler of the Synagogue, and smote him before the iudgement seate: and Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then tooke his leave of the brethren, and sayled thence into Syria, (Aquila and Priscilla accompanying him.) And he shore his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himselfe entred into the Synagogue, and reasoned with the Iewes.

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not:

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must needes at this feast that commeth, be in Hierusalem, but I will returne againe vnto you, * if God will: And he sayled from Ephesus.

2 Cor.4.19. Iames 4.16.

22 And when he was come vnto Cesarea, and ascended up, and saluted the Church, he went to Antioch.

23 And when he had tarried there a while, he departed, and went over all the Country of Galatia and Phrygia by order, strengthening all the disciples.

24 * And a certaine Iew named Apollos, borne at Alexandria, came to Ephesus, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures.

1 Cor.1.12.

25 This same was informed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing onely the baptisme of Iohn.

26 And

[illegible] peace towards God, because [illegible] upon the hope he hath, that he is [illegible] ified neither teacheth nor beleeueth any [illegible] another faith which they call Fiduciam, quite without the [illegible]

Fvlke. [illegible] infallible certaintie that wee ought to haue by our iust[illegible] by Faith. For sincere [illegible] and comfort of mind and conscience upon hope that he is [illegible] confesse to be peace toward God) is an vnfallible certainty, seeing hope confoundeth [illegible] in the 5. As for vain securitie, it is that which is placed in merits of men, in Popes pardons, masse[illegible]

Confidence.

As we [illegible] as you say our faith, which we call *Fiduciã*, *Truste or confidence*, is quite out [illegible] compasse of the Creed and Scriptures: you doe wilfully blaspheme the truth. For it is comprised in the very [illegible] words of the Creed, *Credo in Deum*, *I beleeue in God*, which is, I repose my whole trust and confidence in God. So doth *Ruffinus* in exposit. *symboli* expound the verbe *Credo*, as is manifest by his examples, of him that committeth his [illegible] to a [illegible] of the husbandman, of him that is married, of him that taketh the charge of the [illegible] which [illegible] to receiue fruit of their beleefe. But specially by the testimony of the Apostle, which [illegible] *God must beleeue that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that beleeue in him*; (saith *Ruffine*) the text is [illegible] *that seeke him*, Heb. 11.6. Where we see plainly, nos only an historicall faith, that God is, but a trust and confidence, that he is a rewarder of them that seeke him. But that our trust and confidence is within the compasse of the [illegible] whereupon the Creed is grounded, it is manifest by these testimonies, a few of a great number. *Blessed are all they that trust or haue confidence in him*, Psal. 2.12. *I haue trust or confidence in the Lord, I shall not be confounded for ever*, Psal. 24.2. *They that haue trust or confidence in the Lord, shall be as the mount Sion which shall never be moued*, Psal. 125. 1. *Blessed is that man whose trust is in the Lord, and whose fiducia, confidence is the Lord*. Ier. 17.7. *Confidite* (saith Christ) *be of good confidence, I haue ouercome the world*. Iohn 16. 33. And for the very word *fiducia*, confidence in God, which you doe scornfully obiect vnto us, as *Senacherib* by the mouth of *Rabsacke* obiected to *Ezechias*, 2 *Reg.* 18.22. It is found euen in your owne translation in many places, *Haue confidence in the Lord with all thy heart*, Pro. 3.5. *That thy confidence may be in the Lord*, Pro. 22.19. *He that hath trust or confidence in me, shall inherite the land, and possesse my holy hill*, Esa. 57.13. *Thy life or soule shall be saued, because thou hadst confidence in mee saith the Lord*, Ier. 39.18. *In our Lord Iesus Christ we haue trust and accesse with confidence through his faith*, Eph. 3.12. *Let us go vnto the throne of grace, with confidence, that we may obtaine mercy*, Hebr. 4.16. Finally saith S. *Iohn*, *This is the confidence or trust that we haue in God, that whatsoeuer we shall aske according to his will, he heareth us*, 1 Iohn 5.14.

Rhem. 5.

2 Accesse through faith:] *Iustification*, implieth all grace and vertues receiued by Christ: *mariers*, but the entrance and accesse to this grace and happie state is by faith, because faith is the ground and first foundation to build [illegible] and port to enter into the rest. *Which is the cause that our iustification is attributed to faith*, namely in this Epistle, though faith it selfe bee of grace also.

Iustification attributed much to faith as to the foundation.

Fvlke. 5.

Grace signifieth the fauour of God, by which we are not iustified for a moment according to the new deuice of the Papists, but wherein we stand and glory in the assured hope of eternall life: and from this faith proceed all vertues and fruits of obedience, not to our iustification, but to Gods glory, and our greater reward of his mercy, not of the merite of our works.

Iustification [illegible] saluation.

Rhem. 6.

4 Probation hope.] *This reselleth the errour also of the Protestants, that would haue our hope to hold onely on Gods promises, and not a whit on our doings. Where wee see that it standeth (and is strengthened also) vpon patience and constancie, and good probation and triall of our selues in aduersities: and that so grounded vpon Gods promises and our owne doings, it neuer confoundeth.*

Our hope is strengthened by well doing.

Fvlk. 6.

You confessed in the first section, that hope is giuen in iustification, and confirmed by probation and tribulation, therefore it is not grounded vpon our doings, for probation and tribulation doe not properly cause hope, but declare it, as tribulation doth not cause patience, therefore our hope is grounded only vpon Gods promises. For our faith and hope are in God, and not in our owne doings, 2 *Pet.* 1.21.

Hope in Gods promises.

Rhem. 7.

5 Charitie is powred.] *Charitie is also giuen vs in our first iustification, and not only imputed vnto vs, but indeed inwardly powred into our hearts by the Holy Ghost, who with and in his giftes and grace is bestowed vpon vs, see this Charitie of God is not that which is in God, but that which he giueth vs. as S. Augustine expoundeth it, li. de Sp. & lit. c. 32. Who referreth this place also to the grace of God giuen in the Sacrament of Confirmation. De Bapt. cont. Donat. li. 3. c. 16.*

Charitie is a qualitie in vs.

Fvlk. 7.

The text is plaine, that he speaketh of the loue of God, wherewith he loueth vs, as it is manifest in the eighe verse. So doth *Chrysostome* expound it, in 5. *Rom. hom.* 9. *God setteth the heate of his loue towards vs, chiefly that he hath not honored vs a little at once or slenderly but at once hath powred forth his loue, as a fountaine of all good things.* So doth *Photius* and *Oecumenius* vnderstand it. S. *Ambrose* also vpon this place. Therfore S. *Augustines* exposition must giue place to the truth. And yet he saith not that it is the loue wherewith wee loue God, but whereby God maketh vs louers of him. In the other place, *the loue of God is secretly giuen by imposition of hands*: but he is so far from calling it the Sacrament of Confirmation, that he saith, *imposition of hands may bee repeated, though baptisme cannot. For what is imposition of hands but prayer ouer a man?*

Popish confirmation.

Rhem. 8.

12 By one man sinne entred.] *By this place specially the Church of God defendeth and proueth against the old heretikes the Pelagians, that denied children to haue any originall sin, or to be baptized for the remission thereof: that in and by Adam all be conceiued, borne, and infected sinners. Which no lesse maketh against the Caluinists also, that affirme, Christian mens children to bee holy from their mothers wombe. And the same reason S. Augustine alleageth (li. 1. c. 8. de pec. meritis) out of this text, to proue against the said Pelagians, that the Apostle meaneth not of the generall imitation of Adam in actuall sinnes, serueth against Erasmus and others, inclining rather to that new exposition, then to the Churches and fathers graue iudgement herein. Conc. Millevitanum. c. 2.*

Conc. Trid. sess. de pec. Adam. All by Adams borne in sinne.

Fvlk. 8.

Wee doe note otherwise affirme Christian mens children to be holy from their mothers wombe, then Saint *Paul* 1. *Cor.* 7.14. saith: *they are holy*, because they be comprised in Gods couenant, and haue right to bee baptized, but that they are guilty of originall sinne, wee confesse and teach more soundly and substantially then you doe.

Slanders.

Rhem. 9.

14 Vnto *Moyses*.] *Euen in the time of the Law of nature, when men knew not sinne, and therefore it could not by*

meere iudgement be imputed: and in the time of Moyses law, when the commandement taught them to know it, but gaue them no strength nor grace to avoyd it: sin did reigne, and thereupon death and damnation, even till Moyses law was ended. Rom. 5. 20. I say vnto you, till the end of his law. And that not in them onely which actually sinned, as Adam did, but in infants also which were not actually offended, but only were borne and conceived in sin, that is to say, [illegible] natures defiled with the infection of sin, and peruerted from God in Adam, and by their descent from him: Christ only excepted, being conceiued without sinne, and his mother for his honour and by his speciall protection (as many godly deuout men iudge) preserued from the same. Christ only not conceiued in sin, and (as is thought) our B. Lady

Fvlk. 9. To this place doth manifestly conuince, that the virgin Marie also was conceiued in originall sinne: howsoeuer others (namely Caietan) will haue it, that as Christ was conceiued by the holy Ghost of a virgine. But why doe you not boldly affirme it as an vndoubted truth, that the blessed virgine was not conceiued in sinne? seeing that Pope Sixtus the fourth hath cleerely determined that it was so, and instituted the feast of her conception to confirme that opinion, and added to the salutation of the virgin Mary these words: Et benedictus fit Anna mater tua, de qua fuit masculus tua processit cum virginea. And blessed be Anne thy mother, of whom thy virginal flesh hath proceeded without spot. And condemned the Dominike Friers, charging them not to preach nor publish the contrary opinion, by his bull bearing date 1483. Here you must either confesse the Popes error, or els hold this opinion absolutely against the Master of the Sentences, li. 3. dist. 3. Thom. Aquinas and other schoolemen vpon him, yea and S. Bernard epist. 174 ad Canonicos Lugdunens. Anselmus, Cur Deus homo, li. 2. cap. 16. And S. August. de Genes. ad liter. li. 10. cap. 18. The virgin Mary conceiued in originall sinne.

Rhem. 10 That sinne might abound.] That, here hath not the signification of cansalitie, as though the law were given for that cause to make sinne abound: but it noteth the sequele, because that followed thereof, and so it came to passe, that by the prohibition of sinne, sinne increased: by occasion whereof, the force of Christs grace is more amply and abundantly bestowed in the new Testament. The Law did not cause more sinne, though that were the sequel thereof.

CHAP. VI.

Rhem. 1. *He exhorteth vs, now after Baptisme, to liue no more in sinne, but to walke in good workes: 4 because there was died to the one, and rose againe to the other. 14 (grace also giuing vs sufficient strength) 16 and were made free to the one, and seruants to the other, 22 and specially because of the fruit heere, and the end afterward both of the one and of the other.*

Fvlk. 1. There is nothing in the text to proue that grace giueth vs strength to avoyd all sinne: for if wee had sufficient strength, we should neuer sinne of infirmitie.

The Epistle vpon the 6. Sunday after Pentecost.

WHat shall wee say then? Shall wee continue in sinne that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. For we that are dead to sinne, how shall we yet liue therein?

3 Are you ignorant that all || wee which are baptized in Christ Iesvs, in his death we are baptized?

4 For twe are buried together with him by Baptisme into death: that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so wee also may walke in newnesse of life.

5 For if wee be become complanted to the similitude of his death, we shall be also of his resurrection.

6 Knowing this, that our ||old man is crucified with him, that the body of sinne may be destroyed, to the end that wee may serue sinne no longer.

7 For he that is dead, is justified from sinne.

8 And if we be dead with Christ, we beleeue that wee shall liue also together with Christ.

9 Knowing that Christ rising againe from the dead, now dieth no more, death shall no more haue dominion over him.

10 For that hee died, || to sinne hee died once: but that he liveth, he liveth to God.

11 So thinke you also, that you are dead to sinne, but aliue to God in Christ Iesvs our Lord.

12 Let not || sinne therefore reigne in your mortall body, that you obey the concupiscences thereof.

13 But neither doe ye exhibit your members instruments of iniquitie vnto sinne: but exhibite

WHat shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid.

2 *How shall wee that are dead to sinne, liue any longer therein.*

3 *Know ye not, that all we which haue been baptized into Iesus Christ, haue been baptized into his death?*

4 *Wee are buried then with him by Baptisme into his death, that likewise as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father: even so, we also should walke in newnesse of life.*

5 *For if we be graft together by the likenes of his death: even so shall wee bee partakers of the resurrection:*

6 *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him also, that the body of sinne might vtterly be destroyed, that henceforth wee should not serue sinne.*

7 *For hee that is dead, is justified from sinne.*

8 *And if we be dead with Christ, we beleeue that we shall also liue with him:*

9 *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more, death hath no more power over him.*

10 *For as touching that he died, he died concerning sinne once: And as touching that he liveth, he liveth vnto God.*

11 *Likewise reckon your selues to be dead vnto sinne: but aliue vnto God, through Iesus Christ our Lord.*

12 *Let not sinne reigne therefore in your mortall body, that yee should thereunto obey by the lusts of it.*

13 *Neither giue yee your members † as instruments of vnrighteousnesse vnto sinne: but* giue

† Or, weapons.

exhibite your selues vnto God as of dead men aliue: and your members instruments of iustice vnto God.

14 For sinne shall not haue dominion ouer you; for you are not vnder the Law, but vnder grace.

15 What then? shall wee sinne, because we are not vnder the Law, but vnder grace? God forbid.

Iohn 8.34. 2.Pet.2.19. 16 * Know you not that to whom you exhibite your selues seruants to obey, you are the seruants of him you obey, whether it be of sinne, to death, or of obedience, to iustice.

17 But thankes bee to God, that you were the seruants of sinne, but ‡ haue obeyed from the heart, vnto that || forme of doctrine, into the which you haue beene delivered.

18 And being made free from sinne, you were made seruants to iustice.

The Epistle vpon the 7. Sunday after Pentecost.

19 I speake an humane thing, because of the infirmitie of your flesh; for as you haue exhibited your members to serue vncleannesse and iniquitie, vnto iniquitie: so now exhibite your members to serue iustice ‡ vnto sanctification.

20 For when you were seruants of sinne, you were free to iustice.

21 What fruit therefore had you then in those things, for which now you are ashamed? for the end of them is death.

22 But now being made free from sinne, and become seruants to God, you haue your fruit vntō sanctification, but the end, life everlasting.

23 For the stipends of sinne, death; but || the grace of God, life everlasting in Christ Iesvs, our Lord.

exhibite your members seruants to iustice vnto sanctification.

14 *For sinne shall not haue dominion ouer you, because yee are not vnder the Law, but vnder grace.*

15 *What then? Shall we sinne, because we are not vnder the lawe, but vnder grace? God forbid.*

16 * *Know yee not how that to whomsoeuer yee commit your selues as seruants to obey, his seruants yee are to whom yee obey: whether it be of sinne vnto death, or of obedience vnto righteousnesse?* Iohn 8.34.

17 *But God be thanked, that yee were the seruants of sinne: but yee haue obeyed with heart the forme of doctrine, into the which yee were brought vnto.*

18 *Being then made free from sinne, yee are become the seruants of righteousnesse.*

19 *I speake after the manner of men, because of the infirmitie of your flesh. For, as yee haue given your members seruants to vncleannesse and iniquitie, vnto iniquitie: euen so now giue your members seruants to righteousnesse, vnto holinesse.*

20 *For when ye were the seruants of sinne, yee were free from righteousnesse.*

21 *What fruit had yee then in those things? whereof yee are now ashamed? For the end of those things, is death.*

22 *But nowe yee being made free from sinne, and made the seruants of God, haue your fruite vnto holinesse, and the end everlasting life.*

23 *For the reward of sinne is death: but the gift of God is eternall life, through Iesus Christ our Lord.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VI.

Rhem. 2. 4 We are buried.] *Remission of sinne, new life, sanctification, and iustification, are given by Baptisme, because it resembleth in us and applieth to us Christs death and resurrection, and engraffeth us into him.*

Fvlk. 2. Baptisme is a seale of the iustification by faith; and therefore assureth us of remission of sinne, renovation and sanctification; that God giveth vnto us being iustified. The application of Christs death, burial, and resurrection, is the proper worke of the holy spirit, by whom we are regenerate, which is resembled and ratified by the externall seale of Baptisme, which testifieth that wee are ingrafted into the similitude of his death and resurrection.

Rhem. 3. 17 Haue obeyed from.] *Here againe is signified, that our discharge from the bondage of sinne, is by the Christian faith, and by obedience to the whole doctrine of Christs religion: in that the Apostle attributeth this their deliverance from sinne, to their humble receiving of the Catholike faith.*

Fvlk. 3. Obedience from the heart, vnto the forme of doctrine, is faith, by which we are discharged from sinne, and haue professed to leade a new life, not to continue seruants vnto sinne. Therefore remission of sinnes, is not ascribed to workes of obedience, that follow iustification.

Rhem. 4. 19 Vnto sanctification.] *Here signifieth that as when they were subiect to sinne by custome and often working wickednesse, they increased their iniquitie: that so also now being iustified, they ought and should by externall workes of iustice, increase their iustification and sanctification.*

Fvlk. 4. Wee may and ought to increase the vertues of iustice and holinesse, that are given vs by Gods grace with daily exercising our selues in practise of them, by strength of his spirit, without whom we can doe nothing. But hereof we gaine not a new iustification before God, neither adde vnto the iustification by faith, whereby wee are made the children of God. But declare the same to the glory of God, the benefit of our brethren, and to the increase of our reward, according to his promise. Our iustification alone iustifieth.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VI.

Rhem. 5. 3 Wee that are baptized.] *That which before to distinguish from the law of Moyses, is faith, is now attributed to baptisme, which is the first sacrament of our faith and the entrance to Christian religion: whereby it is plaine that* Not only faith.

Baptisme not cause of iustification.

cause thereof: [illegible] proveth that iustification and [illegible] drawn for [illegible] and re- fro[illegible] Circumcision from being a cause of justification [illegible] no[illegible] Yet the Apostle expresseth, excluding Circumcision from being a cause of justification, that Abraham was iustified before he was circumcised, [illegible] the time of application of all the merits of Christ, which was signified in the [illegible] Circumcision. Therefore not Circumcision, nor any other thing can iustification before God by Baptisme, or any works of Christian religion, be concluded out of this text.

RHEM. 6 Old man, body of sinne.] *Our corrupt state subiect to sinne, and concupiscence, comming vnto vs from Adam, is called the Old man: &c. per quam resistimus in and by Christ, is named the New man. And the lumpe and masse of sinne vnto then ruled, to call the corrupt body of sinne.*

The old man, and the new.

To sinne he dieth.] *Christ dyed to sinne, when by his death he destroyed sinne: He lyue to sinne, in that wee be discharged of the power, the reuel which before was, as it were the life of our persons, and commanded all the parts and faculties of our soule and body: as contrariwise, wee liue to God, when his grace ruleth and worketh in vs, as the soule doth rule our mortall bodies.*

Dying to sinne.

Living to God.

RHEM. 6. 12 Sinne reigne.] *Concupiscence is here named sinne, because it is the effect, occasion, and matter of sinne, and is as it were a disposition to the same vnto all sinning also after Baptisme according to the substance or matter thereof: but it is not properly a sinne, nor forbidden by commaundement, till it reigne in vs, and wee obey and follow the desires thereof.* August. lib. de nupt. & concupisc. cap. 23. Caietan. in opusc. Palud. lib. 1. dist. 3. Conc. Trident. Sess. 5. decret. de pec. orig.

How concupiscence is called sinne.

Concupiscence is sinne.

FVLK. 6. This is to draw the Scripture to your owne priuate opinions: not to ground your opinions vpon the Scripture. S. *Paul* saith, in deede, and afterward *Chap.* 8. he saith it is forbidden by the Commaundement, *Thou shalt not couet*; and verse 17. *though it do raigne, &c.* he calleth it sinne dwelling in vs. S. *Augustine de nupt. & c. Conc. lib. 1. cap. 23.* denieth it to be sinne in the regenerate, because in them it is forgiuen, and not imputed, as hee sheweth plainly *Chap. 25.* of the same booke, where he saith: answering the question, how it can be sinne in the child vnregenerate, that we bee not sinne in the father being regenerate, when he begot the child. *Ad hæc in the child vnregenerate, that we bee not sinne in the father being regenerate, when he begot the child. Ad hæc respondemus, &c. To these things it is answered, that concupiscence of the flesh, is forgiuen in Baptisme, not so that it is not, but so that it is not imputed for sinne. And albeit the guilt thereof be loosed, or taken away, yet it remaineth till all our infirmities be healed, the renewing of the inward man proceeding from day to day, when he shall haue put on incorruption, for it remaineth not substantially, as a body or a spirit, but it is a certaine affection of ill quality, as a disease or sickenesse.*

By this place it is plaines how hee denieth it to be sinne, namely, as it is not imputed, yet remaineth sinne by nature, and therefore passeth by generation, from the parents to the children. In the second place by you quoted the saith, that *the guilt of concupiscence is consumed in the laver of regeneration, so that for it, the baptized saith not in their prayer, forgiue vs our debts*; which is all one in effect, as though he said, it is sinne, wherevof the regenerate are assured of the forgiuenes or remission thereof. And *Conc. Tol. 3. cap. 3.* he saith plainely: *Concupiscentia carnis, &c. Concupiscence of the flesh, against which the good spirit doth lust, is sinne, because there is in it disobedience, against the gouernment of the mind.* The authoritie of the Tridentine Councell alledged by Papists, is as good, as take my fellow if I be a theefe.

The doctrine of our first Apostles.

RHEM. 7. Forme of doctrine.] *At the first conuersion of every nation to the Catholicke faith, there is a forme and rule of beleefe set downe; vnto which when the people is once put by their Apostles, they must neuer by any perswasion of men alter the same, nor take of new or angell, any new doctrine or Analogie of faith, as the professors call it.*

FVLK. 7. They that are converted to the Christian faith by the true Apostles, and haue received a forme of doctrine or Analogie of faith (which also is S. *Pauls* words, *Rom.* 12. 6.) according to the trueth of the holy Scriptures, ought by no meanes to be removed from it. But such as haue beene converted to the Christian profession by false Apostles, Heretikes, or men infected with any error, must not continue in the forme of doctrine which they haue first received, if it containe any thing repugnant to the word of God. But must reforme their faith, and forme of doctrine also, according to the truth.

Life everlasting a stipend, and yet grace.

RHEM. 8. 23 The grace of God, life everlasting.] *The sequele of speech required, that as he said, death or damnation is the stipend of sinne, so life everlasting is the stipend of iustice, and so it is, and in the same sense hee spake in the last chapter: that as sinne reigneth to death, so grace reigneth by iustice to life everlasting; but here he changed the sentence somewhat, calling life everlasting grace, rather then reward: because the merits by which wee attaine vnto life be all of Gods gift and grace.* Aug. Ep. 105. ad Sixtum.

Merite.

FVLK. 8. This place doth most plainely declare, that eternall life is not due to the merite of workes, but is the free gift of God, Saint *Augustine* in the place quoted, meaneth not by the word *merite*, desert of mens good workes, but good workes themselues, to which God giueth reward freely, as to his owne giftes and graces in vs, proceeding of faith, which is also the gift of God. And so reasoning against the Pelagian in his owne termes, by this sentence of S. *Paul*, doth cleerely ouerthrow him: *When wee spake life eternall to bee called grace (saith hee) wee haue in the same Apostle Paul, a magnificall defender of grace, this saying, The wages of sinne is death, but eternall life is the grace of God, in Christ Iesu our Lord. See I pray thee in how great brevitie, how carefully hee hath placed his wordes, which being diligently considered, the obscuritie of this question may be somewhat cleared. For, when he had said, the wages of sinne is death, who would not iudge, that most agreeably and consequently, hee should adde: but the wages of iustice is life everlasting. And in it is true, that as to the merite of sin death is rendred as wages, so to the merite of iustice, eternall life as wages. Or if he would not say so iustice, he might haue said to faith: because the iust liueth by faith, whereof also, it is called in many places of holy Scripture, a reward: but iustice or faith is no where called a reward, because the reward is rendred to iustice or faith. And that which a reward is to him that worketh, that is an wages or stipend, to the warrier. But the blessed Apostle against presumption, which so much assaieth to creep vpon great persons, that he saith, for it, the angel of Sathan was given vnto him, by whom he was buffeted, that he should not be lifted vp to presumption: Therefore fighting most watchfully against this pestilence of presumption: he saith, the wages of sinne is death. He called it rightly wages, because it is due, because it is worthily payed, because it is rendred to merite. Afterward, least iustice should lift vp it selfe, of mans good merite, as mans ill merite is not doubted to be sinne: he hath not said contrariwise: eternall life is the wages of iustice. But eternall life (saith he) is the grace of God. And least it should be sought out or lay away then by the Mediator, that

‡ Sinne or concupiscence which was a sléep before, was wakened by prohibition, the lawnot being the cause therof, nor giving occasion therevnto, but occasion being taken by our corrupt nature to resist that which was commanded. 1. Tim. 1, 8.

8 But ‡ occasion being taken, sinne by the commandement wrought in me all concupiscence. For without the Law sinne was dead.

9 And I lived without the Lawe sometime. But when the commaundement was come, sinne revived.

10 And I was dead: and the commaundement, that was vnto life, the same to mee was found to be vnto death.

11 For sinne taking occasion by the commaundement, seduced mee, and by it killed mee.

12 Therefore * the law indeed is holy, and the commandement holy, and just and good.

13 That then which is good, to mee was it made death? God forbid; but sinne, that it may appeare sin, by the good thing wrought mee death: that sinne might become sinning aboue measure by the commaundement.

14 For we know that the law is spirituall, but I am carnall, sold vnder sinne.

15 For ‖ that which I worke, I vnderstand not; For ‖ not that which I will, the same do I: but which I hate, that I doe.

16 And if that which I will not, the same I doe: I consent to the law, that it is good.

17 But now, not I worke it any more, but the sinne that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that there dwelleth not in me, that is to say, in my flesh, good. For to will, is present with mee, but to accomplish that which is good, I find not.

19 For ‖ not the good which I will, that doe I: but the evill ‖ which I will not, that I doe.

20 And if that which I will not, the same I doe: now not I worke it, but the sinne that dwelleth in me.

21 I find therefore, the Law, to me hauing a will to good, that evill is present with me.

22 For I am delighted with the Law of God according to the inward man:

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23 But I see another Lawe in my members, repugning to the Law of my mind, and captiuing mee in the Law of sinne that is in my members.

24 Vnhappy man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 The grace of God by Iesvs Christ our Lord. Therefore I my selfe ‖ with the mind serue the Law of God, but with the flesh, the law of sinne.

8 *But sinne taking occasion by the commaundement, wrought in mee all concupiscence. For without the Law sinne was dead.*

9 *I once lived without Law: but when the commandement came, sinne reuiued,*

10 *And I was dead: and the very same commaundement which was ordeined vnto life, was found to bee vnto mee an occasion of death.*

11 *For sinne taking occasion by the commandement, hath deceived me, and by the same slew me.*

12 *Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandement holy, and just, and good.*

13 *Was that then which was good, made death vnto me? God forbidde. But sinne, that sinne might appeare, by that which was good to worke death in mee: that sinne by the commandement might bee out of measure sinfull.*

14 *For we know that the law is spirituall: but I am carnall, sold vnder sinne.*

15 *For that which I doe, I allow not: for what I would, that doe I not, but what I hate, that do I.*

16 *If I doe now that which I would not, I consent vnto the law that it is good.*

17 *Now then it is not I that do it: but sinne that dwelleth in me.*

18 *For I know, that in me (that is to say in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing. For to will is present with me: but I find no meanes, to perform that which is good.*

19 *For the good that I would, do I not: but the evill which I would not, that doe I.*

20 *And if I doe that I would not, then is it not I any longer that doth it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

21 *I find then by the law, that when I would doe good, evill is present with me.*

22 *For I delight in the law of God, after the inward man.*

23 *But I see another law in my members, rebelling against the law of my minde, and subduing mee vnto the law of sinne, which is in my members.*

24 *O wretched man that I am: who shall deliver me from the bodie of this death?*

25 *I thanke God through Iesus Christ our Lord. So then, with the mind I my selfe serue the law of God: but with the flesh, the law of sinne.*

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MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VII.

Rhem. 2. 2 Her husband liuing.) *Nothing but death dissolueth the band betwixt man and wife: though for fornication one may depart from another's company, therefore to marry againe is adultrie, during the life of the party separated.*

Fvlk. 2. S. *Paul* saith not, that nothing dissolueth the bond of matrimonie but death, but that although the bond of mariage continue for both their liues; yet it is dissolued by the death of the husband.

Rhem. 3. 4 You also are made dead.) *Being now baptized and dead to sinne, and engraffed in Christs mysticall body, you are discharged of the Law of Moses, and are free in Christ.*

Baptisme not cause of our incorporation to Christ.

Fvlk. 3. Baptisme in the elect, is a seale of their incorporation and conformitie vnto the death, and resurrection of Christ, but not a cause thereof. For all are not incorporate to Christs mysticall body, but onely the true members thereof.

Rhem. 4. 6 Newnesse of spirit, and not.) *By Baptisme we haue not Christs iustice imputed to vs, but an inward newnesse of spirit given vs and resident in vs.*

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Fvlk. 4. By Baptisme haue Gentiles ... which ... of the holy Ghost ... of the catechumens ... for then is ... in a ... of ... not ... sinne, neither are they ... to be Gods children) for if they were his children, they should be his heires, *Rom.* 8. 17.

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ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VII.

Rhem. 5. 7 Thou shalt not couet.) *It is not the habituall concupiscence, or infirmity of our nature, or sensuall desire or inclination to evill, reuerting against the spirit, that is forbidden properly in this precept: but the consent of our reason and mind vnto it, to obey and follow the lusts thereof, that is a sinne and prohibited.*

Actuall concupiscence for sinne not habituall.

Fvlk. 5. All concupiscence that hindreth the perfect loue of our neighbor, is forbidden in this precept. For S. *Paul* could never be ignorant, since he had the vse of reason, that concupiscence with consent, is sin, which the heathen men did know and confesse. *Tullie* counteth it a morall vertue, *ab alienis mentes, oculos, manus abstinere, to refraine not onely the hands and eyes, but euen the minde from that which belongeth to other men. De oratore, lib. 1.* therefore the contrary must needs be a vice. And that actuall concupiscence which you speake of, is forbidden in the 6. 7. and 8. commandements of the Law, according to the interpretation of our Saviour Christ, *Matth.* 5. 22, 28. Therefore the 10. commaundement forbiddeth euen habituall concupiscence, and sensuall desire, and inclination to evill, and the evill fruits thereof, that is, injurious thoughts, though by the spirit we resist them, and giue not place vnto them. *In tantum natura caeca sine lege peccat, ut peccare se nesciat: propter quod dicitur,* Concupiscentiam nesciebam, &c. *Fulgent. de incarn. & grat. cap. 26.*

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Rhem. 6. 18 That which I worke.) *This being vnderstood of S. Paul himselfe, or any other just person, the sense is, that the flesh and inferiour part stirreth vp diuers disordered motions and passions or perturbations against the minde and spirit: such a sudden sometimes inuadeth the same, that before it attendeth, or reason can gather it selfe to deliberate, man is in a sort, (though vnwittingly) entangled. Which as soone as it is perceiued, being of the iust condemned, reiected, and resisted, neuer maketh him a sinner.*

Sodden involuntarie motions are no sinne.

Fvlk. 6. Those sudden involuntary motions, are sinne in their owne nature, though pardoned to the elect, and so the plaine words of the text are: for els how should the Apostle by this verse proue, that which he said in the verse going immediatly before, that he was sold vnder sinne, if that which he so doth vnwillingly in that case, be not sin. *Anselm. de Concord. grat. & lib. arbit. Ipsos motus siue appetitus quibus propter peccatum ad ea sicut brutae animalia subjacemus, quos Apostolus vocat,* Carnis concupiscentiam, *quam invitum se tolerare manifestat, cum dicit,* quod odi illud facio, *id est, noluisse concupisco, satis ostendit sicca abstinentia imputari ad peccatum.*

Concupiscence in thought sinne.

Rhem. 7. 15 Not that which I will.] *He meaneth not, that he can doe no good that he willeth or desireth, or that he is euer forced to doe that which his will agreeth not vnto: but that by reason of the forciblenesse of concupiscence, wherof he cannot rid himselfe during life, he cannot accomplish all the desires of his spirit and minde, according as he saith to the Galatians,* The flesh coueteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, that not whatsoeuer you will, you can doe.

Concupiscence taketh not away freewill. c. 5 17.

Fvlk. 7. Concupiscence sheweth, that the will even of the best, is not altogether free from the captivitie and bondage of sinne, although in the regenerate, it hath some freedome and strength against sinne, which it hath not at all in them which be not regenerate.

Freewill.

Rhem. 8. 19 Not the good which I will.] *So may the just also be forced by the rage of concupiscence or sensuall appetite, to doe or suffer many things in his inferiour part, or externall members, which his will consenteth not vnto. And so long it is so farre from sin, that (as S. Augustine saith) he need neuer say to God, forgiue vs our sinnes, for the same; for sinne is voluntary, and so be not these passions.*

Ep. ad Asellium. 200.

Sinne is voluntarie, And otherwise it is no sinne.

Fvlk. 8. There can be no force or rage of concupiscence in the inferiour part, but the will of the outward man consenteth vnto it, although the will of the inward man doe resist it. For the desires of the flesh are contrary to the desires of the spirit, and the will of the one, to the will of the other. Therefore the Apostle saith not onely, *I doe not that good which I will, but I doe that evill which I will not.* S. *Augustine* speaketh not of such inforcement or rage of concupiscence, but of the disease of originall sinne, if we did never giue consent vnto it. *Iam-pit autem homo, &c. A man beginneth to be renewed, according to grace in the inward man, that with his minde hee doth that which he loueth, neither consenteth to the flesh, doing that which hee hateth, that is not so, that hee doth not couet at all, but that goeth not after his concupiscence, which truely is so great a matter, that if it were brought to passe altogether, although the desires of sinne be in vs, while we bee in this mortall body, yet if we did giue consent to none of them, there should not bee whereof wee should say to our Father which is in heaven, Forgiue vs our debts.* You see he saith not, that a just man need never say to God for these motions, forgiue vs our sinnes, but a-ny man were throughly renewed, so that he never consented to the desires of sinne, but were as *Adam* was in paradise before he fell, he had no debts to be forgiven. But seeing renovation is not perfect, and wee giue often consent, though sometime we haue the victorie: it followeth of his words, that wee haue need daily to desire pardon, euen of those sinfull desires: which though they be not so voluntary as other sinnes, whereunto wee giue consent, yet are they voluntary in the originall, because originall sinne in *Adam* was voluntarie. *Aug. Ret. lib. 1. cap. 13. & 15.*

First motion to evill.

Rhem. 9 19 Which I will not.] *It maketh not any thing against free will that the Apostle saith, that good men do not fulfil sometimes in their bodies, that which the will agreeth not vnto: but it prooueth plainly freewill, because the proper act thereof, that is, to will or nill, to consent or dissent, is euer (as you may see here) free in it selfe: though there may be internall or externall force to stay the members of a man, that they obey not in every act, that which the will commaunded or prescribeth. And therefore that is neuer imputed to man which hee doth in his externall or internall faculties, when will concurreth not. Yea afterward (vers. 20.) the Apostle saith,* Non ego operor, *man doth not that which is not done by his will: which doth most euidently proue freewill.*

Fvlk. 9. The will of man is alwaies free from force or constraint, but not from thraldome or bondage of sin, as this place manifestly declareth, that it is not perfectly set at liberty, no not in the regenerate. That those things which are done without the consent of the inward man, are not imputed, it is true, but that is to be understood only of the regenerate, in whom there is a new man borne of the spirit of God, not generally of all men.

Freewill.

Rhem. 10. 25 With the mind, with the flesh.] *Nothing done by concupiscence (which the Apostle here calleth sinne) whereunto the spirit, reason, or mind of man consenteth not, can make him guilty before God, neither can the motions of the flesh in a iust man euer any whit defile the operation of his spirit, as the Lutherans doe hold: but make them often more meritorious, for the continuall combat that he hath with them: for it is plaine that the operations of the flesh and of the spirit doe not concurre together to make one act, as they imagine: the Apostle concluding cleane contrary, That in mind he serueth the law of God, in flesh the law of sinne, that is to say, concupiscence.*

Concupiscence defileth not a iust mans actions as the Lutherans say

Nothing

Nothing done by infirmitie of concupiscence, without consent of the inward [illegible] make the [illegible] man guilty before God, because the grace of God in Iesus Christ doth discha[illegible] which hee were a miserable and unhappy man (as the Apostle confesseth of [illegible] Gods sight. So likewise they defile the operations of a just man which are according [illegible] hinder them from such perfection, as Gods justice requireth, whereby we ought to loue God with all our hearts and our neighbour as our selues, which by meanes of concupiscence we cannot. For though the operations of the flesh and the spirit, doe not alwayes concurre in one act, yet doe the operations of the flesh alway hinder the operation of the spirit from perfection. And therefore it is so farre off, that they make the works of the spirit meritorious, that for want of perfection alwayes, and most often with intermedling corruption, they make them unable to stand before Gods justice, if he should not in mercy behold them.

Iohn. 10.

Concupiscence is sinne.

Merite.

CHAP. VIII.

That now after Baptisme we are no more in state of damnation, because by the grace which we haue received, we are able to fulfil the law: unlesse we doe willfully giue the dominion againe to concupiscence. 18 Then (because of the persecutions that then were) he comforteth and exhorteth them with many reasons.

CHRIST. 1

FVLG. 1

The Apostle speaketh not of the state of all men after Baptisme, but only of the justified and regenerate, who are able to keepe the law in part, but not perfectly.

THere is now therefore no damnation to them that are in Christ Iesvs: that walke not according to the flesh:

THere is then no damnation to them which are in Christ Iesu, which walke not after the flesh but after the spirit.

2 For the lawe of the spirit of life in Christ Iesvs, hath deliuered mee from the law of sinne and of death.

2 For the law of the spirit of life, through Iesus Christ, hath made me free from the law of sinne and death.

3 For that which was impossible to the Lawe, in that it was weakened by the flesh: God sending his sonne in the similitude of the flesh of sinne, euen of sinne damned sinne in the flesh,

3 For what the law could not do, in as much as it was weake through the flesh, God hauing sent his owne Sonne in the similitude of sinfull flesh, euen by sinne, condemned sinne in the flesh:

4 That ‡ the iustification of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walke not according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

4 That the righteousnesse of the law might be fulfilled in us, which walke not after the flesh, but after the spirit.

5 For they that are according to the flesh, are affected to the things that are of the flesh, but they that are according to the spirit: are affected to the things that are of the spirit.

5 For they that are carnall, are carnally minded: but they that are spirituall are spiritually minded.

6 For the wisdome of the flesh, is death: but the wisdome of the spirit, life and peace.

6 To bee carnally minded is death: but to bee spiritually minded, is life and peace:

7 Because the wisedome of the flesh is ‖ an enemie to God: for to the law of God it is not subject, neither can it be.

‖ enimitie.

7 Because that the fleshly mind is enimitie against God: for it is not obedient to the law of God, neither can be.

8 And they that are in the flesh, cannot please God.

8 So then, they that are in the flesh, cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, yet if the Spirit of God dwell in you. But if any man haue not the spirit of Christ, the same is not his.

9 But yee are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. If any man haue not the Spirit of Christ, the same is none of his.

10 But if Christ bee in you: the body in deede is dead because of sinne, but the spirit liueth because of justification.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sinne: but the spirit is life for righteousnesse sake.

11 And if the Spirit of him that raised up Iesvs from the dead, dwell in you: hee that raised up Iesvs Christ from the dead, shall quicken also your mortall bodies, because of his Spirit dwelling in you.

11 But if the spirit of him that raised up Iesus from the dead, dwell in you: euen he that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortall bodies, because that his spirit dwelleth in you.

12 c Therefore brethren wee are detters: not to the flesh, to liue according to the flesh.

12 Therefore brethren wee are detters, not to the flesh, to liue after the flesh.

13 For if you liue according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the spirit, you mortifie the deedes of the flesh, you shall liue.

13 For if ye liue after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit, doe mortifie the deeds of the body, ye shall liue.

14 For whosoeuer † are led by the spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

15 For * you haue not receiued the spirit of seruitude againe in feare: but you haue receiued the spirit of adoption of sonnes, wherein

15 For ye haue not receiued the spirit of bondage againe to feare: but ye haue receiued the spirit

c The Epistle vpon the 8 Sunday after Pentecost.

† He meaneth not that the children of God bee violently compelled against their wils, but that they bee sweetly drawne, moued, or induced to doe good. *Aug. Enchirid. c. 64. & de verb. Do. ser. 43. 7. & de verb. Apost. ser. 13. c. 11. 12.*

2 Tim. 1, 7. Gal. 4, 5.

[illegible] God.

sonnes, heires also: heires truely [illegible] coheires of Christ: ‖ Yet if wee suffer with him, that we may [illegible] also glorified with him.

The Epistle vpon the 4. Sunday after Pentecost, and for many Martyrs. *condigne ad gloriam.*

18 For I thinke that the passions of this time are not ‖ condigne to the glory to come that shall be reuealed in us.

19 For the expectation of the creature, expecteth the reuelation of the sonnes of God.

20 For the creature is made subject to vanitie, not willing, but for him that made it subject in hope

21 Because the creature also it selfe shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the libertie of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that every creature groneth and trauelleth [illegible] till now.

23 And not only it, but we also our selues having the first fruites of the spirit, wee also grone within our selues, expecting the adoption of the sonnes of God, the redemption of our body.

24 For ‖ by hope we are saued. But hope that is seen, is not hope; for that which a man seeth, wherefore doth he hope?

25 But if we hope for that which wee see not: we expect by patience.

26 And in like manner also the Spirit helpeth our infirmity. For what we should pray as we ought, wee know not: but the Spirit himselfe requesteth for us with gronings vnspeakeable.

27 And he that searcheth the harts, knoweth what ‖ the Spirit desireth: because according to God he requesteth for the saints.

28 And we know that to them that loue God, all things cooperate vnto good to such as according to purpose are called to bee saints.

29 For whom hee hath foreknowen, hee hath also predestinated to bee made conformable to the image of his sonne, that hee might be the first-borne in many brethren.

30 And ‖ whom he hath predestinated: them also he hath called; and who he hath called: them also he hath justified; and whom he hath justified: them also hath he glorified.

31 What shal we then say to these things? If God be for us, who is against us?

32 He that spared not also his own sonne, but for us all deliuered him: how hath he not also with him given us all things?

33 Who shall accuse against the elect of God? God that justifieth.

34 Who is hee that shall condemne? Christ Iesvs that died, yea that is risen also againe, who is on the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who

spirit that we are the sonnes of God.

17 If we be sonnes, then are we heires, the heires of God, and ioint heires with Christ: so that we suffer together, that we may be glorified together.

18 For I am certainely perswaded, that the afflictions of this time, are not worthy of the glory which shall be shewed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature abideth, looking when the sonnes of God shall appeare:

20 Because the creature is subiect to vanitie, not willing, but for him which hath subiected the same in hope.

21 For the creature it selfe shall bee made free from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious libertie of the sonnes of God.

22 For wee know that every creature groneth with us also, and trauelleth in paine with us euen vnto this time.

23 Not onely they, but we also which haue the first fruits of the spirit, euen wee our selues mourne in our selues, waiting for the adoption, euen the deliverance of our body.

24 For we are saued by hope: But hope that is seene, is no hope. For how can a man hope for that which he seeth?

25 But and if we hope for that wee see not, then doe we with patience abide for it.

26 Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities. For we know not what to desire as we ought; but the spirit it selfe maketh great intercession for us, with gronings, which cannot bee expressed.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the meaning of the spirit: for he maketh intercession for the saints, according to the pleasure of God.

28 For we know that all things worke for the best vnto them that loue God, to them which also are called of purpose.

29 For those which he knew before, he also did predestinate, that they should be like fashioned vnto the shape of his sonne, that he might be the first begotten among many brethren.

30 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them also he called: and whom he called, them also he justified: and whom he justified, them also he glorified.

31 What shall wee then say to these things? If God be on our side, who can be against us?

32 Which spared not his owne Sonne, but gaue him for us all: how shall he not with him also giue us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods chosen? It is God that justifieth:

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ which died, yea rather which is raised againe, which is also on the right hand of God, and maketh intercession for us.

35 Who

The Epistle of S. Ignatius. 35 Who shall separate us from the charitie of Christ? tribulation? or anguish? or famine? or nakednesse? or perill? or danger? or persecution?) or the sword?

Ps.43.22. 36 (As it is written, *For thy sake we are killed all day long: we are esteemed as sheepe for the slaughter.*)

37 But in all these things wee overcome because of him that hath loved us.

Ephesians 3. 38 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor Powers, neither things present, nor things to come, neither might,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor other creature, shall be able to separate us from the charitie of God which is in Christ Iesvs our Lord.

35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation? or anguish, or persecution, or hunger, or nakednesse, or peril, or sword?*

Psal.43.23. 36 *(As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all day long, and are counted as sheep for the slaughter.)*

37 *Howbeit in all these things we overcome, through him that loved us.*

38 *For I am sure, that neither death, neither life, neither Angels, nor rule, neither power, neither things present, neither things to come,*

39 *Neither height, nor depth, neither any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ IESV our Lord.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VIII.

Rhem. 2. 4 The iustification.] *This convinceth against the Churches adversaries, that the law, that is, Gods commandements may bee kept, and that the keeping thereof is iustice, and that in Christian men that is fulfilled by Christs grace, which by the force of the Law could never be fulfilled.*

Fvlk. 2. The Apostle saith not that the iustice of the Law is fulfilled by us, but in us by Christ, which is made iustice unto us, which by faith are in Christ Iesus. And that inherent iustice which is begun in us by Christ, is a testimonie that wee are in Christ, in whom wee have obteined all things needfull unto our salvation. *How is the justification of the law fulfilled in us* (saith S. *Ambrose*) *but when forgivenesse of all our sinnes is given us, that sin being taken away, the iustified man may appeare serving the Law of God with his minde*, in Rom. 8. Therefore this place proveth not that the commandements of the Law may bee kept of us in this state of infirmitie, cleane contrary to the scope of the Apostle. For the Law remaineth still impossible to bee kept, through the weakenesse of our flesh. And therefore Christ hath satisfied the Lawe for us, not giving us ability to keepe it. For then some should be voyd of sinne: but if we say we have no sinne (saith the Apostle) wee deceive our selves, and there is no truth in us, 1. *Ioan.* 1. 8. *Lex subintroivit ut abundaret peccatum, deque nemo liberari potest, nisi per agnum Dei qui tollit peccata mundi. De corpore enim mortis huius, nec illi enim bonitas arbitrium, neque legis sufficientia nos, humanis viribus; sed sola nos liberat gratia Dei per Iesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Lex enim spiritum vitæ &c.* Fulg. de incarnat. & gratia cap. 16.

Justice inherent.

The Law impossible to be kept.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VIII.

Rhem. 3. 16 The spirit giveth testimonie.] *This place maketh not for the Heretikes special saieth, in their presumptuous certainitie that every one of them is in grace: the testimony of the spirit being nothing els, but the inward good motions, comfort, and contentment, which the children of God doe daily feele more and more in their hearts by serving him: by which they have, as it were, an attestation of his favour towards them, whereby the hope of their iustification and salvation is much corroborated and strengthened.*

The testimonie of the Spirit.

Fvlk. 3. This place sheweth that Gods children have every one the testimony of Gods Spirit, whereby they know they are Gods children, therefore in his favour, and assured of eternall life, which is the inheritance promised to his children. And this is no presumption, but true humilitie, seeing they acknowledge they have this dignitie, only of his grace without their merits or worthinesse. Which is no marvell that Papists know not, because they doe not feele it, but turne it into good motions, comfort and contentment grounded upon their owne workes: and therefore have the spirit of servitude, and not the spirit of adoption. And even that comfort and contentment that they have in their serving God according to mens traditions, is meere vaine and wicked presumption, and no true comfort nor peace of conscience.

Certainitie of salvation.

Rhem. 4. 17 Yet if they suffer.] *Christs paines or passion have not so satisfied for all, that Christian men bee discharged of their particular suffering or satisfying for each mans owne part: neither be our paines nothing worth to the attainement of heaven, because Christ hath done enough; but quite contrary: hee was by his passion exalted to the glory of heaven: therefore we by compassion or partaking with him in the like passions, shall attaine to bee fellowes with him in his kingdome.*

Notwithstanding Christs satisfaction and passion, yet ours is also required.

Fvlk. 4. Horrible blasphemy against the effect of Christs Passion, who satisfied for all, so that Christian men are discharged of all that they have deserved to suffer, as due to the iustice of God for punishment of their sinnes. Yet must they suffer willingly to be made conformable, or like to him in suffering as they looke to be in glory. Our sufferings therefore are a condition required to our glorification, not a cause thereof, or satisfaction for our sinne. Merite. Satisfaction for sinne.

Rhem. 5. 18 Condigne.] *Our Adversaries ground hereon, that the workes or sufferances of this life bee not meritorious or worthy of life everlasting, where the Apostle saith no such thing, no more then he saith that Christs passions be not meritorious of his glory, which I trinke they dare not much avouch in our Saviours affaire. Hee expresseth only, that the very afflictions of their owne nature, which we suffer with or for him, be but short, momentanie and of no account in comparison of the recompense which wee shall have in heaven. no more to deede were Christs paines of their owne nature, compared to his glory, any whit comparable: yet they were meritorious or worthy of heaven, and so bee ours. And therefore to expresse the said comparison, here he saith,* They are not condigne * to the glory. *He saith not* of the glory, *as the Heretikes falsly translate: though the Scripture speaketh so also, when it signifieth onely a comparison; as* Prou. 3. *in the Greeke,* Omne preciosum non est illa dignum. *S. Augustine,* illi dignum. Saint *Hierome,* non valet huic comparari; *that is, No precious thing is worthy of wisedome, or to bee compared with it. See the like,* Eccles. 26, 20. *Tob.* 9, 2. *But when the Apostle will expresse that they are condigne worthy, or meritorious of the glory, hee saith plainely,* That our tribulation which presently is momentanie and light, worketh about measure exceedingly an eternall weight of glory in us. *The paines of Christs actions riseth not of the length or greatnes of them in themselves, though so also they passed at some things: but of the worthines of the person. And so the value of ours also riseth of the grace of our adoption, which maketh those actions that of their natures be not meritorious nor*

All suffering in this life is nothing in comparison of heavenly glory: and yet it is meritorious and worthy of the same

Heretical translation

* *ad gloriam*
ἀξίως πρὸς δόξαν.
* ἄξια τῆς
1 Cor. 4, 17.

nor answerable to the glorie of heaven in their dues, to be worthy of heaven. And they might as well say that the works of those that are called righteous, for their labors in the gospell and exercise of the christian life are not worthy of it: but brought it into a proverbe, as ours are from Christ, being never perfect, in as much as they proceede not always perfectly from the excesse of God, as good workes ought to be in regarde of the puritie of God.

Merit.

Fvlk. 5. What meane you by condigne, but worthy, or comparable in respect of worthinesse? The glory that shall bee revealed in Gods children, is a matter of much more excellencie then all their sufferings can deserve or be worthy of: not onely in respect of the shortnesse of the time in which we suffer or continue in suffering, but also in the greatnesse of the reward. And it is marvellous impudencie to deny that the Apostle saith no such thing, when not only the words of the Apostle are so evident, and his purpose so plaine, to comfort and incourage the faithfull in their afflictions, by the excellent worthinesse of the reward, which is farre above the value of the 1 hour. You say that *Christs paines were of no account of their owne nature compared with his glory, but yet meritorious, and so ours.* What monstrous blasphemy is this? If there were no comparison betweene Christs sufferings, and the glory that he purchased by them, then his sufferings were no satisfaction to Gods justice, who required a full and perfect recompence, both for our sinnes and for the reward of justice, which by his passion he procured for us. But his passion being the passion of the Sonne of God, was a full satisfaction and worthy desert of the glory, which he purchased for us, and hath given to us. Therefore it is not merited nor deserved by our sufferings. Your cavill of worthy to the glory, and worthy of the glory, is but a vaine brable of words: for worthie being a *relative*, must have his *correlative*, whether it be whereof, or whereto he is worthie. And the comparison of inequalitie, is not onely in time, but also in excellencie. But our translation, and this quarrell is at large discussed in my defence against *Gr. Martine, cap.* 9. from the first Section to the seventh. Wherfore a good argument may be drawn out of this place against the merit of our sufferings, because there must be an equalitie or equall proportion betweene the labour and the reward, where the labour deserveth the reward: but there is no equalitie or equall proportion betweene our sufferings of this life, and the reward of eternall glory: therefore the sufferings of this life doe not merit nor deserve the reward of eternall glory. *But when the Apostle* (say you) *will expresse that they are condigne, worthy or meritorious of the glory, hee saith; that our tribulation which presently is momentanie and light, worketh above measure exceedingly, an eternall weight of glory in us.* Thus you say, but all the Logicke of Rhemes cannot conclude in lawfull forme of syllogisme out of this text, that our sufferings are condigne, worthy or meritorious of that glory. The contrary may well be proved: where there is so great excellencie of the reward above the sufferings, there is no equalitie, and consequently no merit of the reward. For condigne, worthy or meritorious, will never be proved out of the *verbe*, worketh. The tribulations of the godly, are a cause working this reward, as they be the way by which God hath appointed that they must passe to glory, not as condigne, worthy, or meritorious of the glory. A man hath a troublesome way to passe, that he may come to the possession of his inheritance which his father hath given him. This journey worketh or procureth to him the possession of the inheritance which is far more worthy then his labour, therefore this travell is not the cause meritorious of his inheritance. *Chrysostome* upon this text, *Hom.* 14. alleageth this authoritie of 2 *Cor.* 4. to beat downe the pride of desert. *Quando enim &c. For when he sheweth that the rewards to come are greater then the labours, he doth both exhort them more, and doth not suffer them to be high minded, and proud as conquerors are, when they have obtained the reward of crownes.* And in another place he saith: *For the momentanie lightnesse of our tribulation, doth worke an eternall weight of glory in us, exceeding measure.* S. *Ambrose* saith, *that God being as a good or prodigall giver, seeketh occasions how he may give to us being unworthy.* *Theodoret* saith upon this text, *The crownes doe excell the battels, the rewards are not compared with the labours, for the labour is small, but great gaine is hoped for. And therefore hee called those things that are looked for, not as hire or reward, but glory.* The author of the Commentaries in *Hieroms* name, saith: *In this place the Apostle will set forth the glory to come, that we may more easily tolerate the present afflictions. And in truth a man could suffer nothing worthy of the heavenly glory, although it were such as our life is now. For whatsoever he should suffer from death, is no more then he deserved before for his sinnes. But now both his sinnes are forgiven, and then also eternall life, fellowship with the Angels, brightnesse of the Sunne, and the rest which wee read to have been promised, shall be performed.* Cyrillus apud Oecumenium saith, *He sheweth that the whole is in a manner of grace, because God is more abundant in rewards, neither can we suffer any thing worthy of the rewards that shall be, or conferre any thing toward it.*

Thus the ancient Fathers gather out of the inequalitie of the labors unto the reward, that the labours are not worthy of the reward, and the reward is of the free grace & mercy of God. But *the value of our labors* (you say) *ariseth of the grace of our adoption, which maketh them meritorious.* The reward indeed is freely given by the grace of our adoption, but that grace maketh not our workes meritorious and worthy of heaven, but freely giveth reward unto our works, which they deserve not. For nothing can be more contrary to grace, then merit or desert. Sinne doth deserve eternall damnation, because it is a transgression of the law of the eternall God, whether men take any pleasure therin, or no, but eternal life is the free gift of God, for Iesus Christs sake, and not for the merit of our works, by what fantasie soever you goe about to foist it in.

Cavilling.

Rhem. 6. 24 By hope [saved.] *That which in other places he attributeth to faith, is here attributed to hope, for whosoever there be many causes of one thing, the holy writers (as matter is misaprehended, and occasion given by the doctrine then handled) sometime referre it to one of the causes, sometime to another: not by naming one alone, to exclude the other, as our adversaries captiously & ignorantly do argue: but at divers times and in sundry places to expresse that, which in every discourse could not, nor needed not to bee uttered. In some discourse faith is to be recommended: is sometime, charitie; in other, hope: sometimes, almes, mercy: elsewhere other vertues. One while,* Every one that beleeveth, is borne of God, 1. *Iob.* 5, 1. *Another while,* Every one that loveth, is borne of God, 1 *Iob.* 4, 7. *Sometimes faith purifieth mens heart,* Act. 15, 9. *And another time, Charity remitteth sinnes,* 1 Pet. 4, 8. *Of faith it is said,* The just liveth by faith, *Rom.* 1. 17. *Of charity,* We know that we are transferred from death to life, because we love, &c. 1 *Io.* 3, 14.

As sometime faith only is named, & elsewhere onely hope, and sundry charitie, as the cause of our salvation.

Fvlk. 6. Justification is never attributed to hope, but to faith which goeth before hope: and to faith without works, but we are here said to be saved by hope, because our salvation is not in present, but in hope or expectation of that which is promised. Not that by the merit or worthinesse of hope, we are saved. For hope hath relation to faith by which we are justified freely, by the grace and mercy of God in Christ. Thereupon S. *Augustine* saith, *Tota spes nostra, non nisi magna valde misericordia tua, &c. My whole hope is nothing, but thy exceeding great mercy, Conf. lib.* 10. *cap.* 29. And againe, *The only hope of all the godly, growing under this burden of corruptible flesh, and in the infirmitie of this life is, that we have an advocate with the father Iesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation or expiation for our sinnes, Cont. 2. Ep. Pel. lib.* 3. *cap.* 5. Neither doth the Scripture ascribe our justification before God, to any thing in us, but only to faith. For when it is said, that every one that beleeveth is borne of God, and every one that loveth is borne of God, there is no contrarietie, for both faith and love are the fruits of our regeneration by the spirit of God, yet their offices remaine severall and distinct: faith to justifie us before God, love to declare us

Justification by faith onely.

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to be published, or to publish doctrine [illegible]

[illegible] cover [illegible] as it is the [illegible] and not to utter [illegible] Ephes. 1.10. 1.11. of whom S. Peeter borroweth these words. And whereas it is said, That [illegible] his saints [illegible] shall live by his charitie. [illegible] we know by charitie (which is a [illegible] by which we are justified) that we are translated from [illegible] because we love the brethren.

Scripture abused against the Godhead of the holy Ghost.

Rom.7. 27 That spirit desireth.] Arius and Macedonius old heretikes had [illegible] places to contend upon against the Godhead of the holy Ghost: which these false, as our new Masters now have. They abused this text to prove the holy Ghost not to be God, because he asketh and teacheth us to pray or aske, but bee might command it if he were God. Therefore S. Augustine expoundeth it thus, That the holy Ghost prayeth, that is, causeth and teacheth us to pray, and what to pray or aske. Aug. de anima & ejus orig. lib. 4. c. 9 & ep. 121. c. 15.

Slander.

Rom.8. A simple quarrell to make us resemble heretikes, because heretikes abuse the Scripture, until you can prove that we abuse the Scripture as they did, and as we prove that you doe, and not only abuse it, but plainly falsifie it, as in the section next before, to make it serue your heretical purpose.

The doctrine of gods predestination, how to be reverenced, and what it teacheth us.

30 Whom he hath predestinated.] Gods eternall foresight, love, purpose, predestination and election of his decree children, and in time their calling, justifying, glorifying by Christ, as all other acts and executions of his divine will and providence towards their salvation, ought to bee reverenced of all men with deadfull humilitie, and not to bee sought out or disputed on with presumptuous boldnesse and audacitie. For it is the gulfe that many proud persons, [illegible] knowledge and abyssus, haue by Gods iust iudgement perished in, sounding thereon most horrible blasphemies against Gods mercie, nature and goodnes, and diuers damnable errors against mans freewill, and against all goodnesse and religion. This high conclusion is here set down for us, that we may learne to know of whom we ought to depend in all our life, by whom we expect our salvation, by whose providence all our graces, gifts and works doe stand: by what an everlasting gracious determination, our redemption, which is in Christ Iesus, was designed: and to giue God incessable thanks for our vocation and preferment to the state we be in, before the Iewe, who deserved no better then they, before the light of his mercie shining upon us accepted us, and reiected them. But this said eminent truth of Gods eternall predestination standeth (as we are bound to beleeue under paine of damnation, whether we understand how or no) and so S. Augustine in all his divine workes written of the same (De gratia & lib. arb. De corrept. & gratia. Ad articulos falso impositos.) defendeth, declareth, proveth, and convinceth that it doth stand (I say) with mans free will and the true libertie of his actions, and forceth no man to be either ill or good, to sin or vertue, to salvation or damnation, nor taketh away the meanes or nature of merits, and cooperation with God to our owne end other meanes salvation.

Gods predestination taketh not away free will.

Merits.

Free will.

Rom.8. The eternall predestination of God, excludeth the merits of man, and the power of his will, thereby to attaine to eternall life: yet forceth not a mans will to good or ill, but altereth the will of him, that is ordained to life, from evill to good, and giveth power to chuse that which is good, and all meanes which he hath appointed unto salvation. And this is the doctrine of S. Augustine in all his bookes against the Pelagians, wherein he declareth the effect of Gods predestination: as he that will reade them may easily perceiue. Let one example suffice to shew how hee defendeth, proveth, &c. that mans free will standeth, speaking of the reprobate, which are justly condemned either for originall sinne onely, or also for other sinnes which they have added by freewill. *Arbitrium hoquam liberum, sed non liberatum: liberum iustitiæ, peccati autem seruum. I say freewill, but not made free, free from iustice, but slaue of sinne. De corrept. & gratia cap. 13.*

Rom.9. 30 I am sure.] This speech is common in S. Paul, according to the latin translation, when hee had no other assured knowledge but by hope: as Rom. 15, 14. 2 Tim. 1, 5. Heb. 6, 9. Where the Greeke word signifieth onely a probable perswasion. And therefore except he meane of himselfe by special revelation, or of the predestinate in generall, (in which two cases it may stand for the certitude of faith or infallible knowledge) otherwise that every particular man should be assured infallibly that himselfe should be justified, and not that onely, but sure also never to sinne, or to haue the gift of perseverance, and certaine knowledge of his predestination: that is a most damnable false illusion and presumption, condemned by the Fathers of the holy Councell of Trent. Sess. 6. c. 9, 12, 13.

Nisi revelatum. Confess. libro. 9. 9. and Aug. de. No man ordinarily is sure of his salvation, but only in hope.

Full. 9. The knowledge that we haue by hope grounded upon Gods promises is so sure, that it cannot bee deceived, as it is plaine, Rom. 5. 5. The perswasion that the Apostle hath in other places, is also grounded upon good arguments: but here, upon the immutable decree of God. And it is a good reason to proove that every Christian man which is indued with faith and hope, may and ought to be infallibly assured, that he is justified, and shall be saved, because the word of God and his promise to all that beleeue in him, (and in faith call upon him) cannot faile, but be most infallibly true. But that any man can be sure never to sinne, it is devillish and false presumption. For we haue no promise that we shall be preserved from all sinne, but onely from that which is irremissible. But that we shall alwayes persevere in the favour of God, and so consequently that wee are predestinated to eternall life; the Apostle doth most plainely proue in this Chapter: wherefore by the spirit of adoption, and the effects of Gods grace agreeable, wee may haue certaine knowledge that wee shall inherite Gods kingdome, which none shall doe, but they that continue unto the end, and were appointed unto it before the beginning of the world. And this is true humilitie, when we presume nothing of our owne strength or worthinesse, but depend wholly upon the truth of Gods promises; wherfore it was a damnable presumption of the Popish Prelates of Trent, to condemne that for a false illusion, which the word of Trueth doth so manifestly leade us unto, and by all meanes perswade us to acknowledge.

Certaintie of salvation.

CHAP. IX.

With a protestation of his sorrow for it (lest they should think him to reioyce in their perdition) he inferreth the Iewes to be reprobate, although they come of Abrahams flesh. 6 Saying to be the sonnes of God, goeth not by that, but by Gods grace: 19 considering that all were one damned masse: 24 By which grace the Gentiles to bee made his people: and so the Prophets to haue foretold of them both. 30 And the cause hereof to be, that the Gentiles submit themselues to the faith of Christ, which the Iewes will not.

1 Cor. 15. 7. I Speake the veritie in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing me witnesse in the holy Ghost,

I Say the truth in Christ, I lie not (my conscience also bearing me witnesse by the holy Ghost)

2 That I haue great sadnesse and continuall sorrow in my heart.

2 That I haue great heavinesse, and continuall sorrow in my heart.

3 For I wished my selfe to be an ‖ anathema

3 For I haue wished my selfe to be accursed from

ci Anathema.

Gen. 21. 12. Christ according to the flesh, who is above all things God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 But not that the word of God is frustrate. For ‖ not all they be of Israel, which are Israelites,

7 Nor they that be of the seed of Abraham, all be children: ‖ *but in Isaac shall the seed be called vnto thee.*

8 That is to say, not they that are the children of the flesh, they are the children of God: but they that are the children of the promise, are esteemed for the seed.

Gen. 18, 10. Gen. 25, 21. S. Hiero. q. 10. ad Hebidiam. *All the Epistle surely to the Romanes needeth interpretation, and is enwrapped with so great obscurities, that to understand it we need the help of the holy Ghost, who by the Apostle did dictate these same things: but especially this place. Howbeit nothing pleaseth me but that which is Ecclesiasticall, that is, the sense of the Church.* Mal. 1, 2. Exod. 33, 19. Exod. 9, 16.

9 For the word of the promise is this, *According to this time will I come, and Sara shall have a sonne.*

10 And not onely she, but * Rebecca also conceiving ‖ of one copulation, of Isaac our father.

11 For when they were ‖ not yet borne, nor had done any good or evill (that the purpose of God according to election might stand)

12 Not of workes, but of the caller it was said to her: *That the elder shall serue the younger.*

13 As it is written, * *Iacob I loued, but Esau I hated.*

14 What shall we then say? ‖ Is there iniquity with God? God forbid.

15 For to Moses he saith, * *I will haue mercy: on whom I haue mercy, and I will shew mercy to whom I will shew mercy.*

16 Therefore it is ‖ not of the willer, nor the runner, but of God that sheweth mercy.

17 For the Scripture saith to Pharao: * *That ‖ to this very purpose haue I raised thee, that in thee I may shew my power: and that my Name may be renowned in the whole earth.*

18 Therefore on whom he will, he hath mercy: and whom he will, he dosh indurate.

19 Thou sayest therefore unto me: Why doth he yet complaine? for who resisteth his will?

20 O man, ‖ who art thou that doest answere God? Doth the worke say to him that wrought it: Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Or hath not ‖ the potter of clay power, of the same masse to make one vessell unto honour, and another unto contumely?

22 And if God willing to shew wrath, and to make his might knowne, ‡ sustained in much patience the vessels of wrath apt to destruction,

‡ apted, fitted.

23 That he might shew the riches of his glory upon the vessels of mercy which hee prepared unto glory.

24 Whom

vice of God and the promise.

5 *Of whom are the Fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh, Christ came, which is God, in all things to be praised for ever. Amen.*

6 *And it cannot be, that the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israelites, which are of Israel:*

7 *Neither are they all children, that are the seed of Abraham: but in Isaac shall thy seed be called.*

8 *That is to say, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but they which be the children of promise, are counted for seed.*

9 *For this is the word of promise, At this Gen. 18. 10 time will I come, and Sara shall have a sonne.*

10 *Not only this, but also * Rebecca was Gen. 25. 21 with childe by one, even our father Isaac.*

11 *For before the children were borne, when they had neither done good nor ill: that the purpose of God by election might stand, not by reason of works, but by the caller)*

12 *It was said unto her, The elder shall serue the younger.*

13 *As it is written, Iacob haue I loued, but Esau haue I hated.*

14 *What shall we say then? is there any unrighteousnesse with God? God forbid.*

15 *For he saith to Moses, I will shew mercie, to whomsoever I shew mercie: and will haue compassion, on whomsoever I haue compassion.*

16 *So then election is not of the willer, nor of the runner: but of God that taketh mercy.*

17 *For the Scripture saith unto Pharao, * Exod. 9. 16. Even for the same purpose haue I stirred thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my Name might be declared throughout all the world.*

18 *So hath he mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

19 *Thou wilt say then unto me, Why then blameth he us yet? For who hath resisted his will?*

20 *But, O man, what art thou which disputest with God? * Shall the worke say to the workman, Esa. 45. 9. Why hast thou made me on this fashion?*

21 *Hath not the Potter power ouer the clay, Wisd. 15. 7. even of the same lumpe to make one vessell unto etc. 18. 6. honour, and another unto dishonour?*

22 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power knowne, suffered with long patience the vessels of wrath ordained to destruction,*

23 *To declare the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had prepared unto glory?*

Va 24 *Whom*

24 Whom he hath called, to, not only of the Iewes, but also of the Gentiles.

Ose.2,23. 25 As he saith in Osee: I will call that which is not my people, my people: and her that was not beloved, beloved: and her that hath not obtained mercy, having obtained mercy.

Ose.1,10. 26 And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, you are not my people: there they shall be called the sonnes of the living God.

Esa.10,22. 27 And Esay cryeth for Israel, If the number of the children of Israel bee as the sand of the Sea, the remaines shall bee saved.

28 For, consummating a word, and abridging it in equity: because a word abridged shall our Lord make upon the earth.

Esa.1,9. 29 And as Esay foretold, Vnlesse the Lord of Sabbath had left us seed: we had beene made like Sodome, and we had beene like as Gomorrha.

30 What shall wee say then? That the Gentiles which pursued not after justice, have apprehended justice, but the justice that is of faith.

31 But Israel in pursuing the Law of justice, is not come unto the Law of justice.

32 Why so? Because not of faith, but as it were of workes; for they have stumbled at the stone of stumbling.

c Here we see that they are the cause of their owne damnation by infidelity. Esa.8,14.28,16

33 As it is written, Behold, I put in Sion a stone of stumbling, and a rocke of scandall: and whosoever beleeveth in him shall not bee confounded.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 1 22 Sustained.] *That God is not the cause of any mans reprobation or damnation, otherwise then for punishment of his sins, he sheweth by that he expecteth all mens amendment with great patience, and consequently that they have also free-will.*

FVLK. 1 God reprobateth justly whom he will, and condemneth the reprobate justly for sinne, but hereof it followeth not that the reprobate have their will free, but from coaction, for to sinne it is thrall, and slave, as S. *Augustine* saith, *De corr. & gr. c.* 13.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 1 Anathema.] Anathema, *by use of Scripture is either that which by separation from profane use, and by dedication to God, is holy, dreadfull, and not vulgarly to be touched: or contrariwise, that which is rejected, severed, or abandoned from God as cursed and detested, and therefore is to be avoided. And in this latter sense (according as S. Paul takes it, 1 Cor. 16. If any love not our Lord Iesus Christ, be he Anathema, that is to say, Away with him, Accursed be he, Beware you accompany not with him) the Church and holy Councels use the word for a curse and excommunication against heretikes and other notorious offenders, and blasphemers. Now how the Apostle wishing himselfe to be Anathema from Christ to save his countrey mens soules, did take this word, it is a very hard thing to determine. Some thinke, he desired onely to die for their salvation. Others, that being very loth to be kept from the fruition of Christ, yet could be content to be so still, for to save their soules. Others, he wished what malediction or separation from Christ soever that did not imply the disfavour of God towards him, nor take away his love towards God. This onely is certaine, that it is a point of unspeakable charity in the Apostles breast, and a patterne to all Bishops and Priests, how to love the salvation of their flocke. As the like was uttered by Moses, when he said, Either forgive this people, or blot mee out of thy booke.* Anathema. In what sense S. Paul wisheth to be Anathema. Exod. 32, 32.

6 Not all of Israel.] *Though the people of the Iewes were many wayes honoured and privileged, and namely by Christ's taking flesh of them: yet the promise of grace and salvation was neither onely made to them, nor to all them that carnally came of them or their fathers: Gods election and mercy depending upon his owne purpose, will, and determination, and not tied to any nation, family, or person.* Gods promise not made to carnall Israel.

7 But in Isaac.] *The promise made to Abraham was not to Ismael, who was a sonne borne onely by flesh and nature: but to Isaac, who was a sonne obtained by promise, faith, and miracle: and was a figure of the Churches children borne to God in Baptisme.* Isaac preferred before Ismael.

10 Of one copulation.] *It is proved also by Gods choising of Iacob before Esau (who were not onely brethren by father and mother, but also twinnes, and Esau the elder of the two, which according to carnall count should have had the preeminence) that God in giving graces fulfilleth not the temporall or carnall prerogatives of men or families.* Iacob before Esau.

11 Not

RHEM. 2 11 [illegible]

FVLK. 2 Gods election and reprobation is most sure, of his owne will, not upon the foreknowledge of the merits of either of them, for he hath mercy on whom he will, and he hardeneth whom he will, *verse* 18. Yet he condemneth none, but for sinne, either originall only or else both originall and actuall.

RHEM. 14 Is there iniquity?] *Upon the former discourse that of two persons equall, God calleth the one to mercy, and leaveth the other in his sinne, one might inferre that God were unjust and an accepter of persons. To which the Apostle answereth, that God were not just nor indifferent indeed, so as of the meere to whom grace or salvation were due. As if two men being christened, both believe well, and live well: if God should give heaven to the one, and should damne the other, then were he unjust, partiall, and forgetfull of his promise: but reflecting or taking two, who both be worthy of damnation (as all are before they be first called to mercy), then the matter standeth on meere mercy, and of the given will and liberality, in which case partiality hath no place. As for example.*

1 *Two malefactors being condemned both for one crime, the Prince pardoneth the one and letteth the law proceed on the other.*

2 *The theefe that is pardoned, cannot attribute his escape to his owne deserving, but to the princes mercy.*

3 *The theefe that is executed cannot challenge the Prince that he was not pardoned also: but must acknowledge that he hath his deserving.*

4 *The standers by must not say that he was executed because the Prince would not pardon him: for that was not the cause, but his offence.*

5 *If they aske further, why the Prince pardoned not both, or executed not both: the answere is, that as mercy is a goodly vertue, so justice is necessary and commendable.*

6 *But if it bee further demanded why Iohn rather then Thomas executed: or Thomas rather then Iohn pardoned: answere, that (the parties being otherwise equall) it hangeth meerely and wholly upon the Princes will and pleasure.*

1 So likewise, God seeing all mankinde and every one of the same in a generall condemnation, and accept of none, in and by Adam; delivereth some, and not other some.

2 All that be delivered out of that common damnation, be delivered by grace and pardon, through the merits and merits of Christ.

3 Such as be left in the common case of damnation cannot complaine, because they have their deserving for same.

4 We may not say that such be damned, because God did not pardon them, but because they had sinne, and therefore deserved it.

5 That some should be damned, and not all pardoned, and other some pardoned rather then all condemned, is agreeable to Gods justice and mercy: both which vertues in Gods providence towards us are recommended.

6 That Saul should be rather pardoned then Caiphas (I meane where two be equally evill and undeserving) that is onely Gods holy will and appointment, by which many an unworthy man getteth pardon, but no good or just or innocent person is ever damned.

RHEM. 3 *In all this mercie of God towards some, and justice towards other some, both the pardoned worke by their owne free-will, and thereby deserve their salvation: and the other no lesse, by their owne free-will, without all necessity, worke wickednesse, and themselves and onely of themselves procure their owne damnation. Therefore no man may without blasphemy say, or can truly say, that he hath nothing to doe towards his owne salvation, but will live, and think he may live, without care or cogitation of his end the one way or the other, saying, If I be appointed to be saved, be it so: if I be not designed to damnation, I cannot helpe the matter: come what come may. All these speeches and cogitations are sinfull, and come of the enemy, and be rather figures of reprobation then of election. Therefore the good man must without search of Gods secrets, worke his owne salvation, and (as S. Peter saith) make his election sure by good workes, with continuall hope of Gods mercy; being assured that if he believe well, and doe well, he shall have well: for example, if a husbandman should say, If God will, I shall have corne enough: if not, I cannot make it, and so neglect to till his ground: he may be sure that he shall have none, because he wrought not for it. Another man useth his diligence in tilling and ploughing, and committeth the rest to God, he findeth the fruit of his labours.* Predestination and reprobation take not away free will, neither doth any man by reckelesse and desperate. 2 Pet. 1.10.

FVLK. 3 The cleft worke willingly toward their salvation, their will by grace being made free in part, from the slavery of sinne, whereunto all are subject by *Adams* fall, but they doe not thereby deserve their salvation. For salvation dependeth upon their election, which you confesse to be without all respect of merits, or workes done or foreseene, as S. *Augustine* sheweth most plainly, *Epist. 105. ad Sixtum.* Yet they must worke their salvation, walking in that way by Gods grace, which he hath appointed for all them that attaine to salvation. And they must make sure their election unto themselves (which is most sure in Gods knowledge) by good works which proceeding of faith, are the undoubted fruits of Gods election. Free-will. Grace. Merits.

RHEM. 4 16 Not of the willer.] *If our election, calling, or first comming to God, lay wholly or principally upon our owne will or workes: or if our willing or endeavouring to be good, would serve without the helpe and grace of God as the pelagians taught, then our calling were wholly in our selves, which the Apostle denieth: and then might Pharao and other obdurate persons (whom God hath appointed to be obstinate, to shew his power and just judgement upon them) be converted when themselves list, without Gods helpe and assistance: wherein we see the contrary in all such obstinate offenders, whom God for punishment of former sins, visiteth not with his grace, but by no threats, miracles, nor perswasions they can be converted. Whereupon we may not with heretikes inferre, that man hath not free-will, or that our will worketh nothing in our conversion or comming to God: but this onely, that our willing or working of any good to our salvation, commeth of Gods speciall working grace and assistance, and that if it like foreseeing whose not the principall.* Our election or conversion is not of our selves, but of Gods grace and mercy.

FVLK. 4 Our election, calling, and first comming to God, lieth wholly in Gods mercy, and not either wholly or principally, or any thing at all in our owne will or workes. But whom God elected before time, he calleth in time by him appointed, and of unwilling, by his grace, maketh them willing to come to him: and to walke in good workes, unto which he hath elected them. So that man hath no free-will, untill it be freed, mans will worketh nothing in our conversion untill it be converted, man hath no power to change his will unto better, except it be given of God. *Aug. retract. l. 1. c. 22. Ell liberum non tenere homines, ell liberum non posse homines, ell liberum non posse homines, ell liberum non posse

RHEM. 5 Rhemum sibi Deus, &c. [illegible] iustitia, in libertum sibi [illegible] & [illegible] ter illorum, [illegible] ideo-
[illegible] misereatur [illegible] ibertatem, [illegible]

17 To this purpose I have raised thee, ‖ He doth not say, I have bene bent of purpose & set him up to [illegible] be was the cause of [illegible] sance in Pharao, or that he intended his damnation directly or [illegible] but in respect of his demerits: but rather (as the Apostle saith straight after in this chapter of [illegible] offenders) that he with long patience and toleration expected his conversion; and (as S. C[illegible] word, Excitavi) preserved him alive to vengeance, whom he might justly have condemned before. In [illegible] when to this allegation is, we reade, Posui te, I have put or set thee up, as here, I have raised thee, that is to say, I have purposely advanced thee to be so great a King, and chosen thee out to be a notorious example both of the [illegible] that is in such whom I have for so great sins forsaken, and also to shew to the world, that no obstinacie of never so mightie offenders can resist me to do any thing which shall not fall to my glory. Which is no more to say, but that God often for the punishment of Nations, and to shew his justice and glory, giveth wicked Princes unto them, and suffereth them with power and all prosperity, and taking his grace from them upon their desertes, hardeneth their hearts so, as they withstand and contemne God, and afflict his people, in whose end and fall, either temporall or eternall, at the length God will ever be glorified. Neither would he either raise or suffer any such thing, or give them power and prosperity in this life, whereupon he knoweth they will be worse, but that he can work all that to his honour and glory. Marry, that he useth not such rigorous justice on all that deserve it, that is his great grace and mercy. And that he exerciseth his justice upon some certaine persons, rather then upon other some of equall deserts, that lieth wholly upon his will, in whose judgements there be many things secret, but nothing unjust.

Exod.9.16. In what sense God raised up Pharao, &c.

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The purpose for which God set up Pharao, is manifest in the text, that in him he might shew his power, &c. God made all things, for himselfe, even the wicked man unto the evill day. Therefore was Pharao a vessell of wrath ordained to destruction verse 22. His reprobation therefore was for the glory of God, his condemnation most just, for his obstinate contempt of God and his word.

Reprobation.

RHEM. 6 20 Who art thou? ‖ Here the Apostle stayeth the rashnesse and presumption of such poore wormes, as take upon them to question with God of their election or reprobation: as certaine impious heretikes of our time have done, setting out bookes farsed with most blasphemous and erroneous doctrine concerning this high and hidden mystery, and having given occasion to the ignorant which always be curious to jangle, and perniciously to erre in these things, that are impossible to be understood of any, or well thought of, but of the obedient and humble.

Heretical bookes concerning Predefination.

FVLK. 6 What bookes you meane, farsed with blasphemous and erronious doctrine I know not. But I know divers bookes of Predestination, written by learned men in this time, that open the truth of this mystery, as farforth as it is revealed in the Scriptures, to the glory of God, and great comfort of his children: upon the same principles for the most part, that you doe acknowledge in these notes, wherein you confesse in effect, the substance of the doctrine, though you shew not the most profitable use thereof, to the glory of God, and the humbling of all flesh before him, but flie from it, as much as you can, and seeke to obscure it.

Slander.

RHEM. 7 21 The Potter.] This example of the pot and potter reacheth no further but to declare, that the creature may not reason with God his maker, why he giveth not one so great grace as another, or why he pardoneth not one as well as another: no more then the chamber pot may challenge the Potter why he is not made a drinking pot,

FVLK. 3 We see we Catholikes in deede, but vnlesse [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] (Gods) [illegible] Rom. 1. 1. c. 2. 1.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 1 The Iustice of God.] *The Iustice of God, is that which God giueth vs through Christ, the same name or prerogatiue is that which they had vsurped to haue of themselues and by their owne strength, before they knew the mysterie of the Law which is the helpe or grace of Christ.*

Gods iustice and the Lawes owne iustice.

Iustice of faith.

Iustice of faith.] The iustice which is of faith, reacheth to the time to come, wherein men are required to the truth of the Articles as concerne the mysterie of Christ, as to confesse his Descending to hell, his comming downe to be incarnate, and his Resurrection and returne againe to be glorified: by which his actions we be pardoned, iustified and saued, as by the Law we could neuer be.

RHEM. 3 8 The word of faith.] *The word of faith is the whole Law of Christ, concerning both life and doctrine, grounded vpon this, that Christ is our Sauiour, and that he is risen againe. Which points (as all other) must both be beleeued in heart, and also be confessed by mouth; for though a man be iustified inwardly when he hath the vertues of faith, hope, and charity from God: yet if occasion be giuen, he is also bound to confesse with his mouth, and by all his externall actions, without shame or feare of the world, that which he inwardly beleeueth: or else he cannot be saued. Which is against certaine old heretikes that taught, a man might say or doe what he would, for feare or danger, so that he kept his faith in heart.*

Open confession and profession of our faith is sometime necessary.

Sanct. lib. 6. c. 31. hist. Eccles.

FVLK. 5 The word of faith, is the doctrine of iustification by faith, without the workes of the Law, as it is manifest by the sixth verse, out of which faith, proceedeth hope, loue, and confession, and all good workes, but the roote of all is faith onely, by which we are accounted iust, in the sight of God. S. *Ambrose* vpon these words of the text; *This is the word of faith which we preach*, giueth this onely interpretation, *Nullam operis dicit legis, sed solam fidem dandam in causa Christi.* He saith *that no worke of the Law, but faith onely, is to be giuen in the cause of Christ.* *Theodoret* giueth this exposition, *Quod dicit Moses de præceptis legitimis, hoc nos de fide dicimus, That which Moses said of the precepts of the Law, the same say we of faith.* Wherefore faith which iustifieth before God, is not the whole Law of Christ which containeth both faith and workes; but faith onely, that is faith considered without workes, yet as the roote of all good workes.

RHEM. 4 14 How shall they inuocate?] *This maketh not (as heretikes pretend) against inuocation of Saints: the Apostle saying nothing else, but that they cannot inuocate Christ as their Lord and Master, in whom they doe not beleeue, and whom they neuer heard of. For he speaketh of the Gentiles or Pagans, who could not inuocate him, vnlesse they did first beleeue in him. To the due inuocation of Christ, we must know him, and our duties to him. And so is it true also that we cannot pray to our Blessed Lady or any Saints in heauen, till we beleeue and know their persons, dignity and grace, and trust that they can helpe vs. But if our Aduersaries thinke that we cannot inuocate them, because we cannot beleeue in them: let them vnderstand that the Scripture vseth also this speech, to beleeue in men: and it is the very Hebrew phrase, which they should not be ignorant of that brag thereof so much.* Exod. 14. 31. They beleeued in God and in *Moses*, and in 3 Paral. 20. 20. in the Hebrew, Epist. ad Philem. v. 5. *And the ancient fathers did reade in the Creed indifferently,* I beleeue in the Catholike Church; *and,* I beleeue the Catholike Church, Conc. Nicen. apud Epiph. in fine Ancorat. Hieron. contr. Lucif. Cyril. Hierof. Catech. 17.

The place alledged against inuocation of Saints answered.

Invocation proper to God.

FVLK. 4 Wee cannot call vpon any, whom wee doe not know out of Gods word, and beleeue to bee both able and willing to helpe vs. Therefore Papists may haue a vaine perswasion, of the ability of Saints to helpe them: but testimony of the holy Scripture to assure their conscience they haue none. And further, seeing wee can invocate none, but him in whom we beleeue, and we ought to beleeue in God onely: we cannot without sacrilege, inuocate any creatures. Howbeit, you defend that you may beleeue also in creatures. And that the Scripture vseth this speech, *Exod.* 14. 31. *They beleeued in God and in Moses*, where your owne translation hath *Crediderunt Domino, & Mosi seruo ejus*, that is, they gaue the credit to the Lord; and to *Moses* his seruant. In the next text, 2 Paral. 20. 20. your owne translation hath *Credite in Domino Deo vestro & securi eritis, Credite Prophetis ejus & cuncta vobis prospere succedent. Beleeue in the Lord your God, and you shall be sure, beleeue his Prophets, so giue credit to his Prophets, and all shall fall out prosperously.* But here you inuert for sake your owne translation though it be true, and flie to the Hebrew text, where the proposition or seruile letter, is in both alike. Wherevnto I answere you, that the Hebrewes phrase ought not in Greeke, or Latine, to be translated with the Preposition that ruleth an Accusative or Ablative case, but with a Dative case, as your vulgar Latine interpreter hath well obserued: and so hath the Greeke text, in the first place, but in the second a Preposition before the Dative. But in the Epistle to *Philemon*, the text is, *Hearing of thy loue and faith which thou hast toward our Lord Iesus, and vnto all the Saints*, where euery man that is not obstinately blinde, doth see, that faith is referred to Christ, and loue to the Saints, which distinction and diuers relation is obserued euen by your owne Latine interpreters, and by your selues. Therefore the Scripture vseth no such speech, that can be translated in English, whereby it should appeare, that we may beleeue in creatures, that is, put our whole trust in creatures. For as S. *Cyprian* saith: *Non credidit Deum, qui non in eo solo collocat totius felicitatis suæ fiduciam. He doth not beleeue in God which doth not place in him alone the trust of his whole felicity. De duplici martyrio, Greg. Beticus ad Gallum & S. Plaudium. Si creatura est filius unigenitus, quomodo qui credit in eum non perit, sed vitam habebit æternam, cum credere in creaturam sit diuinitatis offensio? Respice ad Apostolum Paulum, considera quæ opprobria, quas obscenitates de his refutat, qui ex ipsa alia, commutauerunt veritatem Dei in mendacio, & coluerunt & seruierunt creaturæ potius quam Creatori. Tu si sic medio de colis & seruis unigenito filio Dei, ne eum dicas esse creaturam, illa te mala vitæ expellant quibus illi pulsantur, qui commutauerunt, &c.* But the Fathers (you say further) did reade in the Creed indifferently, *I beleeue in the Catholike Church, and I beleeue the Catholike Church.* I grant some did so, but in the same sense: namely, that to beleeue in the Church, was no more but to beleeue that there is a Catholike Church, as they said also, I beleeue in one Baptisme, I beleeue in the resurrection of the dead, and in the life to come. For that distinction in sense, must be obserued which *Ruffinus* deuiseth to be also in the words: *Non dixit in sanctam Ecclesiam, &c. He said not, I beleeue in the holy Catholike Church, nor in the remission of sinnes, nor in the resurrection of the body, for if he had added the Preposition In, these should haue beene the same forme of meaning, with that which went before. But now in these words in which is set forth our faith of the Godhead, it is said, In God the Father, and in Iesus Christ his Sonne, and in the holy Ghost: But in the rest, where the speech is not of the Godhead, but of creatures and mysteries, the Preposition In, is not added; that it should be said in the holy Church, but that we should beleeue that there is an holy Church, not as God, but as a Church gathered to God. And men should beleeue that there is remission of sinnes, not in the remission of sinnes, and they should beleeue the resurrection of the body, not in the resurrection of the body. Therefore by this syllable of Preposition, the Creator is distinguished from the creatures, and things pertaining*

Invocation of Saints departed.

RHEM. 5 15 Vnlesse they be sent.] *This place of the Apostle inuincibly ouerthrowes all the preachings, writings, ordinances, innouations, and vsurpations of Church, Pulpit, and whatsoeuer our new Euangelists haue inuented themselues and gotten into by the window: shewing, that they be euery one fond the highest to the lowest, false prophets, running and vsurping, being neuer lawfully called. Which is so euident in the heretikes of our dayes, that the Caluinists confesse it in themselues, and say that there is an exception to be made in them, because they found the state of the Church interrupted.*

Preachers not lawfully called now a dayes. Confess. des Egl. de France.

FVLK. 5 The Apostle speaketh not of the ordinary calling or sending by the Church, nor of the testimony of conscience, that euery one which is called ought to haue, that he is called and sent of God, but of the prouidence of God, by which the preachers of the Gospel are sent, whether they haue lawfull calling by men or no, to preach the Gospel to any nation, which is an argument of Gods loue vnto that people, to whom the message of saluation is offered. But that no man ought to intrude themselues into the office of preaching, without lawfull calling, it is prooued sufficiently by other places of Scripture. And we (God be thanked) haue lawfull calling, howsoeuer you slander the confession of the ministers of the French Church; which doe not require an exception to be made in them, because they found the state of the Church interrupted, but shew that the ordinary calling is not alwaies necessary, where the state of the Church is so corrupted, that it cannot be had of them that are ordered to holde the Church, but are indeed professed enemies of the true Church. But that the ordinary calling or sending is not [illegible], where either there is no Church, or the Church is so corrupted with heresie that it ceaseth to be a member of Christ: we may learne by examples of ancient conuersion of the faith by them that had no calling, to all of the Church. As a great nation of the Indians was by *Ædesius* and *Frumentius*. *Ruff. hist. lib. 1. cap. 9. Theod. li. 1. cap. 24.* And the nation of the Iberians by a captiue woman; which after she had conuerted the King and the Queene, they both became teachers of the Gospel to the people. *Ruff. li. 1. c. 10.* The nation of the Ismaerites, a most warlike people of Persia, receiued the faith before they had any Bishops, as testifieth *Nicephl. li. 16. cap. 37.* And who doubteth but the same may be done in a nation infected by heresie? when euen in a Catholike and sound Church, *Alexander* Bishop of Ierusalem, and *Theoctistus* of Cæsarea, defend themselues against *Demetrius* Bishop of Alexandria, who reprehended them for suffering *Origines*, before he was ordained by the Church, to teach in the Church, and to interpret the Scriptures in the presence of Bishops. Yea, they charge *Demetrius* with a lie, because he had written that it was neuer heard of or done before, that Lay-men should teach in presence of a Bishop, and bring foorth notable examples of the contrary custome: namely, that *Euelpius* was required to teach by *Neon* Bishop of Laranda; *Paulinus* by *Celsus* at Iconium, *Theodorus* by *Atticus* at Synnadorum, and diuers other in other places. Yea *Demetrius* himselfe which reprehended them, seemeth to allow, that when no Bishop was present, some other Lay-man might teach; seeing he taketh occasion to reprooue them, because they suffered *Origen* to teach in presence of the ordinary Bishop. *Euseb. lib. 6. cap. 19.* *Rufinus* concludeth heereof, in his translation of *Eusebius*, that there is no doubt, but many other Lay-men in other places, if there be any which can set forth the worke of God in word and doctrine, are prouided by the Bishops to the it. *lib. 6. cap. 19.* How much more are they bound in charity, where there is no ordinary Catholike teachers, to endeuour to conuert heretikes to the Catholike faith. And yet this is vainely obiected against *Luther*, *Caluin*, and others, that they lacked sending or calling, of which some, as they had baptisme, so they had calling of the Popish Church, to preach therein, other had ordinary calling of the Catholike Churches, separated from the Popish heresie, to be Preachers and Pastours of them.

Lawfull calling.

Sleidan.

RHEM. 6 20 That asked not.] *That Christ was found of those that neuer asked after him, it prooueth that he first grace and our first iustification is without merites. That God called so continually and earnestly by his prophets, and by other his figures and wonders, vpon the Iewes; and they withstood it: free will is prooued, and that God would haue men saued, and that they be the cause of their owne damnation themselues.*

The 6 & 7 point. Causes of mens ruine. Free will. Our iustification no iustification. Free will.

FVLK. 6 The first grace and iustification being voide of merits by only faith, is sufficient to glorification, as the Apostle saith: *Whom God iustifieth, he glorifieth.* Neither doth the Scripture vtterly any grace or iustification by merites. It hath beene often answered that mans will is free from coaction, but yet thrall to sinne, vntill by grace it be enlarged.

CHAP. XI.

Not all the Iewes were reprobate, but some elect: and they by grace obtained iustice, the rest (according to the Prophets) being excecated. 11 Against whom notwithstanding the Christian Gentiles (to whom by their reiection Christ is come) must not insult: but rather feare, euery man himselfe to be likewise cast off: the root (which is the Catholike Church) 25 and know that when all the Gentiles are brought into the Church; then (about the end of the world) shall the multitude of the Iewes also come in: 33 according to the diuine profound, misdeuise of God.

I Say then: Hath God reiected his people? God forbid; for I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Ben-iamin.

2 God hath not reiected his people which he foreknew. Or know you not in Elias what the Scripture saith: how he reqeesteth God against Israel?

3 *Lord*

I *Say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Beniamin.*

2 *God hath not cast away his people which he knew before. Wote ye not what the Scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel.*

3 ** Saying,*

3 King.19,10.

Esa.6,9.

Psal 68.23.

‡ The Iewes are not rejected wholly and incurably and for ever: but for a part, and for a time suffered to fall. Which God did turne to the Gentiles generall good. ‡ If God could and did turne their fall & sin into the good of the Gentils, much more will he work good of their generall conversion, which shall be at length the accomplishment of the Church consisting of both the nations.

3 Lord, they have killed thy Prophets, and digged downe thine altars, and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the divine answere unto him? I have left me seven || thousand men, that have not bowed their knees to Baal.

5 Even so then at this time also there are remnants saved according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace: || not now of works; otherwise grace now is not grace.

7 What then? that which Israel sought, the same he hath not obteined: but the election hath obteined: and the rest were blinded,

8 As it is written: || God hath given them the spirit of compunction: eyes, that they may not see: and eares, that they may not heare: until this present day.

9 And David saith: Be their table made for a snare and for a trap and for a scandall and for a retribution unto them.

10 Be their eies darkened, that they may not see: and their backe make them alwaies crooked.

11 I say then, have they so stumbled, ‡ that they should fall? God forbid, but by their offence, salvation is to the Gentiles, that they may emulate them.

12 And if the offence of them be the riches of the world, and the diminution of them ‡ the riches of the Gentiles, how much more the fulnesse of them.

13 For to you Gentiles I say, as long verely as I am the Apostle of the Gentiles, I will honour my ministery,

14 If by any meanes I may provoke my flesh to emulation, and may save some of them.

15 For if the losse of them be the reconciliation of the world: what shall the receiving be, but life from the dead?

16 And if the first fruit be holy, the masse also: and if the root be holy, the boughs also:

17 And if some of the boughs be broken, and thou whereas thou wast a wilde Olive, art graffed in them, and art made partaker of the root and of the fatnesse of the Olive,

18 Glory not against the boughes. And if thou glory: not thou beares the root, but the roote thee.

19 Thou sayest then: The boughes were broken, that I might be graffed in.

20 Well: || because of incredulity they were broken, but thou by faith doest stand: be not too highly wise, but ‡ feare.

21 For if God hath not spared the naturall boughes: lest perhaps he will not spare thee neither?

22 See then the goodnesse and the severity of God: upon them surely that are fallen, the severity: but upon thee the goodnesse of God, if thou abide in his goodnesse, other wise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 But they also, if they doe not abide in incredulity, shall be graffed in, for God is able to graffe them in againe.

24 For if thou wast cut out of the naturall wilde Olive, and contrary to nature wast graffed into the good Olive: how much more they that are according to nature, shall be graffed into their owne Olive?

25 For I will not have you ignorant, brethren, of this mysterie (that you be not wise in your selves) that blindnesse in part hath chanced in Israel, untill the fulnesse of the Gentiles might enter:

26 And so all Israel might be saved, as it is written: There shall come out of Sion, he that shall deliver, and shall avert impiety from Iacob.

27 And this to them the testament from me: when I shall have taken away their sinnes.

28 || According to the Gospell in deede enemies for you: but according to the election, most deere for the fathers.

29 For without repentance are the gifts and the vocation of God.

30 For || as you also sometime did not beleeve God, but now have obtained mercy because of their incredulity:

31 So these also now have not beleeved, for your mercy, that they also may obtaine mercy:

32 For God hath concluded all into incredulity, that he may have mercy on all.

33 || O depth of the riches of the wisedome and of the knowledge of God: how incomprehensible are his judgements, and his wayes unsearchable!

34 For * who hath knowne the minde of our Lord: or who hath beene his counseller?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and retribution shall be made him?

36 For of him, and by him, and in him, are all things: to him be glory for ever. Amen.

3 King.19.10

1 I say then: Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people, which he foreknew. Know you not in Elias what the Scripture saith, how he pleadeth with God against Israel?

3 Lord, they have killed thy Prophets, and digged downe thine altars, and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the divine answere unto him? I have reserved unto my selfe seven thousand men, which have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5 Even so at this time there is a remnant, according to the election of grace.

6 If it be of grace, then is it not now of workes: for then grace is no more grace. But if it be of workes, then is it not now no grace, for then worke is no more worke.

7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obteined it, the remnant hath beene † blinded,

8 (According as it is written, * God hath given them the spirit of remorse: eyes, that they should not see, and eares, that they should not heare) even unto this day.

9 And David saieth: Let their table be made a snare, & a trap, and a stumbling stocke, and a recompence unto them.

10 Let their eyes be † blinded, that they see not, and bow them downe their backs alway.

11 I say then, Have they therefore stumbled, that they should fall? God forbid: but through their fall, salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them withall.

12 Now if the fall of them, be the riches of the world, & the diminishing of them, the riches of the Gentiles: How much more their fulnesse?

13 For I speake to you Gentiles, in as much as I am the Apostle of the Gentiles, I magnifie mine office,

14 If by any meane I may provoke them which are my flesh, & might save some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them, be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 For if the first fruits be holy, the whole lumpe also is holy. And if the root be holy, the branches also.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou being a wilde Olive tree, wast graft in among them, and made partaker of the roote and fatnesse of the Olive tree:

18 Boast not thy selfe against the branches. For if thou boast thy selfe, thou beares not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches are broken off, that I might be graft in.

20 Well: because of unbeliefe they were broken off: and thou stoodest stedfast in faith. Be not high minded, but feare.

21 For seeing that God spared not the naturall branches, take heed lest it come to passe, that he spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the kindnesse and * rigorousnesse of God: on them which fell, rigorousnesse: but towards thee, kindnesse, if thou continue in kindnesse: or else thou also shalt be brought off.

23 And they, if they bide not still in unbeliefe, shall be graffed in: for God is of power to graffe them in againe.

24 For if thou were cut out of a naturall wild Olive tree, and were graffed, contrary to nature, in a true Olive tree: how much more shall these which be the naturall branches, be graffed in their owne Olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mysterie (lest ye should be wise in your owne conceits) that partly ‖ blindnesse is happened in Israel, untill the fulnesse of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, * There shall come out of Sion he that doth deliver, and shall turne away ungodlinesse from Iacob.

27 And this is my covenant unto them * when I shall take away their sinnes.

28 As concerning the Gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are loved for the fathers sakes.

29 For the free gifts and calling of God, are without repentance.

30 For as ye in time past have not beleeved God, yet have ye now obtained mercy through their unbeliefe:

31 Even so now have they not ‖ beleeved the mercy shewed unto you, that they also may obtaine mercy.

32 For God hath shut up all nations in unbeleefe, that he might have mercy on all.

33 O the deepnesse of the riches both of the wisedome and knowledge of God: how unsearchable are his judgements, and his wayes past finding out!

34 For * who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath beene his counseller?

35 Either who hath given unto him first, and he shall be recompensed againe?

36 For of him, and through him, and for him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Esa.59,20.

The Epistle upon Trinity Sunday.

Esa.40,13.

†Or, hardened.

Esay 29.10. matth.13.14.

†Or, darkened.

* Or, severity.

Rom. 11.

Esa.59.20.

Esa.27.9.

‖Or, through.

Sap.9.13. Esa.40.13. 1 Cor.2.16.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XI.

Rhem. 1. Fulk. 1

4. cBaal?] *The Heretikes adde heere also,* Image, *to the text, as Acts 19.35.*

The Greeke text which we translate, hath the article of the feminine Gender, the Relative or Substantive of which can be none other but the image: wherefore we adde nothing but that which is necessary to the understanding of the text, and is conteined in it.

Carelesse.

Rhem. 2

20 Feare.] *We see that he which standeth by faith, may fall from it, and therefore must live in feare, and not in the vaine presumption and security of the Heretikes.*

Fulk. 2

We see that he which of vaine presumption thinketh he standeth, may fall, but he that standeth by the grace of God, whereof he is assured by a lively faith, cannot fall, though he must always continue in the feare of God.

Certainty of salvation.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XI.

Rhem. 3

4 Seven thousand.] *The Heretikes alledge this place and example very impertinently to prove that the Church may be wholly secret, hid, or unknowen: for though the faithfull were forced to keepe close in that persecution of Achab and Iezabel, which was only in the kingdome of the seaven tribes, that is, of Israel: yet at the very same time, in Ierusalem and all the kingdome of Iuda, the externall worship and profession of faith was open to all the world, and most famous to Elias and the faithfull, for many, that * the very Sanctuary onely were numbred above seaven hundred thousand, besides that there is a great difference betweene the Christian Church and the Iewes, enioying farre better promises then theirs. And we will not put the protestants to prooue that there were seven thousand of their sect, when there were Elias Luther began: but let them prooue that there were seven, or any not, yea let them in all ages before him, that were in all points of his beliefe. Heretikes there were before him, as Iouinian, Vigilantius, Helvidius, Wicklife, &c. and with him, Zuinglius, Calvin, &c. who believed as he did in some things, but not in all.*

God suffereth Elias of zeale, publish nothing for the Protestants invisible Church. 2 Par.17.

Fulk. 3.

You may as well say, that Saint Paul alledgeth this example impertinently, to prooue that a remnant may be saved, which is unknowen to men. But that the Church or other thing hath become so hidden, that there was no publike

The Church hidden.

publike exercise of religion in Iuda and Ierusalem, the story of Scripture is full of examples: As in the kingdom of *Achaz* ... the seruice of God was remooved, and an idolatrous altar by the high Priests ... 2 *Reg.* 16. And *cap.* 17. 19. it is said, that neither Iuda did keepe the Lords commandements, but walked in the errours of Israel: where was then the visible Church? Likewise when *Manasses* built idolatrous altars in the temple. 2 *Reg.* 21. 4, & 5. Also in the dayes of *Amon* which walked in all the wayes of *Manasses*. 2 *Reg.* 21. 22. But you haue another helpe, to say that the Church of Christ resteth vpon better promises then the Church of the Iewes. I pray you where is there any promise that the Church of Christ shall neuer be hidden? we find a prophesie that she shall flie into the wildernesse. *Apoc.* 12. But for the perpetuall continuance of the Church of the Iewes vntill the first comming of Christ, there be as many and as good promises, as for the Church of the Gentiles to continue vntill the second comming of Christ. Howbeit, you will not put vs to proue that there were seuen thousand, but seuen, or any one of our beliefe when *Luther* began, whereas it is certaine there were many thousands (beside them that were scattered and hidden in England, France and other nations) in Calabria, Piemonte, Moravia, Bohemia, and other places, which many hundred yeeres before *Luther*, professed the same doctrine of Christ which *Luther* taught in Saxonie, and were called of the Papists *Waldenses*, *Paupers de Lugduno*, *Leonistæ*, *Lollardi*, *Picardi*, and by such other opprobrious names: whose doctrine in all the chiefe poynts to be the same, witnesseth *Reinerius* an inquisitor, more then three hundred yeeres agoe. And their apologie against *Bellarmine*, and other then submitted themselues to the Councell of *Basil*, set out *Anno* 1431. Also by the treatise of *Claudius Seissel* a Doctor of Diuinity of Paris, which professeth to confute the errours of the *Waldenses*, *Wicklevists*, and other ancient heretikes (as he calleth them) because they contained in a maner (as he saith) all the heresies of this time long agoe by the Popish Church condemned. Therefore it is a fond and ridiculous euasion, to say; there was not any that did beleeue in all poynts as *Luther* did, when there is no ancient writer but hath some priuate opinions, and perhaps peculiar to himselfe: yet they that consent in the chiefe and necessary Articles of faith, notwithstanding they agree not in all points, haue beene alwaies accounted members of one true Church: as *Anicetus* and *Polycarpus*, *Victor* and *Irenæus*, *Cornelius* and *Cyprian*, *Epiphanius* and *Chrysostome*, *Hierome* and *Augustine*, *Hierome* and *Ruffinus*, *Theodoretus* and *Cyrillus*, *Leo* and the Councell of Chalcedon, and such other. You your selues will not refuse the *Thomists* and *Scotists*, Dominicans, and Franciscans, Iesuits, and other Papists, though they agree not in all points of doctrine.

RHEM. 4 6 Not now of works.] *If saluation be attributed to good workes done of nature without faith and Gods helpe, the same cannot be of grace, for such workes exclude grace, fauour, and mercy: and challenge vnto it debt, and not of gift. Therefore take heed here of the Heretikes exposition, that vnfruitfully exclude Christian mens workes from necessity or merit of saluation, which are done with and by Gods grace, and therefore euidently consist with the same, and be ioyned with Gods grace in causes of our saluation. Our aduersaries are like ill Potecaries, euer taking quid pro quo, either of ignorance, or of intent to deceiue the simple.* What workes are not, and what are the cause of saluation.

FVLK. 4 The Apostle speaketh of the election by grace by which all are saued, therefore he excludeth the merit of all workes as well of the circumcised Iewes and baptised Christians, as of the vnbeleeuing Gentiles: yet are Christian men bound of necessity to doe good workes, not as causes meriting saluation, but as the end of their election: *Ephes.* 1. 4. *Ephes.* 2. 8, 9, 10, where the Apostle sayeth, *We were chosen before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and vnblameable before him in loue.* And, *You are saued by grace through faith, and that not of your selues, it is the gift of God. Not of workes, lest any man should boast. For we are his workemanship, created vnto good workes in Christ Iesu, which God hath prepared that we should walke in them.* Wherefore the Papists be not like ill Potecaries, that for lacke of one medicine take another as good, or at least not hurtfull, but like most venemous serpents that poyson all things that they touch or come neere vnto. Merit.

RHEM. 5. *Aug. Ep. 105. ad Sixtum.* 7 God hath given.] *It doth not signifie his working or action, but his permission,* Chrys. hom. 19. in ep. Rom. *And* Saint Augustine *saith, not by putting malice into them, but by not imparting his grace vnto them, and that through their owne defects alwayes, and their owne wills euer properly working the same.* Sed Animo. Mal. c. 13. 14. Rom. c. 1. 24. God is not author of sinne.

FVLK. 5. God workeh not as an evill author of sinne, but as a just judge, in giving the spirit of compunction, and sending the spirit of errour to them that haue deserued to be deceiued. God is not author of sinne.

RHEM. 20 Because of incredulity.] *He reproueth the pride of the Gentiles, vaunting themselues of their receiuing, and of the Iewes reiection, namely in that they thought the Iewes to be forsaken for no other cause, but that they might come into their roomes: declaring that the direct and proper cause of their forsaking, was their incredulity, exhorting the Gentiles to beware of the same, because they may fall as well as the other, and that God is as like to execute iustice against them as against the Iewes, as he hath done in many nations falling to heresie.* A paraphraticall explication of the text concerning the Iewes and Gentiles, their standing, falling, rising againe, &c.

28 According to the Gospel.] *In respect, or, in concerning beliefe in Christ and receiuing the Gospell, they are Gods enemies: by occasion of which their incredulity, the Gentiles found mercy: otherwise in respect of his speciall election of that nation, and the promises made to the Patriarches, the Iewes are deere to him still; for God neuer repenteth but he performeth, nor reuoketh himselfe of the priuileges giuen to that nation.*

30 For as you.] *As the Gentiles which before beleeued not, found mercy and came to faith, when the Iewes did fall: so the Iewes not now beleeuing, when all the Gentiles haue obtained mercy, shall in the end of the world by Gods disposition obtaine grace and pardon as the Gentiles haue done.*

RHEM. 6. 33 Concluded all.] *That so God taking all nations and all men in sinne (which they fell into, not by his drift or causing, but of their owne free will) may of his mercy call and conuert whom and in what order he will: and the parties haue no cause to brag ge of their deseruings: but both countries and particular men may referre their eternall election and their first calling and conuersion to Christ, and to his mercy onely: no workes which they had before in their incredulity, deseruing any such thing, though their workes afterward proceeding of faith and grace doe merite heauen.*

FVLK. 6. Not onely our election, first calling, and conversion vnto Christ, is to be referred vnto Gods only mercy, but also our perseuerance vnto the end, and the reward of eternall life to the end without end (as Saint *Augustine* saith) is of the onely grace and mercy of God, and not of the merits of our workes: Nam unde mihi tantum meritum est, cui indulgencia pro corona est? *For whence haue I so great merit, when mercy is my crowne.* Ambros. exhort. ad virgines. Grant. Merit.

RHEM. 7. 33 O depth.] *The Apostle concludeth, that no man ought to search further into Gods secret and vnsearchable counsels of the vocation of the Gentiles, & reiecting the Iewes, otherwise then this, that all which be reiected, for their sinnes be iustly reiected: and all that be saued, by Gods great mercy and Christs grace be saued. And whosoeuer seeketh among the people to diuide communion of curiosity, by looking further after things past mans and Angels reach, they ouerreach and ouerthrow themselues. If thou wilt be saued, beleeue, obey the Church, feare God, and keepe his Commandements: what is thy part, and euery mans iust? Thou ought not examine whether thou be predestinate or reprobate, nor seeke to iudge the secret of Gods diuine iudgement touward thy selfe or other men. It is the common enemy* How far we may and ought to know in the doctrine of Predestination.

RHEM. 7. And the Christians may with humility search so farre into the doctrine of predestination, as the Scripture hath reuealed to our comfort. But out of the compasse of Gods word, all curious searching is dangerous and damnable. The bookes of *Caluin*, *Beza*, and *Peruse* keepe themselues within the compasse of the holy Scriptures, and hold no blasphemous or other erroneous opinions, that derogate any thing from the glory of God, or be hurtfull to the saluation of men, as your slanderous and malicious pen supposeth, beside your presumptuous iudgement, that they be reprobates, whereof some be yet liuing, of whom it is hard to pronounce, although they were now blasphemous heretikes, and you the Catholike Church (as the contrary is true) because God might giue them repentance. slander. Antichristian presumption.

CHAP. XII.

He exhorteth them to mortification of the body, 2 to renouation of the mind, 3 to keeping of vnity by humility, 6 to the right vsing of their gifts and functions, 9 to many other good offices, 17 and specially to loue of their enemies.

THE 2. PART. of this Epistle, morall.

The Epistle vpon the first Sunday after the Epiphany.

I Beseech you therefore brethren by the mercy of God, * that you exhibite your bodies ‖ a liuing host, holy, pleasing God, your reasonable seruice.

* Phil. 4. 18.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be reformed in the newnesse of your minde, * that you may proue what the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God is.

Eph. 5. 17. 1 Thes. 4. 3.

3 For I say by the grace that is given me, to all that are among you, † not to be more wise then behoueth to be wise, but to be wise vnto sobriety, * to euery one as God hath diuided the measure of faith.

† None must presume to meddle about the measure of Gods gift, or out of the compasse of his function. * 1 Cor. 12. 11. Ephes. 4. 7.

4 For as in one body wee haue many members, but all the members haue not one action.

5 So we being many are one body in Christ, and each one another's members.

The Epistle vpon the second Sunday after the Epiphanie.

6 And hauing gifts, according to the grace that is given vs, different, either † prophecy ‖ according to the rule of faith,

† Prophecy is interpretation of the Scriptures, which is according to the rule of faith, when it is not against the right faith, or when it is profitable to edifie charity, as S. *August.* speaketh, l. 3. *De Doc. c.* 27. and *c.* 2. *c.* 36. and in effect he saith the same *l.* 12. *Confess. c.* 18. vnto *c.* 32. *c. dilectio.*

7 Or ministery in ministring, or he that teacheth in doctrine,

8 He that exhorteth in exhorting, he that giueth in simplicity, he that ruleth in carefulnesse, he that sheweth mercy in cheerefulnesse.

9 ‖ Loue without simulation. Hating euill, cleaue to good.

‖ manifest.

10 Loving the charity of the brotherhood one toward another. With honour preuenting one another.

11 In carefulnesse not slouthfull. In spirit feruent. Serving our Lord.

12 Rejoycing in hope. Patient in tribulation. Instant in prayer.

13 Communicating to the ‖ necessities of the Saints. Pursuing hospitality.

14 Blesse them that persecute you: blesse, and † curse not.

† Cursing is a vice whereunto the common people is much given who often curse them on whom they cannot otherwise be reuenged, they may see here that it is a great fault.

15 To rejoyce with them that rejoyce, to weepe with them that weepe.

16 Being of one minde one toward another. Not minding high things, but consenting to the humble. ♣ b Be not wise in your owne conceite.

b The Epistle vpon the third Sunday after the Epiphany.

17 To no man rendring euill for euill. Prouiding good things not onely before God, but also before all men.

18 If

I *Beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercifulnesse of God, that ye* ‖ *giue vp your bodies a quicke sacrifice, holy, acceptable vnto God, which is your reasonable seruice.* ‖ Or, present.

2 *And be not fashioned like vnto this world: but be ye changed in your shape, by the renuing of your mind, that ye may proue what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.*

3 *For I say, through the grace giuen vnto me, to euery man that is among you that no man esteeme of himselfe more then he ought to esteeme: but so esteeme* himselfe *that he esteeme himselfe discreetly, according as God hath deale to euery man the measure of faith.*

4 *For as wee haue many members in one body, and all members haue not one office:*

5 *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and euery one, members one of another.*

6 *Seeing then we haue diuers gifts, according to the grace that is giuen vnto vs: either prophecy, after the measure of faith:*

7 *Either office, in administration: or he that teacheth, in teaching:*

8 *Or he that exhorteth, in exhorting: he that giueth, in singlenesse: he that ruleth, in diligence: he that is mercifull, in cheerefulnesse:*

9 *Loue, without dissimulation, hating euill, cleauing to good.*

10 *Affectioned one to another with brotherly loue, in giuing honour, going one before another.*

11 *Not lither in businesse, feruent in spirit, serving the Lord.*

12 *Reioycing in hope, patient in tribulation, instant in prayer.*

13 *Distributing to the necessity of Saints, giuen to hospitality.*

14 * *Blesse them which persecute you, blesse,* Matth. 5. 44. *and curse not.*

15 *Reioyce with them that doe reioyce, and weepe with them that weepe.*

16 * *Being of like affection one towards another, being not high minded: but making your selues equall to them of the lower sort. Be not wise in your owne opinions.* Pro. 3. 7.

17 * *Recompensing to no man euill for euill.* Pro. 20. 22. *Providing of orehand things honest, not onely before God, but also in the sight of all men.*

18 * *If*

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearely beloved, avenge not your selves, but rather give place unto wrath. For it is written, *Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.*

Deut. 32, 35.

20 Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drinke: for in so doing, thou shalt heape coales of fire on his head.

Prou. 25, 21.

21 Be not overcome of evill, but overcome evill with good.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XII.

1 A living host.] *Lest men should thinke by the former discourse of Gods eternall predestination, that no reward were to be had of our workes, the Apostle verie excellently recommendeth to them holinesse of life.*

1 A living host.] *Man maketh his body a sacrifice to God by giving it to suffer for him, by chastising it with fasting, watching, and such like, and by occupying it in workes of charity and vertue to Gods honour. Whereby appeareth how acceptable these workes are to God and gratefull in his sight, being compared to a sacrifice, which is an high service done to him.*

Rhem.

Rhem. 1.

6 According to the rule of faith.] *By this, and many places of holy writ, we may gather, that the Apostles by the holy Ghost, before they were sundred into diverse Nations, set downe among themselves a certaine rule and forme of faith and doctrine, containing not onely the Articles of the Creede, but all other principles, grounds, and the whole platforme of all the Christian religion. Which rule was before any of the bookes of the new Testament were written, & before the faith was preached among the Gentiles; by which not onely every other inferiour teachers doctrine was tried, but the faith was preached among the Gentiles, by which not onely every other inferiour teachers doctrine was tried, but all the Apostles, and Evangelists preaching, writing, interpreting (which is borne called prophesying) were of Gods Church approved and admitted, or disproved and rejected. This forme, by mouth conteined in Scripture, every Apostle delivered to the countrey by them converted. For keeping of this forme, the Apostle before praysed the Romanes, and afterward earnestly warneth them by no meanes plausible speech to be drawen from the same. This he commendeth to Timothee, calling it his Depositum. For not holding this fast and sure, he blameth the Galatians, further also detesteth to this rife of an Angel that should write, teach, or expound against that which they first received. And hence, also commending always to beware of them that taught otherwise. For feare of missing the line of truth, himselfe notwithstanding he had the holy Ghost, yet lest he might have preached in vaine and lost his labour, he went to conferre with Peter and the rest; for the safe keeping of this rule of truth, the Apostles held Councels, and their successors by their example. For the holding of this rule, and by the measure thereof, were all the holy Scriptures written; for, and by the same, all the glorious Doctors have made their sermons, commentaries, and interpretations of Gods word: all writings and interpretations otherwise published or devised to helpe God, but as they be agreeable to this Rule.*

The body chastised by penance is a spirituall sacrifice.

The Apostolicall rule of analogie or faith.

And this is the sure Analogie and measure of faith, set downe and commended to us every where for the Apostles tradition: and not the phantasticall rule, or square that every Sectmaster pretendeth to gather out of the Scriptures falsely understood and wrested to his purpose, by which they judge of Doctor, Scripture, Church, and all. Arius had his that measure a rule of his owne, Luther had his false worke law, and Calvin his owne also. According to which severall measure of every Sect, they draw their expositions of Gods word: and he England (as in other infected Countries) they hope of late an easie imitation of this prophesying which S. Paul here and in other places speaketh of, and which was an exercise in the Primitive Church, not feared out by every mans peculiar spirit, but by the former rule of faith first set downe by the Apostles. And therefore all this new phantasticall Prophesying & all other preaching in Calvins Schoole, is justly by this vote of the Apostle condemned, for that it is not according to, but quite against the rule of faith.

The Heretikes phantasticall rule or rather rules of faith, ruffey and divers one from another.

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First you translate boldly, ratione in fide, the rule of faith, which is not the proper signification of the word Ratio. Secondly, whereas all the ancient writers, that comment upon the text in a manner, understand the word Analogia, for the measure of every mans faith, whereunto God giveth a gift agreeable, and not one understandeth it, for such a rule of faith, as you suppose: what credit shall your interpretation have, with any man of meane judgement? But specially where you affirme, that it was such, as being delivered without writing, all the writings of the new Testament were tried and approved by it: it is horrible blasphemy against the holy Scriptures. That a rule of faith might be concluded of by the Apostles, to direct all teachers and beleevers by it, we deny not: but that this rule was drawen out of all the holy Scriptures, and contained nothing but that which is grounded upon them, it is manifestly proved, because the Gospell which they preached, was grounded wholly upon the holy Scriptures, as testifieth Saint Paul, Rom. 1, 2. Acts 26, 22. and by many other places of Scripture. And therefore all your wrangling is in vaine, to perswade men without argument of Scripture, that there was such a rule unwritten, that contained more then the Scripture. The faith which Saint Paul commended in the Romanes, was the faith of the Gospel, which God had promised before by the Prophets, in the Scriptures. That forme of doctrine, which was committed to Timothy, was conteined in the holy Scriptures, wherein he had beene trained up from a childe, and which were able to make him wise unto salvation, and perfectly instructed, to all parts of his office, 2 Tim. 2, 15, 16, 17. It was the Gospell which he preached to the Galathians set foorth in the Scriptures, and not a secret tradition, but the publique doctrine of justification by faith, without all ceremonies and workes of the law. But that he feared to misse the rule of truth, when he went up to Jerusalem, after he had preached the Gospell fourteene yeeres, what is it but blasphemous impudency, to affirme? when he saith, he did declare to the rest of the Apostles privately, the doctrine that he preached publiquely, not for feare least he had missed himselfe, but that the rest of the Apostles might give publique testimony of his doctrine, to be the same that theirs was, against them, that to hinder the profit of his preaching, reported that he taught otherwise then the rest of the Apostles, Gal. 2. Finally, the scriptures inspired of God, were written to be the rule of truth, for certainty of faith: and not to maintaine such an unwritten tradition, but to defend the truth and faith, from all heretical pretences of secret tradition. Therefore the Apostle either speaketh not at all, of any rule of truth in this place, or else he speaketh of the articles of the Creede, which being taken out of the Scriptures, and containing a briefe summe of Christian faith, may be called that rule of faith, according to which all prophesying, and interpretation of the Scripture is to be framed. Where you say, that we have severall rules of faith amongst us, it is true

Vnwritten traditions.

CHAP. XIII.

To obey Princes and all other duties unto Powers: 8 to love one another which is the fulfilling of the Law: 11 and diligently to watch, and now ready, that we may, we must cast off the workes of darknesse and flumber it.

Tit. 3, 1. 1 Pet. 2, 13.

1 LET ‖ everie soule bee subject to higher powers, for there is ‖ no power but of God. And those that are, of God are ordeined.

2 Therfore he that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God. And they that resist, purchase to themselves damnation.

3 For Princes are no feare to the good work, but to the evill. But wilt thou not feare the power? Doe good: and thou shalt have praise of the same.

4 For he is Gods minister unto thee for good. But if thou doe evill, feare: for he ‖ beareth not the sword without cause. For he is Gods minister: a revenger unto wrath, to him that doth evill.

5 Therefore be subject of necessitie, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For therefore ‖ you give tributes also, for they are the ministers of God serving unto this purpose.

7 Render therfore to all men their due: to whom tribute, tribute: to whom custom, custome: to whom feare, feare: to whom honour, honour.

Matt. 22, 21.

8 Owe no man any thing: but, that you love one another. For hee that loveth his neighbour, hath ‡ fulfilled the law.

The Epistle upon the 4. Sunday after the Epiphanie. Exod. 20, 13.

9 For, *Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steale, Thou shalt not beare false witnesse, Thou shalt not covet*, and if there bee any other commandement, it is comprised in this word, *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy selfe.*

Levit. 19, 18.

10 The love of thy neighbour, worketh no evill. Love therefore is the fulnesse of the law. (ℒ)

The Epistle upon the 1. Sunday in Advent.

11 And that knowing the season, that it is now the houre for us to rise from sleepe. For now our salvation is neerer then when we beleeved.

12 The night is passed, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the workes of darknesse, and doe on the armour of light.

13 As in the day let vs walke honestly: ‖ not in bankettings and drunkennesse, not in chambering and impudicities, not in contention and emulation.

14 But doe yee on our Lord IESVS Christ, (ℒ) and make not provision for the flesh in concupiscences.

Let everie soule bee subject to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God, The powers that bee, are ordained of God.

Sap. 6, 4.

2 *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation.*

3 *For rulers are not feareful to good workes, but to the evill. Wilt thou not feare the power? Doe well, and thou shalt have praise of the same.*

4 *For hee is the minister of God for thy wealth. But if thou do evil feare: for he beareth not the sword in vaine: For he is the minister of God, revenger of wrath on him that doth evill.*

5 *Wherefore yee must needs be subject, not only for feare of* ‖ *punishment: but also because* ‖ Or, wrath. *of conscience.*

6 *And for this cause pay ye tribute, for they are Gods ministers, serving for the same purpose.*

7 *Give to every man therefore his due, tribute to whom tribute is due; custome to whom custome, feare to whom feare, honour to whom honour belongeth.*

8 *Owe nothing to no man, but to love one another: (for he that loveth another, hath fulfilled the law.*

9 *For this,* * *Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steale, thou shalt not beare false witnesse, thou shalt not lust:* * *and if there bee any other commandement, it is in few wordes comprehended in this saying: namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy selfe.*

Exod. 20, 14. deuis. 18. Levit. 19, 18. matt. 22, 39. rom. 13, 9. galat. 5, 14. iames 2, 8.

10 *Charity worketh no ill to his neighbour, therefore the fulfilling of the law is charitie.*)

11 *And chiefely considering the season, how that it is time that we should now awake out of sleepe: for now is our salvation neerer then when we believed.*

12 *The night is passed, the day is come nigh. Let us therefore cast away the deeds of darknes,* * *and let us put on the armour of light.*

Luke 21, 34.

13 *Let us walke honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkennesse, neither in chambering and wantonnesse, neither in strife and envying.*

14 *But put ye on the Lord Iesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.*

MARGINABLE NOTES. CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 1. 8 Fulfilled the law.] Here we [illegible] as [illegible] hath fulfilled the law of the second Table. The first impossible to be kept.

FVLK. 1. But euen neuer saw the man, nor euer shall, that did in this life as much as possible. Therefore imperfect loue doth not perfectly fulfill the Law: and it is still impossible to escape the [illegible], in such perfection, as the iustice of the Law requireth.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 2. 1 Every soule be subiect.] *Because the Apostles preached liberty by Christ from the yoke of the law and seruitude of sin, and gaue all the faithfull both example and commandement to obey God more then men: and withall euer charged them expressly to be obedient and subiect to their prelates, as to them which had care of their soules, and were by the holy Ghost placed ouer the Church of God: there were many in those dayes newly conuerted, that thought themselues free from all temporall Potestates, carnall Lords, and humane creatures or powers: whereupon the headman took occasion to bee loose from his seruitude, the subiect from his Soueraigne, were hee Emperour, King, Duke, or what other secular Magistrate soeuer, specially the Princes of those daies being Heathens and persecuters of the Apostles, and of Christs religion; for which cause and for that the Apostles were untruely charged of these aduersaries, that they withdrew men from order and obedience to ciuill lawes and officers: S. Paul here (as S. Peter doth 1 Chap. 2.) cleareth himselfe, and expressly chargeth euery man to be subiect to his temporall prince and superiors: Not euery man to all that bee in office or superioritie, but euery one to him whom God hath put in authoritie ouer him, by that he is his Master, Lord, King, or such like: neither to them in matters of religion or regiment of their soules (for most part were pagans, whil the Apostle could not will vs to obey in matters of faith) but to them in such things only as concerne the publike peace and policie, and what other causes soeuer consist with Gods holy will and ordinances, for* [illegible] *against God no power may be obeyed.* Obedience to temporall rulers, & in what cases.

FVLK. 2. *Chrysostome vpon this place saith Hom 23. he sheweth, that these things are commanded to all men, both Priests and Monks, & not to temporall men only, which he declareth in the beginning, when he said, Let euery soule be subiect to the highest powers: although thou be an Apostle, although thou be a Prophet, although thou be what soeuer thou art: for this subiection doth not ouerthrow religion.* And if Heathen princes are to be obeyed of all men in all things that are not against Christian religion, how much more Christian princes, in matters that are agreeable to Christian faith and religion. Seeing that (as S. *Augustine* saith) they *serue God as Kings, making iust lawes, and destroying idolatry as Ezekias did.* The same father counteth him not sober, *that would say to Christian Kings: Take no care in your kingdome, of whom the Church of your Lord is defended or oppugned: it pertaineth not to you, who in your dominion will be religious or sacrilegious, to whom it may not be said it pertaineth not vnto you, who in your dominion will bee chaste or vnchaste, Epist. 50. Bonifacio.* Therefore it standeth with Gods holy will and ordinance, that Princes should make lawes to maintaine true religion, and to suppresse false religion, whereunto all men are commanded to be obedient. Acts 4. 19. 5. 29. Authoritie of ciuill Princes.

RHEM. *Chrysost. in epist. Rom. hom. 23.* 1 No power but of God.] S. Chrysostome *here noteth, that power, rule, and superiority, is Gods ordinance, but not ech estowes all Princes: because many may usurpe, who reigne by his permission onely, and not by his appointment; nor all actions that euery one doth in and by his soueraigne power, as* Iulians *apostasie and afflictions of Catholikes*, Pharaos *tyrannicall oppression of the Israelites*, Achabs *persecution of the Prophets*, Neros *executing of the Apostles*, Herods *and* Pilats *condemning of Christ: all which things God permitted them, by the abuse of their power to accomplish, but they were out of the compasse of his causing and ordinance.* In what sense, all power or superiority is of God.

RHEM. 3. 2 They that resist.] *Whosoeuer resisteth or obeyeth not his lawfull Superior in those causes wherein he is subiect vnto him, withstandeth Gods appointment, and purueth deadly, and is worthy to be punished both in this world by his superior, and by God in the next life: for in temporall gouernment and causes, the Christians were bound in conscience to obey their heathen Emperours: though on the other side, they were bound vnder paine of damnation to obey their Apostles and Prelats, and not to obey their Kings or Emperours, in matters of religion. Whereby it is cleare, that when we be commanded to obey our superiors, it is meant alwaies and only in such things as they may lawfully command, and in respect of such matters wherein they be our superiours.* In things lawfully commanded it is mortall sin not to obey our superiours.

FVLK. 3. If Heathen Princes commaund any thing in matters of religion that is agreeable to true religion, they are to bee obeyed, euen in matters of religion. As *Cyrus* in the law which hee made for building the Temple, *Esra* 1. and *Darius*, as well for building, as for offering of sacrifice, *Esra* 6. And *Artaxerxes*, for reformation of the Church, by the discretion and wisedome of *Esra*, *Esra* 7. And *Darius* the Median, for worshipping of the true God, *Dan* 6. 27. Authoritie of ciuill Princes in matters of religion.

RHEM. 4. 4 Beareth not the sword.] *That the Apostle meaneth here specially of temporall powers, we may see by the sword, tribute, and externall compulsion, which he here attributeth to them. And the Christian men then had no doubt whether they should obey their spirituall powers, but now the disease is cleane contrary. For all is giuen to the secular power, and nothing to the spirituall, which expresly is ordained by Christ and the Holy Ghost: and all the faithfull are commaunded to bee subiect thereunto, as to Christs owne word and will. There were Heretikes called Begardi, that tooke away all rule and superioritie: The Wicliffists would obey no Prince nor Prelate, if he were once in deadly sinne. The Protestants of our time (as we may see in all Countries where the secular sword is drawne against their Sectes) care neither for the one nor for the other, though they extoll only the Secular when it maketh for them. The Catholikes onely most humbly obey both, euen according to Gods ordinance, the one in temporall causes, and the other in spirituall: in which order both these States haue blessedly flourished in all Christian countries euer since Christs time, and it is the very way to preserue both, in one day all the world shall confesse with vs.* The Apostle speaketh of temporall powers. Heresies against rule and superiorities. The obedience of Catholikes both to spirituall and temporall superiours.

FVLK. 4. We giue no more to the secular power, then is due by the word of God. *Wiclef* was slandered to deny obedience to Princes, and spirituall Pastors, for he denied neither of both. But proued that the Pope was Antichrist, and his Clergie were no Pastors of the Church, but wolues. The Protestants (God bee thanked) at this day, as alwayes, are obedient euen to wicked Princes vnto death and martyrdome. The Papists conspire most horrible treason to murder Christian Princes, and to inuade their land with strangers, as it is manifest, to the reproch and shame of that murthering heresie. Slander.

RHEM. 5. *Hiero. in Mat. 17.* 6 You giue tributes.] *Though euery man ought to bee ready to serue his temporall Prince with his goods, by tributes or what other lawfull taxes and subsidies soeuer: yet they may exempt by priuiledges whom they thinke good. As in all countries Christian: Priests for the honour of Christ, whose Ministers they be, haue by the grants and ancient charters of kings bin exempted and exempted. Notwithstanding they were neuer vnwoodie to serue voluntarily their Soueraigne, in all common causes, with whatsoeuer they had.* See Annot. in Matt. 17. 26. The Clergie exempted from tribute.

FVLK. 5. [illegible] by the Law of God: whether [illegible] princes, and so haue right to [illegible] of [illegible] vengeance vpon offenders, [illegible] glory, [illegible]

RHEM. 23 [illegible] S. Augustine *Rectes* [illegible] *sentence, by this voice comming from heauen, Tolle, lege: Take vp and reade, take vp and reade, as himselfe telleth, Lib. 8. Confess. c. 12.* S. Augustine

CHAP. XIIII.

Like a louing and prudent pastor he reuoketh the strong Christians (who walk the perfitter) and the infirme (who were but Christian newes, hauing yet a scruple to cease from keeping the ceremoniall workes and lawes of Moyses lawe) but exhorteth the Iew not to condemne the Gentile, vsing his libertie: and the Gentile, againe, not to condemne the scrupulous Iew: but rather to abstaine from vsing his libertie, then of making the Iew, to bee an occasion vnto him of offending.

HIm that is weake in the faith receiue, not to doubtfulnesse of disputations.

2 *One beleeueth that hee may eate euery thing: another which is weake, eateth herbes.*

3 *Let not him that eateth, despise him that eateth not: and let not him which eateth not, iudge him that eateth. For God hath receiued him.*

4 *What art thou that iudgest another mans seruant? To his owne master he standeth or falleth: Yea, he shalbe holden vp, for God is able to make him stand.*

5 *This man putteth difference betweene day and day. Another man esteemeth all dayes alike. Let euery man bee fully perswaded in his owne minde.*

6 *He that obserueth the day, obserueth it vnto the Lord: and hee that obserueth not the day, to the Lord hee doeth not obserue it. Hee that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for hee giueth God thankes: and hee that eateth not, eateth not to the Lord, and giueth God thankes.*

7 *For none of vs liueth to himselfe, and no man dyeth to himselfe.*

8 *For if we liue, we liue vnto the Lord: and if we die, we die vnto the Lord: whether we liue therefore, or die, we are the Lords.*

9 *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and reuiued: that hee might bee Lord both of dead and quicke.*

10 *But thou, why iudgest thou thy brother? Either, why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the iudgement seat of Christ.* 2 Cor. 5. 10.

11 *For it is written, Liue I, saith the Lord, and all knees shall bow to mee: and all tongues shall giue praise to God.* Esay 45. 23. Phil. 2. 10.

12 *So shall euery one of vs giue account of himselfe to God.*

13 *Let vs not therefore iudge one another any more: but iudge this rather, that no man put a stumbling blocke, or an occasion to fall, to his brothers way.*

14 *For I know, and am perswaded by the Lord Iesus, that there is nothing common of it selfe, but vnto him that iudgeth it to be common, to him it is common.*

15 *But if thy brother be grieued with thy*

1 Cor.8. he giueth now them with that according to charitie. * Throw not with thy meat destroy him for whom Christ died.

21 Let not then our good be blasphemed.

17 For the kingdome of God is ‖ not meat and drinke: but iustice, and peace, and joy in the holy Ghost.

18 For hee that in this serueth Christ, pleaseth God and is acceptable to men.

19 Therefore the things that are of peace let vs pursue: and the things that are of edifying one toward another let vs keepe.

20 Destroy not the worke of God for meate. * All things indeed are cleane: but it is ill for the man that eateth by giving of offence.

Titus 1,15.

21 It is good not to eate flesh, and not to drinke wine, nor that wherein thy brother is offended, or scandalized, or weakened.

22 Hast thou faith? ‖ haue it with thy selfe before God. Blessed is he that iudgeth not himselfe in that which he approveth.

23 But ‖ he that discerneth, if hee eate, is damned: because not of faith; for ‖ all that is not of faith is sinne.

*meate, now walkest thou not charitably: * de-* 1 Cor.8.11.
stroy not him with thy meate, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not your good be euill spoken of.

17 For the kingdome of God is not meate and drinke: but righteousnesse, and peace, and ioy in the holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serueth Christ, pleaseth God, and is commended of men.

19 Let vs therfore follow those things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edifie another.

*20 Destroy not the worke of God for meates sake: * all things are pure, but it is euill for that* Titus 1.15.
man which eateth with offence.

21 It is good neither to eate flesh, neither to drinke wine, neither any thing wherby thy brother stumbleth, either is offended, or is made weake.

22 Hast thou faith? Haue it with thy selfe before God. Happie is hee that condemneth not himselfe in that thing which he alloweth.

23 For hee that maketh conscience, is damned if hee eat, because he eateth *not of faith: For whatsoeuer is not of faith, is sinne.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 1. 2 Eate all things.] *By familiarity of words the simple are soone deceiued, and Heretikes make their aduantage of any thing to seduce the vnlearned. There were diuers meates forbidden in the law of Moyses, and for sanctification, much and diuersly vsed and vsurped, whereof the Iewes might be not eat at all, as porke, hare, conny, and such like, both of fishes, foules, and beasts a great number. Christ discharged all them that became Christians, after his passion, of that obseruance and all other ceremonies of the old law: Notwithstanding, because diuers that were brought vp in the law, had a religious and conscience, suddenly to forsake their former manner, the Apostle here admonisheth such as be stronger and better instructed in the case, to beare with the weaker sort, that being Christians vnderstand yet sadde in their hearts to eate of such meates forbidden by God in the law: as on the other side hee warneth the weake that vnderstand not, not to take offence or scandall at them that did not vse that scruple, any of the irregulare or forbidden meates in the law, nor in any wise to iudge or condemne the eater, but to commit that to God; and finally, that neither weather should condemne the other for eating or not eating. Now the Protestants fondly apply all this to the fastes of the Church, and diuersities of meates in the same: as though the Church did forbid any meate wholy neuer to be eaten or touched, or made any ceremonies mention, or otherwise prescribed any abstinence, then for chastising of mens bodies & seruice of God. It is a great blindnes that they can put no difference betwixt Christs fast of forty dayes, Mat.4. Iohns abstaining from all delicate meates and drinke, Mat.3.11. the widdow Anne, Luc.2.37. the Nazarites, Num.6. the Recabites, Iere.35,14. the Ninuites, Iona.3. S. Paule, 2 Cor.11,27. S. Timotheus, 1 Tim.5,23. Iohns disciples and Christs disciples fast, Mat.9,14.15. (which he said they should keepe after his departure from them:) and the ceremoniall distinction of creatures and meates cleane and vncleane, in the old law, of which it is euident the Apostle treateth in all this chapter, and of most other as all. Therfore when the Protestants by the words of this place would proue, that we be either made free from fasting, and from obeying the Churches commandement, or following Christs example in that matter, or that the obseruers of Christian fasts, be weake in faith, and ought not in any wise condemne of scorne the breakers of the prescribed fastes of the holy Church; they doe shewe egregiously to wilfully the Apostles words and discourse.* The heretikes fondly abuse this place against the fastes of the Church.

FVLK. 1. We neuer went about to proue by this place, or by any other, that Christians are free from fasting, or from obeying the Churches commandement, or Christes example in fasting without superstition. But we condemne your Antichristian forbidding of meates to some men at all times, & to all men at some times for religious fasts, and for greater holinesse, which is no fasting, but a change of diet. And where you say, you forbid no meate, but for chastising of mens bodies, it is false: for you leaue them all things that may nourishe the body to full, besides flesh, as wine, spices, fruits, and all dainties fishes, in which of ancient time, was consisted the greatest delicate. And Dauid saith plainly, that fish is eaten in fasting dayes, *because God hath not curssed the waters, because remission of sinnes should be by the water of baptisme: for this element is most worthy, which washeth away sin through it, and vpon which the spirit of the Lord before the constitution of the world was caried: but he curssed the earth in the workes of men; because it is giuen it is not lawfull to eat in the fasting dayes, any kind of flesh that liueth on the land:* whereby it is plaine, howsoeuer you would cloke the matter, your prohibition of flesh is, because it was hypocritically decreed, not only vncleane, but also cursed. *Durish. Catholike aduers. Iewes.* Fastings.

RHEM. 2. 5 Betweene day and night.] *By the like diuersity they obserue no place or day of the holy dayes of Christ and his blessed mother and saints, which contenteth onely the Iewes superstitions and obseruation of times, rebuked in the Epistle to the Galatians, cap.4.10.* Diuersities of dayes.

FVLK. 2. Wee vse no deceit, but therin the Christian liberty in respecting all dayes alike, that are not discerned by the commandement of God. As for the doing of our festiuities, we condemne it as open idolatrie, by manifold texts of Scripture, forbidding Gods honour to be giuen to creatures: and yet the dayes appointed by the Church for exercise of religion, we obserue, and that vncleane superstition. People fabulous.

RHEM. 3. 5 Euery one in his owne sense.] *The Apostle doth not giue freedome, as the Churches enemies would haue it, that euery man may do as things what he list, but in this matter of indifferent obseruation of dates and meates, and that reuoked with*

FVLK. 3. [illegible] and drinke.] *The worshippers of religion set the kingdome of God sometimes in meate or drinke, and therefore the better might they vse discretion and abstinence in that point for a time, for peace sake and to auoid scandall, but if the precept of Moses law had bound still as before, then (not for the meate sake, but for the disobedience) had been damnable to haue vsed the vncleane meate.* Not eating, but obedience damnable.

22 Haue it with thy selfe.] *Then that are perfect, and beleeue as knowe certainly that thus are free from the law and ceremoniall meates and sacrifices, yet to the trouble and hinderance of the feeble that cannot yet be brought so farre, be discreet and weare not thy selfe out of season.*

23 He that discerneth.] *If the weake haue a conscience, and should be diuers to eat the things which in his owne heart he thinketh he should not doe, he committeth deadly sinne; because hee doth against his conscience; or against his owne perswaded knowledge.*

RHEM. 4. 23 All that is not of faith.] *The proper sense of this speech is, that euery thing that a man doth against his knowledge or conscience, is a sinne, for so by the circumstance of the letter, faith must heere be taken, though S. Augustine sometimes applieth it also to proue that all the actions of infidels (meaning those workes which directly proceed of their lacke of faith) be sinnes. But in any wise take heed of the Heretikes commentary, who leuely would proue, that the infidell seeketh to honouring his parents; fighting for his countrey, tilling his ground, and in all other workes. And no marueil that they so hold of infidels, who maintaine * that Christian men also of euil deadly in euery good deed.* To do against our conscience is sinne. *Chrysostom. ho. 10. in Ep. Rom.* What actions of infidels are sinne, and when not sinne. *Luther.* All actions of Infidels are sinne.

FVLK. 4. S. Augustine applyeth this text, to proue that all the actions of Infidels are sinne, euen those that seeme to be vertues and good workes, saying that vertues must be defined, not by the actions, but by the ends. *Contra Iul. lib.4. cap.3.* where he handleth the question at large, and saith, *When a man doth any thing, wherein hee seemeth not to sinne, if he doth it not for that end, for which he ought to doe it, he is conuicted to sinne.* Therefore though honouring of parents, and such like actions bee not sinne of themselues, yet are they sinne in an infidell, because he honoureth not his parents for that end he ought to doe. Againe, *of all things which in fidele doe, it is said, all that is not of faith is sinne.* Againe to the Pelagian he saith, as wee may say to the Papists, *Omnia prouide cauete, &c. All the toil of theirs, that seeme among men to haue some praise, let them seeme to them to be true vertues; let them seeme to bee good workes, and to bee done without all sinne. For my part I know this, that a good will doth them not: for an vnfaithfull and vngodly will is not good.* Also *contra duas epist. Pelag. ad Bonifacium lib. 3. cap. 5.* he saith, *Sine ipsa &c. Without faith euen those actions which seeme to bee good works, are turned into sinnes: for all that is not of faith is sinne. Fulgent. de remiss. peccat. li.2.c.19.* Lea seemes *to de. ieiunio Pentecost. Hesych. in Leuit. li.1.cap.2. Prosper. sent. Gaff. cap.22. De vita contemplat. li.3.cap.1.* That which Luther saith of Christian mens good deeds, is true in his meaning: namely, in respect of the perfection of iustice, which Gods Law requireth, whereunto no man can attaine in any good deed that hee doth. Therefore good deeds are rewarded according to grace, and not according to merit.

CHAP. XV.

He proceedeth to make peace betweene the Christian Gentiles and Iewes, & with this reuelation, that the Iewes vocation is of promise indeed, but the Gentils also of mercy, & foretold by the scriptures. 14 Then drawing to an end, he excuseth himselfe to the Romans for writing thus vnto them. 22 hoping now at length to see them, after that he hath bin at Hierusalem, 29 whereunto also he requesteth their prayer.

AND wee that are the stronger, must sustaine the infirmities of the weake, and not please our selues.

2 Let every one of you please his neighbour vnto good, to edification.

3 For, Christ did not please himselfe, but as it is written, *The reproches of them that reproched thee, fell vpon me.* Psal.68,10.

4 For ‡ what things soeuer haue beene written, to our learning they are written: that by the patience and consolation of the Scriptures we may haue hope. The Epistle vpon the second Sunday in Aduent. ‡ He meaneth all that is written in the old Testament: much more all things written in the new Testament, are for our learning and comfort.

5 And the God of patience and of comfort giue you to be of one mind one toward another according to IESVS Christ:

6 That of ᶜone minde, with one mouth you may glorifie God the father of our Lord IESVS Christ.

7 For the which cause receiue one another: as Christ also hath receiued you vnto the honour of God.

8 For I say Christ IESVS to haue been ‡ minister of the circumcision for the veritie of God to confirme the promises of the fathers.

9 But the Gentils to honour God for his mercy, c Vaine in religion commended.

WEe which are strong, ought to beare the frailenesse of the weake, and not to please our selues.

2 *Let euery man please his neighbour in that that is good to edifying.*

3 *For Christ pleased not himselfe, but as it is written, The rebukes of them which rebuked thee, fell on me.*

4 *For whatsoeuer things haue been written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might haue hope.*

5 *The God of patience and consolation, * grant you to bee like minded one* 1 Cor.1.10.
towards another, after the example of Christ Iesu,

6 *That yee all agreeing together, may with one mouth praise God, and the father of our Lord Iesus Christ.*

7 *Wherfore receiue ye one another, as Christ receiued us, to the glory of God.*

8 *And I say, that Iesus Christ was a minister of the Circumcision for the truth of God, to confirme the promises made vnto the fathers:*

9 *And that the Gentils might glorifie God,*

mercy, as it is written, *Therefore will I confesse to thee in the Gentiles O Lord, and will sing to thy name.*

Deut. 32.43. 10 And againe he saith, *Rejoyce yee Gentiles with his people.*

Psal. 116.1. 11 And againe, *Praise all yee Gentiles our Lord: and magnifie him all ye peoples.*

Esay 11.10. 12 And againe Esaias saith, *There shall bee the root of Iesse: and he that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in him the Gentiles shall hope.*

13 And the God of hope replenish you with all joy and peace in beleeving: that you may abound in hope, and in the vertue of the holy Ghost.

14 And I my selfe also, my brethren, am assured of you, that you also are full of loue, replenished with all knowledge, so that you are able to admonish one another.

15 But I haue written to you (brethren) more boldly in part, as it were putting you in remembrance: for the grace which is given me of God.

16 To be the minister of Christ IESVS in the Gentiles: sanctifying the Gospell of God, that the oblation of the Gentiles may be made acceptable and sanctified in the holy Ghost.

17 I haue therefore glory in Christ IESVS toward God.

18 For I dare not speake any of those things which Christ worketh not by me for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deedes,

19 In the vertue of signes and wonders, in the vertue of the holy Ghost: so that from Hierusalem round about unto Illyricum I haue replenished the Gospell of Christ.

20 And I haue so preached this Gospell, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon an another mans foundation:

Esay 52.15. 21 But as it is written, *They to whom it hath not been preached of him, shall see: and they that haue not heard, shall understand.*

22 For the which cause also I was hindred very much from comming unto you.

23 But now having no longer place in these countries, and having a desire to come unto you these many yeeres now passed:

24 When I shal begin to take my journey into Spaine, I hope that as I passe, I shall see you, and be brought thither of you, if first in part I shall haue enjoyed you.

25 Now therfore I will go unto Hierusalem to minister to the ‡ saints.

26 For Macedonia and Achaia haue liked well to make some contribution upon the poore saints that are in Hierusalem.

27 For it hath pleased them: and they are their debters. For if the Gentiles bee made partakers of their spirituall things: they ought also in carnall things to minister unto them.

28 This

for his mercie, as it is written, * *Therefore will I cause I will confesse thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy Name.* 2 Reg. 22.50. Psal. 18.50.

10 *And againe he saith,* * *Rejoyce ye Gentiles with his people.* Deut. 32.43.

11 *And againe,* * *Praise the Lord all yee Gentiles, and laud him all ye people together.* Psal. 117.1.

12 *And againe Esaias saith,* * *There shall bee the root of Iesse, and hee that shall rise to reigne over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust.* Esay 11.10.

13 *The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in beleeving, that ye may be rich in hope, through the power of the holy Ghost.*

14 *I my selfe am perswaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodnes, and filled with all knowledge, able also to exhort one another.*

15 *Neverthelesse, brethren, I haue somewhat more boldly written unto you, as putting you in remembrance through the grace that is given to me of God,*

16 *That I should bee the minister of Iesus Christ to the Gentiles,* † *and should minister the Gospell of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might bee acceptable, and sanctified by the holy Ghost.* † Or, sacrificing

17 *I haue therefore whereof I may reioyce through Christ Iesus, in those things which pertaine to God.*

18 *For I will not be bold to speake of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by mee, to make the Gentiles obedient with word and deed,*

19 *In mightie signes and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God, so that from Hierusalem, and the coasts round about unto Illyricum, I haue fully preached the Gospel of Christ.*

20 *So haue I enforced my selfe to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should haue built upon another mans foundation.*

21 *But as it is written,* * *To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that heare not, shall understand.* Esay 52.15.

22 *For this cause I haue been oft let, that I could not come unto you:*

23 *But now having no more to doe in these countries, and also having a great desire many yeeres to come unto you,*

24 *Whensoever I take my journey into Spaine, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, after that I be somewhat filled with you.*

25 *But now goe I unto Hierusalem, to minister unto the saints.*

26 *For it hath pleased them of Macedonia & Achaia, to make a certaine common gathering for the poore saints which are at Hierusalem.*

27 * *It hath pleased them verely, and their debters are they. For if the Gentils be made partakers of their spirituall things, their dutie is to minister unto them in carnall things.* 1 Cor. 9.11

28 *When*

all, Titus also whom I shall haue accomplished and signed there vnto you, I will go by you into Spaine.

29 *And I know that comming to you, I shall come in abundance of the blessing of Christ.*

30 I beseech you therefore brethren, by our Lord IESVS Christ, and by the charitie of the holy Ghost, that you ‡ helpe me in your prayers for me to God,

‡ In that the Apostle desired to be prayed for, we may be moved to seeke the same as a great benefit.

31 That I may be delivered from the infidels that are in Iewrie, and the oblation of my service may become acceptable in Hierusalem to the saints,

32 That I may come to you in joy by the will of God, that I may bee refreshed with you.

33 And the God of peace bee with you all. Amen.

when I haue performed this, and haue sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spaine.

29 *And I am sure that when I come unto you, I shall come with abundance of the blessing of the Gospell of Christ.*

30 *I beseech you brethren for the Lord Iesus Christs sake, and for the loue of the spirit, that ye helpe me in my businesse with your prayers to God for me:*

31 *That I may bee delivered from them which beleeve not in Iewrie, and that this my service which I haue at Hierusalem, may be accepted of the Saints:*

32 *That I may come unto you with ioy by the will of God, and may with you bee refreshed.*

33 *The God of peace bee with you all. Amen.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XV.

RHEM. 1. 8 Minister of the circumcision.] *Christ did execute his office and ministerie onely towards the people of Circumcision, that is, the Iewes.*

FVLK. 1. Christ did execute his office principally toward the Iewes; but not onely. Hee preached to the Samaritanes, *Ioan. 4.* in the parts of Tyre and Sydon, he healed the woman of Canaans daughter, *Matth. 15.* Finally, he died and rose againe as well for the Gentiles, as the Iewes.

RHEM. 2. 25 Saints.] *He meaneth the holy persons that having forsaken all their goods for Christ, were wholy converted to serue our Lord with all their mind. S. Hierome against Vigilantius the Heretike reprehending the almes given to such as doe the Heretikes also of our time.*

FVLK. 2. He meaneth all *the poore Christians at Hierusalem:* so doth S. *Chrysostome* interpret the word, and not of any speciall men, such as had forsaken their goods, *Hom. 30. Theodoret* also *of all the poore faithfull*, according as it was required by Peter, Iames, and Iohn, *to be mindfull of the poore:* and so the text is plaine.

CHAP. XVI.

He commendeth the bearer Phebe to the Romanes, 3 and himselfe to many there by name, 17 he declareth the doctrine which the Romans had learned, to be the touchstone to know seducers: 21 he dictateth from the commendations of all the Churches, and of certaine persons by name: 25 and concludeth.

AND I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is in the ministery of the Church that is in Cenchris:

2 That you receiue her in our Lord as it is worthy for saints: and that you assist her in whatsoever businesse she shall need you: for she also hath assisted many and my selfe.

3 ᶜ Salute Prisca and Aquila my helpers in Christ IESVS.

4 (Who for my life haue laid down their neckes: to whom not I only giue thanks, but also all the Churches of the Gentiles)

‡ This domesticall Church was either that faithfull and Christian household, or rather the Christians meeting together there & in such good houses to heare diuine service & the Apostles preaching in those times of persecution.

5 And their ‡ domesticall Church. Salute Epænetus my beloued: who is the first fruit of Asia in Christ.

6 Salute Marie who hath laboured much about us.

† Iunia. ᶜ ✝ Aquam.

7 Salute Andronicus and † Iulia my cousins and fellow-captiues: who are noble among the Apostles, who also before me were in Christ.

8 Salute Ampliatus my best beloued in our Lord.

9 Salute Urbanus our helper in Christ IESVS, and Stachys my beloued.

10 Salute Apelles ᶜ approued in Christ. Salute them that are of Aristobulus house.

11 Salute

I Commend vnto you Phebe our sister, which is a minister of the Church at Cenchrea:

2 *That you receiue her in the Lord, as it becommeth Saints, and that yee assist her in whatsoever businesse shee hath needs of you: for shee hath succoured many, and my selfe also.*

3 * *Greet Priscilla, and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Iesu:* Acts 18.3.

4 *(Which haue for my life layd downe their owne neckes: Vnto whom not onely I giue thankes, but also all the Churches of the Gentiles.)*

5 *Likewise greet the Church that is in their house. Salute my welbeloved Epinetus, which is the first fruits of Achaia in Christ.*

6 *Greet Mary, which bestowed much labour on us.*

7 *Salute Andronicus and Iunia my cousins, and prisoners with me also, which are well taken among the Apostles, and were in Christ before me.*

8 *Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.*

9 *Salute Vrbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.*

10 *Salute Apelles approued in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus household.*

11 *Salute*

21 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute them that be of the houshold of Narcissus, that are in our Lord.

12 Salute Triphæna and Triphosa: who labour in our Lord. Salute Persis the beloved, who hath much laboured in our Lord.

13 Salute Rufus the elect in our Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 ‡ Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes: and the brethren that are with them.

15 Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympias: and all the saints that are with them.

16 ||Salute one another in an holy || kisse. All the Churches of Christ salute you.

17 And I desire you brethren, || to marke them that make dissentions and scandals contrary to the doctrine which ye haue [c] learned, and avoyd them.

18 For such doe not serue Christ our Lord, || but their owne belly: and ‡ by sweet speeches and benedictions, seduce the hearts of innocents.

19 For || your obedience is published into every place. I rejoyce therefore in you. But I would haue you to bee wise in good, and simple in evill.

20 And the God of peace crush Satan under your feet quickly. The grace of our Lord Iesvs Christ be with you.

21 Timothee my coadjutor saluteth you, and Lucius, and Iason, and Sosipater my kinsmen.

22 I Tertius salute you, that wrote the Epistle in our Lord.

23 Caius mine hoste, and the whole Churches, saluteth you. Erastus the Cofferer of the citie saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Iesvs Christ be with all you, Amen.

25 And to him that is able to confirme you according to my Gospell and preaching of Iesvs Christ, according to the revelation of the mysterie from eternall times kept secret,

26 Which now is opened by the Scriptures of the Prophets according to the precept of the eternall God to the obedience of faith knowne in all Gentiles,

27 To God the only wise through Iesvs Christ, || to whom be honour and glorie for ever and ever, Amen.

12 *Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greete them that be of the houshold of Narcissus which are in the Lord.*

12 *Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, which labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.*

13 *Salute Rephus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.*

14 *Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Mercurius, and the brethren which are with them.*

15 *Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.*

16 * *Salute one another with an holy kisse.* 2 Cor.13.12.
The Churches of Christ salute you.

17 *Now I beseech you brethren, marke them which cause divisions, and give occasion of evill, contrary to the doctrine which ye haue learned, and avoyd them.*

18 *For they that are such serue not the Lord Iesus Christ, but their owne belly, and with sweet and flattering words deceiue the hearts of the innocents.*

19 *For your obedience is gone abroad unto all men. I am glad therfore on your behalfe: but yet I would haue you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evill.*

20 *The God of peace shall tread Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

21 * *Timothens my werkefellow, and Lucius, and Iason, and Sosipater my kinsman salute you.* Acts 16.1. and 2.19.

22 *I Tertius which wrote this Epistle, salute you in the Lord.*

23 *Gaius mine hoste, & of the whole Church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlaine of the citie saluteth you, and Quartus his brother.*

24 *The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ bee with you all, Amen.*

25 * *To him that is of power to stablish you,* Ephes.3.20.
according to my Gospell, and preaching of Iesus Christ, * *by revealing of the mysterie which was kept secret since the world began,* Ephes.3.9. coloss.1.2. 1 Tim.1.7. titus 1.2.

26 *But now is opened, and by the Scriptures of the Prophets, at the commandement of the everlasting God, to the obedience of faith among all nations published,*

27 *To* the same *God, wise onely, bee glorie through Iesus Christ, for ever, Amen.*

¶ *This Epistle was written to the Romanes from Corinthus, and sent by Phœbe the minister of the Church at Cenchrea.*

‡ The speciall way that Heretikes haue ever had to beguile, was & is by sweet words and gay speeches, which their sheepes coat see before described particularly in the Annotations upon S. Matthew 6. 7.15.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 1. FVLK. 1. 3 Salute.] *The only salutation of so worthy a man is sufficient to fill him with great grace that is so saluted.* Chrysost in 2 Tim. 4.

The words going before, declare *Chrysostomes* meaning: *They had so small comfort of this salutation, for it declared rebuke of honour and love, and great fellowship of grace.* The comfort therefore that they tooke in the honour and love that was shewed to them by the Apostles salutation, was a great grace to perswade them that they were partakers with him of the common grace of God.

34 Salute.]

RHEM. 2. FVLK. 2. 21 *Salute.*] *The praise of the Apostles, saith* Theodoret *upon this place.*

RHEM. 3. FVLK. 3. The common opinion was, that Peter the chiefe of the Apostles did first preach to the Romanes, which opinion whether Peter was present at this Epistle was to gratifie them not so. And verily like it is was not so, because neither S. Luke in the Acts doth make mention of it, nor the Apostle putteth them in mind of the credit and authority of S. Peter by whom they were converted. Rome.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 4. 16. *Salute one another.*] *Never Still-masters made more sport or lewd gestes to pretend to defend forfeited, than the Protestants: but in two points, about S. Peter specially they passe even themselues in impudence. The first is, that they hold he was not preferred before the other Apostles, which is against all Scriptures most evidently. The second is, that he was never at Rome, which is against all the Ecclesiasticall histories, all the Fathers Greeke and Latine, against the testimony of the first and light of the monuments of his Seat, Sepulchre, doctrine, life, and death there. Greater evidence cannot there be of any truth, and more malicious ignorance than of Rome, Nemes, Cæsar, or Cicero being there: yet must he be a wretched sonne of man that would denie this to the discredit of so many writers, and the whole world. Much more manifest is it, to heare any deny the other. Theodoret saith, but wot there, writing upon this chapter. Pamper also cæsarea de ingressu in principat. S. Leoyde natali Petri. S. Augustine tom. 6. c. 4. contr. ep. fund. Orosius li. 7. c. 6. 8. Chrysostom in Ps. 48. S. Epiphanius num. 29. Prudentius in hymno 2. S. Laurentij, & hymno 12. Optatus li. 2. contra Donatistas. S. Ambrose li. 5. epist. Basilicas tradendi. S. Hierom in Catalogo. Lactantius li. 4. cont. de vera Sapientia. Basilius li. 2. c. 13. 25. & Ach. matius de fuga sæc. S. Cyprian ep. 55. num. 6. Tertullian de præscriptionibus adversus hæ. c. 14. & 24. Ignatius ep. ad Romanos. The holy Councell of Chalcedon, and many other approue it, yea Peter himselfe (according to the judgement of the ancient Fathers) confesseth he was at Rome, calling it Babylon, 1. Pet. 5. Eusebius li. 2. c. 14. hist. Eccl. Some of these tell the time and cause of his first going thither: Some how long he lived there: some, the manner of his death there: some, the place of his buriall: and all, that he was the first Bishop there. How could so many of such wisdom as Christs Apostles were deceive or be deceived? how could Calixtus and his, after fifteene hundred yeares know that which none of them could for a* Thus S. Peter was at Rome. Chalced. Concil. 3. Eusebius Armenius hom. 1 Peter 5.13.

Some great argument must they needs have to controll the credit of the whole world. This of theirs is here their greatest, neither want they a better in any place so vile; If S. Peter had been at Rome, S. Paul would have saluted him as he did others here in the end of his letter to the Romanes. It was this an high point to dispraise all men of this by a meere act of discretion may sharpen sec. 8. that S. Peter might be knowne unto S. Paul to be out of the citie, yet not for persecution or banishment, when this Epistle was written: (for he went often out, as S. Epiphanius declareth) and so the omitting to salute him, can prove no more, but that then he was not in Rome, but he prevented so much in that the Apostle might for respect of his dignitie and to stay the Clemishes of divers whose eares him specially to serve, and so had no cause to salute him in his common Epistle. Or how know they that this Epistle was not first directed to S. Peter, to be delivered by his means to the whole Church of the Romanes in state of their affliction? It is very like it was primarily intended to some one principall man or other, that is not here named: and twenty causes there may bee unknowne to us, why hee salueth him not: but no cause why our Adversaries upon such frivolous irrelevant pretences should suppresse an apparent truth. For even as well might they say that S. Iohn was never at Ephesus, because S. Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians doth not salute him: and plaine it is, that it is the Romane seate and faith of Peter, whereof (as all Antiquity before them) the feare and bruit, and which will be their bane: and they know that there is no argument which more catcheth in their confutation, that Peter was never at Rome. Therfore to conclude, we say to them as S. Augustine sometime said, Why call you the Apostolicke chaire, the chaire of pestilence? What hath the Church of Rome done against you, as which S. Peter did sit, and feared which by meditations saith you have supressed your schisme? The Heretikes hatred of the Romane Seat. Lib. 2 cont. ep. Parm. 5.2.

FVLK. 4. *In both these points concerning Peter, you passe your selues in impudencie, either when you say that we hold hee was not preferred before the other Apostles; for we acknowledge that he was in primacie of order and confession the first: or when you defend, that he was so preferred above the rest of the Apostles, that they were not equall with him in honour and authoritie, but he made their head and Pope, and they but his successors Bishops or Cliphons. In the former, wherein you affirme us to hold, that he was never at Rome, which none did but only one Whitus Villanus, whome reason you have not yet satisfied: whereas we onely affirme, that he could not come thither so soone, nor tarry there so long, as some of the ancient Fathers affirme: but onely the sufficiencie of the Scripture doeth prooue the contrary. But wherein you goe about to convince us by very fraile and light of the monumentes of his seate, and Sepulcher, it is of a ridiculous matter. For how are you able to prooue that Peter sate in such a Chaire, as is the Pope at Rome? As for his Sepulchre, what monuments have you made of it, when halfe his body is at Saint Peters in Rome, the other halfe at S. Pauls: and yet hee hath an other head at S. Iohn Lateran. And his nether jawe with the beard upon it, is in France at Poytiers. At Triers many of his bones. At Genoua was part of his braine, which was found to be a Pumice stone: Like as S. Antonines arme was found to bee an Hunne pitifull. And late lately at Tours in an Agate, which was worshipped as the Image of the Virgin Marie, was graven the Image of Peter, lamenting the death of her conjoyned deare that was slaine with a Horse. Within a silver arme was found many other reliques, but a Ditty song, written in paper, and a card called the Inuentorie of Riches, wrapped in many foldings of silke. These and ten thousand such other monuments of Saints Reliques, will make us never to doubt, but Peter was buried; wheresoever you say his Sepulchre is. But touching Peters preaching at Rome, although the consent of the most ancient Writers, which you heape up without need, argueth that there was a constant opinion thereof: yet seeing it is not set foorth in the Scripture, it is no article of our beliefe. Many false things were reported immediately after the Apostles death, and of many believed as true. Among saith, that it was affirmed by all the Ancients of Asia, that Iohn the Evangelist told them that our Saviour Christ was betweene fourtie and fifty yeares old when he suffered; yea, some of them that had seene other of the Apostles affirmed, that they heard the same of their mouthes, Irenæus lib. 2. cap. 39. Yet this is prooved to be most false by the Storie of the Gospell. And why might not the report of Peters preaching at Rome, come first from such a beginning: which being once received, as a storie, by all that came after, is taken for a truth: as in manners of Histories many fables are. But Peter himselfe (you say) testifieth that hee was at Rome, calling it Babylon, as divers ancient Fathers doe judge: A simple testimonie for the credit of Rome, that Peter writing to the Iewes that were dispersed in so many nations, defamed the Seat of his Bishoprick, by the name of Babylon. Why should you not* The Protestants great argument, that Peter was never at Rome. Euseb. lib. 3. cap. 1. Epiphan. 27.

Shamelesse.

Religious.

Fathers

was in the time of *Claudius*. But by *Hierome*, [illegible] saith hee sate there [illegible] the last yeare of [illegible], so must [illegible], that he came thither the second or third of *Claudius*. Yet [illegible] saith, he came to Rome in the beginning of *Neros* raigne, and sate there 25. yeares, whereas *Nero* raigned but 14 yeares. He saith also, that [illegible] disputations with *Simon Magus*, was in the presence of *Nero* [illegible]. *Eusebius* reporteth it under *Claudius*. *Anastasius* Bishop of Rome, (as *Nicephorus* testifieth) did write, that *Peter* was translated from Antioch to Rome, and from thence he passed to Alexandria, because he might more profit the Church there. *Nicephor. lib.14.ca.39.* *Damasus* saith, he consecrated *Clemens* Bishop in his place. *Irenæus* saith, that *Linus* was made Bishop by *Peter* and *Paul*, and after him *Anacletus*, and the third was *Clemens*, *l.3.c.3.* *Tertullian* saith, *Clemens* was the first after *Peter*. So that although most of the ancient Writers doe make mention of *Peters* being at Rome, yet there is great varietie of their reports, as in a matter whereof they had no certaine ground. Notwithstanding, for the constant of so many Writers, and the ancient received opinion, wee are [illegible] to acknowledge that he was there, as a matter of storie, not as an article of faith. As for the fond [illegible] devises that you haue, how he might be at Rome, and not to be saluted by the Apostle, are to no purpose. Seeing it is manifest, that this Epistle needed not to haue been written unto them, if *Peter* had been so long resident with them. Beside that, when *Paul* did write his Epistles from Rome, hee was not there, as appeareth not onely by no salutations sent from him; as there are from other: but also, that S. *Paul* writeth, that at his first appearance all men forsook him, which *Peter* would not haue done, 2 *Tim.4.16.* All men sought their owne, when he wrote to the Philippians, *Phil.2.21.* where he would haue excepted *Peter*, if he had then been at Rome. Finally, when *Paul* was brought prisoner to Rome, *Peter* was not there, for he would haue given him entertainment, as the rest of the brethren did, *Acts* 28. Where you say, that wee might as well say, that S. *Iohn* was never at Ephesus, because S. *Paul* saluteth him not: I answer, we use not so to conclude. But we take it to be very unlike, that S. *Iohn* was there at that time when S. *Paul* did write. To conclude, the chaire of *Peter*, is *Peters* doctrine, which we doe most gladly embrace. The Church of Rome when it was the Church of Christ, was iustly condemned by the Donatists. But now that the Pope sitteth in Babylon, as Antichrist, not in *Peters* chaire as *Peters* successor, because he teacheth not *Peters* doctrine, but in *Simon Magus* seat, where all things are to be sold for money, the See of Rome is iustly called the chaire of pestilence, and not the chaire of the Apostles.

RHEM. 16 Holy kisse.] *In Melior sort by the common usage of the first Christians, who had speciall regard of unity and peace among themselues, and for feare and protestation thereof kissed one another, came our holy ceremonie of giuing the Pax, or kissing one another in the sacrifice of the blessed Masse.* Orig. in 16. ad Rom. Kissing the Pax.

FVLK. 16. Your popish Pax is scarce as good as an Apish imitation of the Apostles kisse: who doth not institute a ceremonie of a superstitious toy to be kissed at the masse, but willeth that the manner of salutation, (which was then usuall to be performed with a kisse) should be reverently used, in holinesse and sincerite. And of such a kisse speaketh Origen used in the Church after prayer, not of the Pax at Masse. The popish pax.

RHEM. 17 To marke them.] *He carefully warneth them to take heed of seditious fowers of selfe and difference in religion, and this is euer to be their marke, if they should reach at matters how to any thing which was not agreeable to that which they had learned at their conuersion: not building when they examine the cast by the Scriptures, but by the first forme of faith and religion deliuered to them before they had or did reade any texte of the new Testament.* Against Schismatikes how to examine our faith.

FVLK. 17. The forme of doctrine that was deliuered to the Romanes, was taken out of the holy Scriptures, although there had been never a booke of the new Testament written at that time, as you say: yet Eusebius saith, that S. *Markes* Gospell was written immediatly after their conuersion. And about the same time, as *Irenæus* testifieth, S. *Matthewes* Gospel was written, when *Peter* and *Paul* founded the Churches at Rome, *lib.3.ca.1.* Yea by Eusebius who cyteth it out of *Clemens*, it appeareth, that the Romanes not satisfied with the diuine preaching of *Peter* by word of mouth only without writing, instanced *Marke* to penne in writing for their perpetuall memorie of the things which *Peter* preached, which when he had performed, *Peter* approued their deuotion, confirmed the writing, and by his authoritie deliuered it to bee read in the Church. *Euseb. lib.2.ca.15.* citing *Clemens 6.Hyp.* & *Hieron.in Cat.* Whether this story (if it be true) do match as fitly with S. *Markes* Gospell concerning the forme of doctrine which S. *Peter* deliuered to the Romanes, as it doth that doctrine whereby S. *Paul* willeth them to examine all sects that rise up against them. But if that were a perpetuall and generall marke which you say hee giueth, all sects that rise up against them. But if that were a perpetuall and generall marke which you say hee giueth, all sects that rise up against them. But if that were a perpetuall and generall marke which you say hee giueth, that men should admit nothing but that which they haue learned at their conuersion, those nations which were conuerted by the Arrians, should neuer haue become true Catholikes, The nations of the Indians, Italy, Germanie, and other conuerted by the Grecians since their schisme, should neuer be brought to the vnitie of the Church of Rome. And such as from Iudaisme, Paganisme, Mahometisme, and ignorance, are conuerted by us to Christianitie, might neuer become Papists, if your owne marke be a good and perpetuall rule (as you say it is) being given by the Apostle. But we must first know by whom, and unto what religion, men were first conuerted unto Christianitie, and if it be certaine they were conuerted to pure and sincere religion at the first, they must alwaies hold it. Otherwise it is no constancie, but deuilish obstinacie to continue in any error that is contrary to the holy Scripture, upon any pretence whatsoeuer.

RHEM. 18 But their owne belly.] *How fit are Heretikes pretend in words and outward shew of their honour ours; indeed they seeke but after their owne profit and pleasure, and by the Apostles owne testimonie we be warranted for to iudge of them as of men that indeed know no religion nor conscience.* Heretikes given to voluptuousnes.

This note agreeth to no Heretikes that ever were, more aptly then to the Pope and his Clergie.

FVLK. 18. RHEM. 19 Your obedience.] *Against Heretikes and their illusions, there is no better way then to submit to that which hath beene taught before: for the which the Romane obedience is much commended.* See Annot. upon the first chap. vers. 8.

THE ARGVMENT OF THE FIRST Epistle to the CORINTHIANS.

RHEM. HOw S. Paul planted the Church at Corinth continuing there a yeare and an halfe together, we read Act. 18. &c. and that, when he was at Ephesus, Acts 19. about the end of the three yeares that he abode there, hee wrote vnto them his first Epistle to the Corinthians. For euen as S. Luke there writeth, When these things were ended, Acts 19.21. *Paul* purposed in the spirit, when hee had gone ouer Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Hierusalem, saying: *After I haue also seene Rome.* So likewise doth Saint Paul himselfe write here: I will come to you in Achaia, when I shall haue gone ouer Macedonia, for I will goe ouer Macedonia; but I will stay at Ephesus vntill Pentecost. 1 Cor. 16.5.

The matter that he writeth of, is not one, as in the Epistle to the Romanes, but diuers; partly such matter of doctrine, as were signified vnto him by them that were of Chloe, 1 Cor. 1.11. partly, such questions as themselues wrote to him of, And concerning the things that you wrote to me, 1 Cor. 7.1. for so we may (as is likewise) deuide the Epistle into three parts: Or, to put all together, he writeth of eight things: 1 Of certaine Schismes beginning among them, by occasion of certaine preachers, whom in the second Epistle he toucheth more plainly, as being false apostles, chap. 11.12.13. 2. *Of an incestuous fornicator, and some that went to law before infidell iudges, chap. 5.6.* 3 *Of Matrimonie and continencie, chap. 7.* 4 *Of meates sacrificed to Idols, chap. 8.10.* 5 *Of his Preaching, chap. 11.* 6 *Of the gifts of the Holy Ghost, chap. 12.13.14.* 7 *Of the Resurrection, chap. 15.* 8 *Of the contribution that he gathered of the Gentiles, to succour the Christian Iewes at Hierusalem, chap. 16.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAVL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

CHAP. I.

The 1. part of Schismes; that were about their baptizers and preachers. *After salutation,* 4 *hauing acknowledged the graces of their Church,* 10 *he debarreth them from their Schismaticall boasting against one another in their baptizers (telling them that they must looke only to Christ for their Baptisme)* 17 *and in their preachers, who had the wisdome of words: telling them that it is the preaching of the Crosse which by God seemeth the world, and wherein onely Christians should boast:* 26 *setting God of purpose chiefe the contempt, to, that so himselfe might haue the glory.*

The Translation of Rhemes.

PAul called to bee an Apostle of IESVS CHRIST, by the will of God, and Sosthenes a brother,

2 To the Church of God that is at Corinth, to the sanctified in Christ IESVS, called to be Saints, with all that inuocate the name of our Lord IESVS Christ in every place of theirs & ours.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord IESVS Christ.

4 I giue thankes to my God alwayes for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Christ IESVS,

5 That in all things you be made rich in him, in all vtterance, and || in all knowledge,

6 (As the testimony of Christ is confirmed in you,)

7 So that nothing is wanting to you in any grace, expecting the reuelation of our Lord Iesus Christ,

8 Who also will confirme you vnto the end without crime, in the day of the comming of our Lord IESVS Christ.

9 God is faithfull: by whom you are called into the society of his sonne IESVS Christ our Lord.

10 And I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord IESVS Christ, that you all say one thing, and that there be no schismes among you: but that you bee perfect in one sense, and in one knowledge.

11 For

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PAul *called* to be *an Apostle of Iesus Christ, through the will of God, and brother Sosthenes:*

2 *Vnto the Church of God which is at Corinthus, to them that * are sanctified in Christ Iesus,* Acts 15.9. *Saints by calling, *with all that call on the name* Rom. 1.27. *of the Lord Iesus Christ in every place, both of theirs and ours:*

3 *Grace bee unto you, and peace from God our father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ.*

4 *I thank my God alwaies on your behalfe, for the grace of God which is given you in Iesus Christ,*

5 *That in all things ye are enriched in him, in all vtterance and in all knowledge.*

6 *As the testimony of Iesus Christ was confirmed in you.*

7 *So that ye are destitute of no gift, waiting for the appearing of our Lord Iesus Christ.*

8 *which shall also † stablish you unto the end, that ye may be blamelesse in the day of our Lord Iesus Christ.* † Or, confirme.

9 ** God is faithfull, by whom ye haue been called unto the fellowship of his Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord.* 1 Thess 5.24.

10 *Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Iesus Christ, that ye all speake one thing, & that there be no dissensions among you: but that yee may bee perfectly ioyned together in the same mind, and in the same meaning.*

11 *For*

12 Now I meane this, that euery one of you saith, I verily am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christe.

13 Is Christ diuided? Was Paul crucified for you? or in the name of Paul were you baptized?

14 I giue God thankes, that I baptized none of you, but * Crispus and Caius.

15 Lest any man say that in my name you were baptized.

16 And I baptized also the house of Stephanas. But I know not if I haue baptized any other.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to euangelize: not in wisdome of speech, that the crosse of Christ be not made voyd.

18 For the word of the crosse, to them in deed that perish, is foolishnesse: but to them that are saued, that is, to us, it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, *I will destroy the wisdome of the wise: and the prudence of the prudent I will reiect.*

20 *Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world?* Hath not God made the wisdome of this world foolish?

21 For because in the wisdome of God the world did not by wisdome know God: it pleased God by the foolishnesse of the preaching to saue them that beleeue.

22 For both the Iewes aske signes, and the Greekes seeke wisdome.

23 But wee preach Christ crucified to the Iewes, certes a scandall; and to the Gentiles, foolishnesse:

24 But to the called Iewes and Greekes, Christ the power of God and the wisdome of God.

25 For that which is the foolish of God, is wiser then men: and that which is the infirme of God is stronger then men.

26 For see your vocation brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mightie, not many noble.

27 But the foolish things of the world hath God chosen that he may confound the wise: and the weake things of the world hath God chosen that hee may confound the strong.

28 And the base things of the world and the contemptible hath God chosen, and those things which are not, that hee might destroy those things which are.

29 That no flesh may glory in his sight.

30 And of him you are in Christ Iesvs, ‖who is made unto us wisdom from God, and iustice, and sanctification, and redemption.

31 That as it is written, *He that glorieth, may glory in our Lord.*

12 *Now I say this, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I am of * Apollo, and I am of Cephas, and I am of Christ.* Acts 18.24.

13 *Is Christ diuided? was Paul crucified for you? either were ye baptized in the name of Paul?*

14 *I thanke God that I baptized none of you but * Crispus and Gaius:* Acts 18.8.

15 *Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine owne name.*

16 *I baptized also the houshold of Stephana: Besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.*

17 *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: * not with wisdome of words, lest the crosse of Christ should be made of none effect.* Gal.5.2.

18 *For the preaching of the crosse is to them that perish, foolishnesse: but unto us which are saued, * it is the power of God.* 2 Pet.1.16.

19 *For it is written, I will destroy the wisedome of the wise, and will cast away the * understanding of the prudent.* Esa. 29.14. Rom.1.16.

20 *Where is the wise? where is the Scribe? where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made the wisdome of this world foolish?*

21 *For after that in the wisdome of God, the world through their wisdome knew not God, it pleased God through foolishnesse of preaching, to saue them that beleeue.*

22 *For * the Iewes require a signe, and the Greekes seeke after wisdome.* Matth. 11.38.

23 *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Iewes a stumbling blocke, and unto the Greekes, foolishnesse:*

24 *But unto them which are called, both Iewes and Greekes, Christ, the power of God, and the wisdome of God.*

25 *For the foolishnesse of God is wiser then men: and the weaknesse of God is stronger then men.*

26 *Brethren, ye see your calling, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble* are called:

27 *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weake things of this world, to confound the things which are mightie.*

28 *And vnstable things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.*

29 *That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

30 *And of him are ye in Christ Iesus, which of God is made unto us wisdome, and righteousnesse, and sanctification, and redemption.*

31 *That according as it is written, * He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.* Ierem.9.23.

ANNO

CHAP. 1.

Reading of Scriptures.

Christ is made our iustice, because he is the author of the iustice in us.

Iustice inherent.

Gloss Ordinar.

Aug. Ep. 89.

Hier. in Ier. 9.

The ordinary way of [illegible] is by hearing the word of God preached, [illegible] conuerted by reading onely. The Eunuch [illegible] their first conuersion, ioyned reading of the Scriptures with the Apostles preaching. *Act.17. 11.* Timothe was not onely taught by his grandmother, and mother, but euen from a young child [illegible] up in the reading of the Scriptures, *2 Tim.3.15.* And this is the [illegible] of bringing up of children in Christian religion: That they be not onely taught by their parents, or [illegible] pastors, but also trained up in reading of the Scriptures. But if they that have the charge to see children [illegible], doe neglect their duetie, children comming to the yeeres of discretion, being stirred up by Gods Spirit [illegible] the Scriptures, may learne their faith out of the Scriptures onely, which are able to make them [illegible] (as the Apostle teacheth) through faith in Christ Iesus. And a wiser worke may be made of onely reading [illegible], then is vsually made among Papists, where the children are brought up in ignorance and idolatry, in stead of Christian faith and religion.

1 Cor. 1.30. Who is made:] *He interpreteth not, as the Aduersaries iniuriously take it, that we haue no iustice, holinesse, nor sanctitie of our owne, as hee alwaies Christe imputed to us but the same is, that he is made the author, [illegible] and meritorious cause of all these vertues in us, for so the Apostle is interpreted himselfe plainely in the fifth chapter following, where he writeth thus,* You be washed, you be iustified, you be sanctified in the Name of our Lord Iesvs Christ, and in the Spirit of our God:

1 Cor. 2.2 *If we haue iustice, prudence, or sanctitie of our owne, we may glory in our owne, and not in the Lord.* But Christ is made to us from God, not onely the beginning, but the perfection of Wisdome, iustice, and sanctification, as he is of redemption. For as rightly you may say, we haue redemption in us of our owne, as that we haue iustice, wisdome, holinesse. And 2 *Cor.5.21.* the Apostle saith: That we are made the iustice of God in Christ, as Christ was made sinne for us, which was none otherwise, then by imputing our sinnes to him, as his iustice is imputed to us. And for the gifts of wisdome, iustice, holinesse, which we haue of Gods grace, they are in us, but not sufficient to make us wise, holy, iust before God, that we may deserue eternall saluation, but of his meere grace, we are washed, iustified, and sanctified in the Name of our Lord Iesus, by the working of Gods Spirit.

Chrysostome vnderstandeth Christ to be so the author of wisdome, holinesse, and iustice, as he is apprehended by faith: That Christ is made unto us wisdome, iustice, and holinesse. *It is not* (saith he) *of essence or substance, but of faith.* Therefore he saith in another place, *that we are made the iustice of God in him,* 2 *Cor.* How. 3. *Theodoret* upon this text saith: *You are not named by him, or by him, but you are accounted worthy of regeneration in Christ, he hath given you true wisdome, he hath given you remission of sinnes, he hath cleansed you of iustice, and hath made you holy, being deliuered from the tyranny of the deuill. It is meet therefore to rejoyce, not because of men, but of God which hath saued you. Occumenius* saith, *he hath done all these things, that no man should thinke himselfe to be any thing, neither should glory in himselfe, but in God. Bede* saith upon this text: *Christ the highest God, is the true iustice, or else he being the true God, is the highest iustice, which truly we ought to hunger and thirst for, the same is our iustice in this peregrination, and wherewith we hope to be satisfied hereafter, the same is our full iustice in eternity.* The same also be the words of S. *Aug. Ep.89.* The author of the Commentary in *Hieronis* name saith, *Whether Christ is the wisdome of God, yet when one beleeueth in him, Christ is made wisedome to him.* These ancient Fathers ioyne with us in the exposition of this place.

CHAP. II.

That his owne preaching among them, was in humble manner in the sight of men. 5 Neuerthelesse it is most profound wisedome (as they should and would perceiue, if they were not carnall) which is taught in the Church of Christ.

AND I (brethren) when I came to you, I came not in loftinesse of speech or of wisdom, preaching to you the testimony of christ.

2 For I iudged not my selfe to know any thing among you but Iesus Christ, and him crucified.

Ac.18,1. 3 And * I was with you in infirmity, and feare, and much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not in the perswasible words of humane wisdome, but in shewing of spirit and power.

5 That your faith might not be in the wisdome of men, but in the power of God.

But we speake wisedome among the perfect.

6 But the wisdome not of this world, neither of the Princes of this world, that come to nought.

7 But we speak the wisdome of God in a mystery, which is hid, which God did predestinate before the worlds, unto our glory.

8 Which none of the Princes of this world did know: for if they had knowne, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But

AND I, *brethren, when I came to you, came not in glorie of speech of words, or of wisedome, shewing unto you the testimony of God.*

2 *For I esteemed not to know any thing among you, saue Iesus Christ, and him crucified.*

3 *And I was among you in weakenesse, and in feare, and in much trembling.*

4 *And my words and my preaching * was not with enticing words of mans wisdome, but in shewing of the Spirit, and of power:* 2 Pet.1.16.

5 *That your faith should not stand in the wisdome of men, but in the power of God.*

6 *And we speake wisdome among them that are perfect: not the wisdome of this world, neither of the Princes of this world, which come to nought.*

7 *But we speake the wisdome of God in a mysterie, even the hid wisdome which God ordained before the world, unto our glory.*

8 *Which none of the Princes of this world knew: for had they knowne it, they would not haue crucified the Lord of glory.*

9 *But*

Esa.64.4. 9 But as it is written, *That which eye hath not seene, nor eare hath heard, neither hath it ascended into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love him.*

10 But to us God hath revealed by his Spirit. For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the profundities of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, but ‖ the spirit of a man that is in him? so the things also that are of God no man knoweth, but the Spirit of God.

12 And wee have received not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit that is of God: ‖ that we may know the things that of God are given unto us.

13 Which also wee speake not in learned words of humane wisdome: but in the doctrine of the Spirit, comparing spirituall things to the spirituall.

14 But ‖ the sensuall man perceiveth not those things that are of the Spirit of God; for it is foolishnesse to him, and he cannot understand: because he is spiritually examined.

15 But the spirituall man judgeth all things: and himselfe is judged of no man.

Esa.40.13. 16 For * who hath knowne the sense of our Lord that may instruct him? But wee have the sense of Christ.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. II.

RHEM. 1 11 * But the Spirit of man.] *One man cannot know another cogitations naturally: but God giveth the prophets and other seers in this world oftentimes, by extraordinary grace to know mens secrets. As he did to S. Peter, to know the fraud of Ananias and Saphira: and to Eliseus, his seruants bribery in his absence, and what was done in the king. 5. 25. in his chamber: and as he giveth to all * Angels and Saints (so far as is conuenient to our necessities and their heauenly glory) to understand not onely our vocall prayers, but our inward repentance and desires.*

FVLK. 1 You quote *Luk.* 15. 7. to prove, that God giveth extraordinary grace to all Angels and Saints, to understand not onely our vocall prayers, but also our inward repentance and desires, so farre, as is conuenient to our necessity. But first, there is no mention of Saints, in that place, but generally, that there shall be joy in heaven, which is expounded in that 10. verse, to be before the Angels. Secondly, there is no mention of any prayers, vocall or mentall, but of the repentance of a sinner, when God, whose onely worke it is, is to convert a sinner, doth reveale it. Thirdly, whether in that place, nor in any other of the Scriptures, it can be proved, that God useth the ministery of Saints departed, for our necessities. Therefore that place maketh nothing to the purpose.

How Angels and Saints and mortall men know our cogitations.

RHEM. 2 12 That we may know.] *The Protestants that challenge a particular spirit revealing to each one his owne predestination, iustification and saluation, would draw this text to that purpose. Which impugneth nothing else (as is plaine by the Apostles discourse) but that the holy Ghost hath given to the Apostles, and by them to other Christian men, to know Gods inestimable gifts bestowed upon the beleeuers in this time of grace: that is, Christs incarnation, Passion, presence in the Sacrament, and the incomprehensible ioyes of heauen, which Prophets, Iewes and Gentiles desire.*

The Heretikes allegation for their vaine secrecy, answered.

FVLK. 2 We challenge no particular spirit, but the spirit of adoption, by which every one of us doth cry *Abba, Father*, and is assured of the inheritance of Gods children, which Papists understand not, because they are void of loue. As the whole discourse of the Apostle proveth that he speaketh thereof, and not onely of the revelation of knowledge to the Apostles, by whom, without testimony of the same spirit, Christian men know the same: But if any man hath not the spirit of Christ (saith the Apostle) he is none of his. *Rom. 8. 9. Augustine* so understandeth this place, that it pertaineth to the speciall revelation of Gods Spirit in every one Christian man is made just. *We beleeved* (saith he) *that we may be our Lords friends: Let us know what our Lord doth, for he himselfe maketh us not only wise, but also just men, and not we our selues. And that we may know this, who maketh but he himselfe? For we have not received the spirit of this world, but the spirit which is of God, but we may know those things which are given to us of God, by him. Tract. 85.*

The sensuall man.

RHEM. 3 14. The sensuall man.] *The sensuall man is he specially, that measureth these heauenly mysteries by natural reason, humane prudence, externall sense, and worldly affection, as the Iew, Pagan, and Heretike doe: and sometime both here and elsewhere, the more learned and ignorant sort of Christian men be called sensuall or carnall also, who being occupied in secular affaires, and ghosts to sensuall ioy and worldlinesse, haue no such sense or feeling of these great gifts of God, as the perfecter sort of the faithfull haue. Who trying these high points of religion, not by reason and sense, but by good faith, and spirit, be therefore called spirituall. The spirituall man is he, that iudgeth and discerneth the truth of such things, as the carnall cannot attaine vnto: that doth by the Spirit of the Church, whereof he is partaker to the vnity of the same, not onely see the errours of the carnall, but condemneth them and iudgeth every power resisting Gods Spirit and word: the carnall Iew, Heathen, or Heretike, hauing no interest or right to iudge of the said spirituall man. For when the spirituall is said to be iudged of none, The meaning is not that he should not be subiect or obedient to his Pastours and spirituall Powers and to the whole Church, specially for the triall or examination of all his life, doctrine, and faith: but that a Catholike man, and namely, a teacher of Catholike doctrine in the Church should not be any whit subiect to the iudgement of the Heathen or the Heretike, nor care what of ignorante*

The spirituall man

How the spirituall man iudgeth all, and is iudged of none.

The Church is vnder no mans iudgement. Deut. 4. 2. 12.

FVLK. 3 [illegible] more at large cap. 65. of the same booke: [illegible] by what meanes a [illegible] in the Church [illegible] is a [illegible] man, attaineth to such knowledge, namely by [illegible] reading and hearing of the Scriptures. *Reliqua &c.* He [illegible] is a [illegible], [illegible] pret every one of these things, [illegible] spoken, what [illegible] we haue [illegible] formed, that the [illegible] Scripture, in what forme of our Lords [illegible] it is [illegible] and [illegible] the holy [illegible] of the workes of the Sonne of God knowing alwayes the same God, and [illegible] alwayes the same [illegible] of God, although he be now made manifest vnto vs [illegible] same [illegible] of God [illegible] is [illegible] preached vnto vs, and [illegible] the operation of [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] preached vnto vs, by whom, they that beleeue in God and follow his word, obtaine that saluation, which is of him. *But* [illegible] from him, and despise vs Gods ambassadors, and by their workes do [illegible] that there is [illegible] God: and by their opinion doe blaspheme him their feeder & them his people, [illegible] ver more [illegible]. *This must therefore trieth all men, he himselfe is tried of no man, neither blaspheming his Father, nor making void his ordinances, nor accusing the fathers, nor dishonouring the Prophets, either saying that they are of another God, or against, that the Prophecies haue beene of diuers substances. And we say against all heretikes, and first against those that be of Marcions side, and against those that are like to them, saying, that the Prophets are of another God: Reade so more diligently the Gospel which is giuen vs by the Apostles, and reade more diligently the Prophets, and you shall finde all the doings, and all the doctrine, and all the passion of our Lord preached or set forth in them.* If all the doctrine of Christ be set forth in the Scriptures, and so plainly that it may by diligent reading be found even of heretikes, the Spirit of the Church teaching nothing, but that which is set forth in the Scriptures.

CHAP. III.

RHEM. 1 *If they will not be carnall still, they must haste in Godlynesse, and not in their Preachers, which are but his ministers, 10 endeuored to build well how they preach. 12 Because not all preaching, though it be Catholike, is meritorious: but rather it buildeth matter to be purged by fire, when it is vaine and superfluous (as also any other like workes of other Catholikes) many if it be heretical, destroying the Temple of God, then it worketh damnation. 18 The remedy is, to humble themselues and referre all to God.*

FVLK. 1 The text speaketh not of any preaching, or other worke that is meritorious.

AND I, brethren, could not speake to you as to spirituall, but as to carnall. As it were to little ones in Christ,

‡ The Church onely hath truth both in her milke and in her bread: that is, whether she instruct the perfect, or the imperfect, who are called carnall. *Aug. l. 15. c. 3. contr. Faust.*

2 I gave you milke to drinke, not meate: for you could not as yet; but neither can you now uerely, for yet you are carnall.

3 For whereas there is among you emulation and contention, are you not carnall, and walke according to man?

4 For when one saith, I certes am Paules, and another, I Apollos: are ye not ‖ men? What is Apollo then? what is Paul?

5 The ministers of him whom you have beleeued, and to every one as our Lord hath given.

6 I planted, Apollo watered: but God gave the increase.

7 Therefore neither he that planteth is any thing, nor he that watereth: but he that giveth the increase, God.

8 And he that planteth and he that watereth are one. And ‖ every one shall receive his owne reward according to his owne labour.

9 For we are ‖ coadjutors: you are Gods husbandry, you are Gods building.

10 According to the grace that is given mee, as a wise worke-master haue I laid the foundation: and another buildeth thereupon.

And I could not speake unto you brethren, as unto spirituall, but as unto carnall, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I haue nourished you with milke, and not with meate: for ye then were not strong, neither are you as yet.

3 For ye are yet carnall: Seeing then there is among you enuying, and strife, and sects, are ye not carnall, and walke as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollo, are ye not carnall?

5 For what is Paul, what is Apollo? but ministers by whom ye beleeved, even as the Lord gaue to euery man.

6 I haue planted, Apollo watered: but God gaue the increase.

7 So then, neither is he that planteth any thing: neither he that watereth: but God that giueth the increase.

8 He that planteth, and he that watereth, are one: and euery one shall receive his reward Ps. 1. 63. 13. gal. 6. 5. *according to his labour.*

9 For wee together are Gods labourers, ye are Gods husbandry, ye are Gods building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder haue I laid the foundation, and another buildeth there-

c euangel.

e A marvellous dignity of spirituall Pastors, that they be not onely the instruments or ministers of Christ, but also Gods coadjutors in the worke of our saluation.

ion. But let every one take heed how he buildeth thereon.

11 For other foundation no man can lay, besides that which is laid: which is Christ Iesus.

12 And if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble,

13 The worke of every one ‖shall be manifest: for ‖the day of our Lord will declare, because it shall be reveiled in fire: and the worke of every one of what kinde it is, the fire shall try.

14 If any mans worke abide, which hee built thereupon: he shall receive reward.

15 If any mans worke burne, he shall suffer detriment: but himselfe shall he saved: yet so ‖ as by fire.

16 Know you not that you are the Temple of God: and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 But if any violate the Temple of God, God will destroy him. For the Temple of God is holy: which you are.

18 Let no man seduce himselfe: if any man seeme to bee wise among you in this world, let him become a foole that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdome of this world is foolishnesse with God. For it is written, *I will compasse the wise in their subtilty.*

20 And againe, *Our Lord knoweth the cogitations of the wise that they be vaine.*

21 Let no man therefore glory in men. For all things are yours:

22 Whether it be Paul, or Apollo, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come, for all are yours:

23 And you are Christs, and Christ is Gods.

Iob 5,13.

Psal.93,11.

1 Cor.6.19.

1 Or, destroy.

Iob 5,13.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. III.

RHEM. 2 8 Every man shall receive according.] *A most plaine text for proofe that men by their labours, and by the diversities thereof, shall be diversly rewarded in heaven: and therefore that by their workes proceeding of grace, they doe deserve or merit heaven, and the more or lesse ioy in the same; for though the holy Scripture commonly use not this word merit, yet in places innumerable of the old and new Testament, the very true sense of merit is contained; and so often as the word Merces, and the like be used, they be ever understood as correlatives or correspondent unto it; for if the ioy of heaven be retribution, repayment, hire, wages for workes (as in infinite places of holy Scripture) then the workes can be none other but the value, desert, price, worth, and merit of the same. And indeed this word reward, which in our English tongue may signifie a voluntary or bountifull gift, doth not so well expresse the nature of the* Latine *word or the Greeke, which are, rather the very stipend that the hired workman or journeyman covenanteth to have of him whose worke he doth, and is a thing equally and justly answering to the time and weight of his travels and workes (in which sense the Scripture saith, Dignus est operarius mercede sua, the workeman is worthy of his hire) rather then a free gift; though, because faithfull men must acknowledge that their merits be the gifts and graces of God, they rather use the word reward, then hire, stipend, or repayment: though indeed in be all one, as you may see by diverse places of holy writ; as,* My merces *(reward) is with me to render to every one* according to his workes. *And our Lord will render unto me according to my justice, Psal. 17. And the very word it selfe merit (equivalent to the Greeke) is used thus. Mercy shall make a place to every one* according to the merit of his workes, *Eccles. 16, 15. And if you doe your justice before men, you shall not have your reward in heaven, Matth. 6, 1. Where you see that the reward of heaven is recompence of justice. And the evasion of heretikes is friuolous and evidently false, as the former and like words doe convince, for they say heaven is our Merces, or reward, not because it is due to our workes, but to the promise of God: where the words be plaine,* According to every mans workes or labours, *upon which workes, and for which workes conditionally, the promise of heaven was made.*

Good workes meritorious, and the rewards in heaven are effectually according to the same.

Merces, μίσθος.

2 Tim.5,18.

Apoc.22,12. Matth.16,27. Rom.2,6. 2 Cor.9,6.

FVLK. 2 Every man shall receive reward according to his labours, but not according to the merit of his labours. Neither doth the Scripture in the origin all tongues, ever use the words of merriting and deserving, in the case of reward, nor any words that are correlative unto it. For the word merces, or μίσθος, or reward, hath relation unto Gods promise, and not to the merite, worthinesse, or desert of the worke. And where you say in the ende, that we have a friuolous evasion, to say that the reward is not due to our workes, but to Gods promise, we

Merit.

[illegible] say true, but that they presume to alter or to take away the text, as neither the Greeke nor the vulgar Latine doth, but [illegible] of Gods promise, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

of fire, declareth a place of iustice after this life, it is a vaine and unlearned collection. For fire is not taken allegorically, as all the rest of the words, foundation, gold, silver, &c. wood, hay, stubble, &c. Therefore that you quote for the day of our Lord, pertaine not to this place: where the day of the Lord is not named, but generall, a day. And yet in all those places, the day of the Lord, or the day of Christ, signifieth the day of judgement, when Christ shall come to judge the quicke and the dead, and not any particular judgement before that day. Finally, let the Article be taken demonstratively, (as sometimes it is) yet you can make none other day of it, but doomesday.

RHEM. 6 15 As by fire.] S. Augustine *upon these words of* Psal. 37. Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, nor amend me in thy wrath. For it shall come to passe *(saith he)* that some be amended in the wrath of God, and be rebuked in his indignation. And not all perhaps that are rebuked, shall be amended, but yet some there shall be saved by amending. It shall be so surely, because amending is named: yet so as by fire; but some there shall be that shall be rebuked, and not amended, to whom he shall say, Goe ye into everlasting fire. Fearing therefore these more grievous paines, he desireth that he may neither be rebuked in indignation by eternall fire, nor amended in his wrath; that is to say, Purge me in this life, and make me such an one as shall not need the amending fire, being for them which shall be saved, yet so as by fire. Wherefore? but because here they build upon the foundation, wood, hay, stubble? for if they did build gold, silver, and precious stones, they should be secure from both fires, not onely from that eternall which shall torment the impious eternally: but also from that which shall amend them that shall be saved by fire; for it is said, *he shall be safe, yet so as by fire.* And because it is said, he shall bee safe, that fire is contemned. Yea verily though safe by fire, yet that fire shall be more grievous, then whatsoever a man can suffer in this life. And you knoow how great evils the wicked have suffered, and may suffer: yet they have suffered such as the good also might suffer; for what hath any malefactor suffered by the lawes, that a Martyr hath not suffered in the confession of Christ? These evils therefore that are here, be much more easie, and yet see how men, not to suffer them, doe whatsoever thou commandest. How much better doe they that which God commandeth, that they may not suffer those greater paines? *Thus far S. Aug. See S. Ambrose upon this place,* 1 Cor. 3. & Ser. 20. in Ps. 118. Hier. l. 2. c. 13. adv. Iovin. Greg. l. 4. Dial. c. 39. & in Ps. 3. Pœnit. in princip. Orig. ho. 6. in c. 15. Ioo. & hom. 14. in c. 24. Levit.

Two fires after this life: one eternall, the other temporall, that is, the purging, or amending fire.

FVLK. 6 To the authority of S. *Augustine* I oppose his owne judgement upon better advice and examination of the text, *Ignis de quo &c. The fire whereof the Apostle speaketh in this place, must be understood to be such that both doe passe thorow it, that is, both he which buildeth upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones: and he which buildeth wood, hay, and stubble. For when he said this, he added, The fire shall try every mans worke of what quality it is. If any mans worke shall remaine which he hath built upon the foundation, he shall receive reward, if any mans worke shall be burnt, he shall suffer losse, but he himselfe shall be safe, yet so as it were by fire. Therefore the fire shall try not the worke of one of them, but of them both. And the fire truly is the tentation of tribulation, of which in another place it is written plainely, The furnace doth prove the potters vessels, and tentation of tribulation just men. This fire doth the same in this life, which the Apostle said &c. Enchir. ad Laurent. cap. 68.* And as concerning Purgatory, which opinion in his dayes began to be hearkened unto, he doubteth of it, saying: *Tale aliquid, &c. It is not incredible, that some such thing also is done after this life, and it may be enquired of, whether it be so: and either be found or be hidden still, that some faithfull men are saved by a certaine purging fire, so much sooner or later, by how much they have loved corruptible goods more or lesse, Ibid. & de Dulc. Quæst. q. 1.* But afterward writing against the Pelagians, he utterly denieth any third place beside heaven and hell. *Primum, &c. The faith of the Catholike upon divine authority hath believed the first place to be the kingdome of heaven, from whence as I said, he that is not baptized, is excepted. The second place, hell, where every one that falleth from Christ, or is a stranger from Christ, shall finde eternall punishment. The third place we are utterly ignorant of, yea and we finde in the holy Scriptures that there is none, Contr. Pelag. hypogn. l. 5.* Likewise he denieth all third or middle place, *De verbis Apost. Ser. 14.*

Purgatory.

Purgatory fire passeth all the paines of this life.

S. Ambrose upon this text, understanding it of doctrine, that is to be tried by fire, saith, that he whose evill doctrine shall perish, shall suffer the paines of fire, that being purged by fire, he may be purged. But expounding what he meaneth by the paines of fire, he saith: *Semper enim &c. For he must alwayes be ashamed, which seeth that he hath defended falshood in stead of truth,* which cannot be understood of Popish Purgatory, but of other judgements of God in this life, wherein hee shall bee ashamed when he seeth his errour convinced. Thereupon also, *Ser. 20. in Ps. 118.* he saith, after he hath cited this text. *Cognoscentes trad, &c. Knowing therefore that there be many judgements, let us examine all our workes, for a just man the losse is grievous, the burning of any worke is grievous.* So he understandeth the fire to be the triall of all Gods judgements in this life, and not Purgatory after this life. For he praiseth the death of all the faithfull. *Quia deteriorem statum &c. Because it maketh not their state worse, but such as it shall finde in every one, such it reserveth unto the judgement to come and cherisheth them in quiet rest. De bono mortis cap. 4.* Likewise in *Ps. 40.* he saith, *Bene addidit, &c. The Prophet hath well added, In the earth, for except he be here cleansed, he cannot be cleane there.* You see therefore by these testimonies, that all the faithfull are in rest after this life, and can have no purging after they are gone from hence. Therefore hee cannot bee understood of Popish Purgatory where there is so little rest, and so great necessity of purging pretended. *Hierome* hath nothing that soundeth for Purgatory, whose words are these: *Si is cujus opus, &c. If he whose worke is burnt and lost, and hath sustained losse of his labour, shall loose indeed the reward of his labour, but shall himselfe be saved, yet not without triall of fire, therefore he whose worke hath remained, which he hath built upon, shall be saved without triall of fire, so verily there shall be some diversity betweene salvation and salvation.* Here is triall by fire, according to the text, but no purging by fire after this life. Nay, that this triall is by tentation in this life, he sheweth in the same booke: *In malis, &c. In evill workes and sinnes, our feeds are the incentives and perfection of the devill. For when he shall see us build upon the foundation of Christ, hay, wood, stubble, then he putteth fire to it. Let us therefore build gold, silver, precious stones, and hee shall not bee bold to tempt us. Dicit Apostolus, Quia unusquisq; propriam mercedem secundum suum laborem. Illum scilicet in quo unusquisq; invenitur quando de præsenti seculo transire præcipitur, Fulgent. de rem. peccato. lib. 2. cap. 8.*

In the dayes of *Gregorie*, which was six hundred yeeres after Christ, the opinion of Purgatory had gotten some ground in the Latine Church, though it was never received in the Greeke Church, yet in the place by you quoted, he granteth it, but for very small offences. For after he had cited certaine testimonies of Scripture, he addeth, *Ex quibus sententijs, &c. Of which sentences it is manifest, that such as every man departeth hence, such he is presented in judgement, but yet of certaine light faults it is to be deemed, that the purging fire is before the judgement. Because the truth saith, that if any man speake blasphemy against the holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him in this world, nor in the world to come. In which sentence it is given to be understood, that some faults may bee released in this world, some in the world to come. For that which is denied of one*

Consequent,

Consequent, undoubtedly is granted of some. But yet in so small faults, none must be thought to be possible to be done, and to remaine. Idleness, idle talke, immodesty, any lesse, or the least degree of unchastity, without fault, even of them which know how to declare them, is a crime of that sort as is no worldly matters, all which doe weigh downe after death, if they be not released to men while they continue in this life. For when S. Paul saith that Christ is the foundation, and addeth if any man should build upon it, &c. (although this may be understood of the fire of tribulation left to us in this life) yet if any man take it of the fire of purgation that shall be, we must carefully consider that he said: that man may be saved by fire, non which buildeth upon this foundation, iron, brasse, or lead, that is the greater sinnes, and therefore harder, and which then are insoluble, but wood, hay, stubble, that is, small and most light sinnes, which the fire may easily consume. If Gregories opinion had continued, or yet might be admitted among the Papists, purgatory would not be very gainefull unto them. Yet he confesseth also that this place may be otherwise understood then of Purgatory, which is contrary to your note. *In ps. 3. penit.* he acknowledgeth grievous Purgatory flames, but he groundeth them not upon this text. *Remigius*, who lived 200. yeeres after *Gregory*, understandeth this fire to be God himselfe, *Cum tu sis ignis consumens, fœnum aut stipula non potest tibi adhærere: Si quis enim ædificaverit supra fundamentum hoc lignum, fœnum, stipulam, omne hoc quale sit, ignis probabit.* In *Ps. 5. Origen* allegorising of the text after his maner, yet speaketh nothing of Popish Purgatory. For in the former place he saith: *Sicut furnus, &c. As the furnace trieth gold, so tentation doth just men: therefore all men must come to the fire, they must come to the melting pot.* This you cannot understand of Purgatory, whither you confesse that all doe not come. In the second place nothing can be concluded of purgatory, but that as there be divers kinds of sinns, so there be divers qualities of punishments, all which the faithfull man may avoide. But that there was no purgatory paine knowne in his time he testifieth in these words: *Nam priores, &c. Men of former time did celebrate the day of birth, as they which loved this life onely, and hoped not for another after this. But now we doe not celebrate the day of nativity, seeing it is the entrance into sorrowes and tentations, but we celebrate the day of death, as that which is the putting away of all sorrowes, and the escaping of all tentations: we celebrate the day of death, because they doe not die which seeme to die. Therefore we keepe memories of the Saints, and of our parents, or of our friends dying in the faith, we hold a memory devoutly, as well rejoycing of their refreshing, as also praying for a godly consummation in the faith of our selves. So therefore we doe not celebrate the day of nativity, because they that die shall live for ever. And thus we celebrate it, we call together the devout people with the Priests, the faithfull with the Clergie. Moreover we invite the poore and needy, and feed the fatherlesse and widowes, that our festivity may be made in remembrance of the rest, which is unto the soules departed, whose memory we celebrate, and may be unto us a savour of sweetnesse in the sight of the eternall God.* Heere you see that *Origen* acknowledged the soules of all the faithfull departed to be in rest, in refreshing, and discharged of all sorrowes, therefore not in Purgatory.

CHAP. IIII.

He requireth to be esteemed for his office, but regardeth not to be praised of men for his vertue: considering that neither his owne conscience is a sufficient judge thereof, but onely God who seeth all. 8 He toucheth them for conceiving in their pride, the Apostles themselves as miserable. 18 threatning to come to those proud false apostles who were the authors of all these schismes.

The Epistle upon the fourth Sunday of Advent.

SO let a man esteeme us as the ministers of Christ, and the dispensers of the mysteries of God.

2 Heere now is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithfull.

3 But to me it is a thing of least account, to be judged in you or of mans day: but I judge not my selfe neither.

4 For I am not guilty in conscience of any thing: ‖ but I am not justified heerein: but he that judgeth me, is our Lord.

6 Therefore judge not before the time: untill our Lord doe come, who also will lighten the hidden things of darkenesse, and will manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then the praise shall be to every man of God.

‡ Lo when he named himselfe and Apollo, and Cephas: he meant other seditious and factious preachers whose names he spared.

6 But these things, brethren, ‡ I have transfigured into my selfe and Apollo, for you: that in us you may learne, one not to be puffed up against an other, above that is written.

7 For who discerneth thee? Or what hast thou that thou hast not received? And if thou hast received, what doest thou glory as though thou hast not received?

8 Now you are filled, now are you become rich: without us you reigne: and I would to God you did reigne, that we also might reigne with you.

c The Epistle upon S. Iames day. *Iul.* 25.

9 c For I thinke that God hath shewed us Apostles the last, as it were deputed to death:

Et a man so esteeme of us as the ministers of Christ, and the dispensers of the secrets of God.

2 Furthermore, it is required in the dispensers, that a man be found faithfull.

3 With me it is but a very small thing that I should be judged of you, either of mans judgement: yea, I judge not mine owne selfe.

4 For I know nothing by my selfe, yet am I not thereby justified: but he that judgeth me, is the Lord.

*5 *Therefore judge nothing before the time, untill the Lord come, who will lighten the hidden things of darkenesse, and open the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.* Matt. 7. 1. rom. 2. 1.

6 And these things brethren, I have figuratively applied unto my selfe, and to Apollos, for your sakes: that ye might learne by us not to be wise above that which is written, that you swel not one against another for any mans cause.

7 For who separateth thee? And what hast thou that thou hast not received? If thou hast received it, why doest thou glory as though thou hadst not received it?

8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us, and I would God ye did reigne, that we also might reigne with you.

9 For me thinketh that God hath set forth us which are the last Apostles, as it were men

appointed

death: because b we are made a spectacle to the world, and to Angels and men.

b The Epistle for a Confessor that is not a Bishop.

10 We are but fooles for Christ: but you wise in Christ; we weake: but you strong, you noble, but we base.

11 Vntill this houre we do both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are beaten with buffets, and are wanderers,

12 And labour working with our owne hands, we are cursed: and doe blesse, we are persecuted: and sustaine it.

13 We are blasphemed: and we beseech, we are made the refuse of this world, the drosse of all even untill now.

14 Not to confound you, do I write these things: but as my dearest children I admonish you.

15 For c if you haue ten thousand pædagogues in Christ: yet not many fathers. For in Christ Iesvs by the Gospell I begat you.

16 I beseech you therefore be followers of me.

17 Therefore haue I sent to you Timothee, who is my dearest sonne and faithfull in our Lord: who will put you in minde of my wayes that are in Christ Iesvs, as every where in every Church I teach.

18 As though I would not come to you, so certaine are puffed up.

19 But I will come to you quickly, if our Lord will: and will know not the words of them that be puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdome of God is not in words, but in power.

21 What will you? || in rod that I come to you: or in charity, and the spirit of mildnesse?

appointed to death. For we are made a gazing stocke unto the world, and to Angels, and to men.

10 We are fooles for Christs sake, but ye are wise in Christ. We are weake, but ye are strong: Ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 Even unto this || time wee both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and haue no certaine dwelling place. || Or, houre.

*12 * And labour, working with our owne hands: being reviled, we blesse: being persecuted, we suffer it:* Actes 20.34. 1 thess.2.9. 2 thess.3.8.

*13 Being * defamed we pray: we are made as the filthinesse of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.* Matt.5.44.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sonnes I warne you.

15 For though ye haue ten thousand instructers in Christ, yet haue ye not many fathers: For in Christ Iesus I haue begotten you through the Gospel.

16 Wherefore I desire you, be ye followers of me.

17 For this cause haue I sent unto you Timotheus, which is my beloved sonne, and faithfull in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my wayes which be in Christ, as I teach every where in all Churches.

18 Some are swollen, as though I would come no more at you:

*19 * But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the words of them which are swollen, but the power.* Acts 19.21, jam.4.15.

20 For the kingdome of God is not in word, but in power.

21 What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in loue, and in the spirit of meekenesse?

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 1. FVLK. 1. 15 If you haue.] *So may S.* Augustine *our Apostle say to us Englishmen.* That *Augustine* whom you speake of was no Apostle of Christ but of *Gregory*, neither did he beget the nation of the Englishmen to Christ by the pure Gospell, as Saint *Paul* did the Corinthians, but with mixture of mens traditions. And that Christian religion which he found in the Britaines, he laboured to corrupt with Romish inventions. *Augustine* the monke no Apostle.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. IIII.

RHEM. 2. FVLK. 2. 4 But not Iustified.] *The heretikes are certaine that they be in Gods grace, but S.* Paul *though guilty of no crime in his conscience, durst not assure himself that he was justified, neither could take upon him to be judge of his owne heart and cogitations, whether they were pure or no: but the triall thereof he left onely to Gods judging day.* No man sure of grace or justification.

S. Paul was most sure of Gods grace, and his justification thereby through faith: *Rom* 8.30. But he doth acknowledge that he is not justified by his faithfull service and labour in the Gospell, therefore no man can be justified by his workes done of Grace, in as great perfection as can be done of mortall men, which yet is farre unable to stand before the justice of God. Certainty of faith. Iustification by workes.

RHEM. 21 In rodde.] *The Apostles haue power of discipline and censures against offenders, and power of gentlenesse, meekenesse, and indulgence also: to use either punishing or pardoning, according to their wisedome, and according to the occasions of time and place.* Spirituall power to punish or pardon.

CHAP. V.

Sharply rebuking the Clergies negligence, 3 himselfe absent excommunicateth that publike incestuous person: 6 commanding that hereafter no Christian be so tolerated in any open crime, but excommunicated.

The second part of the Epistle: of the incestuous fornicator: and liuing before Infidels. Leu 18,8. 20,11.

THere is plainely heard fornication among you, and such fornication, as the like is not among the heathen, so that one hath his * fathers wife.

THere goeth a common saying, that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not named among the Gentiles: that one should haue his fathers wife.

2 And

2 *And*

‡ Christian men should be sorrowfull to see grieuous offences borne withall, and ought zealously to seeke the offendors punishment by excommunication.

1 *And* you are puffed up, and ‖ haue not rather mourned, that he may be taken away from among you, that hath done this deede?

2 For I truely absent in body, but present in spirit, haue already iudged, as present, him that hath so done.

3 In the name of our Lord Iesvs Christ, ‖ you being gathered together and my spirit, ‖ with the vertue of our Lord Iesvs,

4 To deliver such an one ‖ to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saued in the day of our Lord Iesvs Christ.

5 To deliver such a one *unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saued in the day of the Lord Iesus.* 1 Tim. 1.20.

6 Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven corrupteth the whole paste?

6 *Your glorying is not good.* * *Know yee not that a little leaven leaueneth the whole lumpe?* Gal.5.9.

The Epistle upon Easter day.

7 Purge the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are azymes. For our Pasche, Christ, is immolated.

7 *Purge out therefore the old leauen, that ye may be a new lumpe, as ye are vnleauened. For euen Christ our Passeouer is* ‖ *offered up for us.* ‖ Or, is killed.

8 Therefore ‖ let us feast, not in the old leaven, nor in the leaven of malice and wickednesse, but in the azymes of sincerity and verity.

8 *Therefore let us keepe holiday, not with old leauen, neither with the leauen of malicious nesse and wickednesse: but with the vnleauened bread of pureneſse and truth.*

9 I wrote to you in c an Epistle, Not to keepe company with fornicatours.

c Either this Epistle in the words before, or some other.

9 *I wrote vnto you in an Epistle that yee should not company with fornicators.*

10 I meane not the fornicatours of this world, or the covetous, or the extortioners, or servers of Idols: otherwise you should haue gone out of this world.

10 I did not meane *not at all with the fornicators of this world, or with the couetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters: for then must ye needes haue gone out of this world.*

11 But now I wrote to you, not to keepe company, if he that is named a brother, be a fornicatour, or a covetous person, or a c server of Idols, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner: with such an one ‖ not so much as to take meat.

11 *But now* this *I write vnto you, not to company together, if any that is called a brother be a fornicator, or couetous, or a worshipper of Idols; or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner: with him that is such not to eat.*

12 For what is it to me to judge of them that are without? Do not you judge of them that are within?

12 *For what haue I to doe to judge them that are without? doe not ye iudge them that are within?*

13 For them that are without, God will judge. Take away ‖ the evill one from among your selues.

13 *Them that are without, God shall judge. And ye shall put away from among you that wicked person.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 1. FVLK. 1. 11 c A server of Idols.] *A worshipper wilfull corruption in the bible 1562. translating in the verse before,* Idolaters: *and here,* worshipper of Images: *the Apostles word being one, εἰδωλολάτρης.* Idolater. Nay rather a manifest example that our translator mentioneth that an Idolater and worshipper of Images, is all one. As in the proper sense of the word there is no difference. Therefore another translation from the same Idolaters in both places, the third hath a Worshipper of Idols in the latter place. Shamefull cauilling.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. V.

RHEM. 2 3 I absent.] S. Paul *heere vseth his Apostolike power, of binding this incestuous person, excommunicating him by his letters and Mandatum, though absent.*

FVLK. 2 *S. Paul* sendeth no mandatum, but vseth his Apostolike power in decreeing the incestuous person to be excommunicate, and requiring the same to be executed by the Church. Paule maie excommunicate.

RHEM. 3 4 You being gathered.] *Though he commanded the act should be done in the face of the Church, as such sentence and censure be at this day executed also, yet the power and authority of giuing sentence was in himselfe, and not in the whole multitude, as the Protestants and the popular doctrine affirme; for the power of binding and loosing was not given to the whole Church, but as in the persons of the Prelates, and to them for the benefit of the whole. Whereupon S. Chrysostome upon those words,* Die Ecclesiæ, Tell the Church. *Matth.* 18. Complaine to the Church, *that is, saith he,* to the prelates and presidents thereof. The authority of Ecclesiasticall censures is in the Clergie only, and is ordained in the name of Christ.

FVLK. 3. 4 The authority of excommunication pertaineth to the whole Church, although the judgement and execution thereof is to be referred to the governours of the Church, which exercise that authority as in the name of Christ, so in the name of the whole Church whereof they are appointed governors, to avoid confusion.

RHEM. 4 With the vertue.] *All such great power ouer sinners, is holden and exercised in the name and vertue of* Christ Iesvs. *And whosoeuer seeketh light by it, despiseth our Lords name and power.*

RHEM. 4 5 To Satan.] *To assure us that all excommunicate persons be out the power and possession of the Diuell, and quite out of Christs protection: saued as they be separated by the Churches sentence, from her body and the Sacraments, and fellowship of Christian. Euen like unto as pleased God to giue power to the Apostles and Prelates in the primitiue Church, to cause the diuell straight upon their sentence of excommunication, to inuade the body of the excommunicate, and to torment him corporally; so Christ excommunicated Iudas, and the diuell entred into him, and he went forth of the* The terrible effect of excommunicated persons. Acts 5.

FVLK. 4 Without such bodily tormenting by the divell, we are sufficiently [illegible] from the Church of Christ, is in the power of Satan. That Christ did excommunicate *Iudas* we finde not in the Scripture, nor that *Peter* did excommunicate *Ananias* and *Saphira*. The punishment indeed of excommunication is exceeding great, when it is justly executed by the ministers of the true Church. But the banning of heretikes is no more to be feated, then their blessing is to be desired. And if they also that be true members of the Church will take upon them to excommunicate such as be not under their jurisdiction, their excommunication is not to be regarded. As when *Victor* Bishop of Rome tooke upon him to denounce all the Churches of Asia to be excommunicate, which did not keepe the feast of Easter as the Church of Rome did. The Churches of Asia did justly despise his unjust censure. And the Bishops of Asia (saith *Eusebius*) ἀντιπαρεκελεύσαντο did countermand him (as it is to be thought) gathered in councell against his usurped excommunication, willing him to be better affected to peace and vnity with his brethren. Beside this, many godly Bishops by their letters, did sharpely rebuke him for his doing, yea some of them that joyned with him in the use of the ceremonys as *Irenæus* Bishop of Lyons in the name of the brethren of France. *Hist. lib. 5. c. 25.*

RHEM. 5 2 Let us feast.] *The Paschal lambe, which was the most expresse figure of Christ every way, * was first sacrificed, and afterward eaten with azymes or unleavened bread, so Christ our Paschall, being then newly sacrificed on the Crosse, is recommended to them as to be eaten with all purity and sincerity in the holy Sacrament. Which misery the holy Church in these words commendeth to the faithfull every yeere at the feast of Easter.*

FVLK. 5. S. *Augustine* referreth this feasting not to the celebration of Easter, nor to the receiving of the Communion, whereunto we ought to be prepared with all sincerity, but to our whole life. *Etenim pascha nostrum, &c. Christ our Passover* (saith he) *is slaine or offered, that they might learne by example of so great humility, to purge out the old leaven, that is what pride soever had remained in them of the old man. Therefore* (saith he) *let us keepe holy day, not for one day onely, but for our whole life, not in the old leaven, nor in the leaven of malice and malignity, but in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.* Cont. ep. Parm. lib. 3. c. 2.

RHEM. 6. 11 Not to take meate.] *It is not meant that we should separate our selues corporally from all sinners, or that we might refuse to liue in one Church or fellowship of Sacraments with them, which was the errour and occasion of the Donatists great schisme: nor that every man is streight after he hath committed any deadly sinne excommunicated, as some Lutherans hold: but that we should avoid them when the Church hath excommunicated them for such; though in mind, and condemnation of their faults, every one ought alwayes to be sorye for them. As for the Heathen and Publicans, which be not under the Churches discipline, and at that time in externall worldly affaires deale with Christians, and lived among st them whether they would or no, the Apostle did not forbid Christians their company.*

FVLK. 6. I know not any Lutherans that hold that every man streight after he hath committed any deadly sinne is excommunicated. But amongst Papists there is for some offences excommunication, *ipso facto*, and *de jure*, and is *eausae*, without any sentence or denuntiation. *Extra de sent. Excom. Cum desideres.* And further I finde in your Canon law, this title; *Vita vel conversatio, ab ecclesia aliquem ejicit, vel ad eam recipit.* The life and not the sentence doth cast any man out of the Church, or receiveth him unto it. Which is thus expounded, *Cum aliquis, &c. When any man goeth out from the truth, from the feare of God, from faith, from charity, he goeth out of the campe of the Church although he be not cast out by the voyce of the Bishop: As on the contrary side, some is cast out by no right judgement, but if he went not out before, that is, if he did not that whereby he deserved to goe out, he is nothing hurt. For sometimes, he that is cast out, is within, and he that is without, seemeth to be kept within.* Decret. causa. 24 qu. 3. c. By this judge whether some Lutherans be justly charged with that which is affirmed by many Papists, as the Canon law is.

RHEM. 13 The evill one.] *He concludeth that though they cannot, nor himself neither, cast off the Heathen that be publike offenders, yet he ill person by him excommunicated being of their owne body, they may cast off, as is aforesaid, and avoide his company. Upon which commandement of the Apostle, we see that we are bound by Gods word to avoide all compeny and conversation with the excommunicate, except in cases of necessity, and the spirituall profit of the persons excommunicated.*

CHAP. VI.

He reproveth them for going to law before Iudges that were not Christians, 9 telling that extortion (as many other offences likewise) is a mortall sinne. 12 And with divers reasons he inveigheth against fornication, bidding also to flee all occasions thereof.

D Are any of you having a matter against another, to be judged before the unjust, and not before the Saints?

2 Or know you not that ‡ the Saints shall judge of the world? And if the world shall be judged by you: are you unworthy to judge of the least things?

3 Know you not that wee shall judge Angels? how much more secular things?

4 If therefore you have secular judgements: the contemptible that are in the Church, let them to judge.

‡ The faithful judge and give sentence with God at the later day, specially the Apostles and the perfect Christians that have forsaken all for Christs sake.

5 I speake to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man, that can judge between his brother.

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that under the unbeleevers.

7 Now therefore, there is vtterly a ‖ fault among you, because you goe to law, one with another? * why rather suffer ye not wrong? why rather suffer ye not harme?

8 Nay, * ye your selues doe wrong, and doe harme, and that to your brethren.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherite the kingdome of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicatours, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselues with mankinde,

10 Nor theeues, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor † pillers, shall inherite the kingdome of God.

11 * And some such like you were: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Iesus, and by the spirit of our God.

12 *All things are lawfull unto me, but all things are not profitable: all things are lawfull for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*

13 *Meates for the belly, and the belly for meates: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord: and the Lord for the body.*

14 *And God both hath raised up the Lord, * and also shall raise us up by his power.*

15 *Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, * and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.*

16 *What, know ye not that he which is coupled with an harlot, is one * body? * For two (saith he) shall be one flesh.*

17 *But he that is coupled unto the Lord, is one spirit.*

18 *Flee fornication: every sinne that a man doth, is without the body: but he that committeth fornication, sinneth against his owne body.*

19 *What, * know ye not that your body is the temple of the holy Ghost which is in you, whom ye have of God, and ye are not your owne?*

20 * *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorifie God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods.*

‡ Fornication is not onely enemy to the soule, but wasteth, weakeneth, corrupteth and defileth the body, more properly and directly then any other sinnes doe.

† Or, against.

† Or, extortioners.

† With the harlot. Gene. 2. 24. matth. 19. 5. 1 cor. 6. 16. ephes. 5. 32.

Gen. 2, 24.

1 Cor. 6. 16.

1 Pet. 1. 18.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 1. FVLK. 1. 9 Servers of Idols.] *For this, the English Bible 1562. falsly translateth,* worshippers of images.
All worshipping of Images is idolatry, though there be spirituall Idolatry, which is not worshipping of Images. But this quarrell is sufficiently confuted in the Defence of our Translations. *Chap. 3.*

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ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VI.

RHEM. 6 Contendeth in judgement.] *To be given much to brabling and litigiousnes for every trifle, to spend a pound rather then loose a peny, the Apostle much reprehendeth in Christian men. For a Christian man to draw an other to the judgements seats and courts of Heathen princes (which they onely reigned) and not to suffer their controversies and quarels to be taken up among themselues brotherly and peaceably, was a great fault: as for one Catholike to draw an other for more trifles before secular or heretical Officers is a very unchristian part.*

Going to law before heathen or heretical judges.

RHEM. 1. THE 3. PART. Of Mariage and continency.

FULK. 1.

Luk. 16, 18. Going to law not forbidden: but to agree otherwise, better.

7 [illegible] that it was a fault [illegible] to go [illegible] one another: and that it [illegible] rather [illegible] Christian [illegible] to endure [illegible] suffer a small injury, then to draw [illegible] to judgment.

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Unmarried folke may take their debt, and so pay it, though it be better for them to continue, & as also for the unmarried and widowes to continue [illegible] they may marry. 12 That husband and wife must not depart from one another: nor in any case marry another, during the life of the former) 12 which is to be understood of one that is unbaptized, which yet he disswadeth: 17 counselling also every one to be content with his state wherein he was Christened. 25 Virginity is not commanded, but counselled, as the better and more meritorious then Mariage. 39 As also widowhood.

Virginity is not counselled, as more meritorious; but as a more free state to serue God in. Meane.

AND concerning the things whereof you wrote to me: It is good, for a man not to touch a woman.

NOW as concerning the things whereof yee wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But becaufe of fornication let every man haue || his owne wife, and let every woman haue her owne husband.

2 Neverthelesse to avoid fornication, let every man haue his owne wife, and let every woman haue her owne husband.

3 || Let the husband c render his debt to the wife: and the wife alſo in like maner to her husband.

3 * Let the husband giue unto the wife due benevolence: Likewise also the wife unto the husband. 1 Pet. 3. 7.

4 The woman hath no power of her owne body: but her husband. And in like maner the man alſo hath not power of his owne body: but the woman.

4 The wife hath not the power of her owne body, but the husband: And likewise also the husband hath not the power of his owne body, but the wife.

5 Defraud not one another, except perhaps by conſent for a time, ‡ that you may || giue your ſelfe || to prayer: and returne againe together, leſt Satan tempt you for your incontinency.

5 Defraud you not the one the other, except it be with both your consents for a time, that yee may give your selues to fasting and prayer: and afterward come together againe, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I ſay this || by indulgence, not by commandement.

6 This I ſay † of favour, and not of commandement. † Or, by way of sufferance.

7 For I would all men to be as my ſelfe: but every one hath || a proper gift of God: one ſo, and another ſo.

7 For I would that all men were even as I my selfe: but every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this maner, another after that.

8 ‡ But I ſay to the unmaried and to widowes: it is good for them if they ſo abide even as I alſo.

8 I ſay therefore to the unmarried and widowes, it is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But || if they doe not conteine themſelues, let them marry. For it is || better to marrie then c to be burnt.

9 But if they cannot abſtaine, let them marrie: for it is better to marrie then to burne.

10 But to them that be joyned in marrimony, not I giue commandement, but our Lord, * that the wife depart not from her husband. Mat. 5. 32, & 19. 9.

10 Vnto the married command, not I, but the Lord, * Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 And if ſhe depart, || to remaine unmaried, or to be reconciled to her husband. And let not the husband put away his wife.

11 But and if ſhe depart, let her remaine unmarried, or bee reconciled to her husband againe: And let not the husband put away his wife.

12 For the reſt, || I ſay, not our Lord. If any brother haue a wife an infidell, and ſhe conſent to dwell with him: let him not put her away.

12 But to the remnant ſpeake I, not the Lord, If any brother haue a wife that beleeveth not, and ſhe conſent to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And if any woman haue a husband an infidell, and he conſent to dwell with her: let her not put away her husband.

13 And the woman which hath to her husband an infidell, and he conſent to dwell with her, let her not put him away.

14 For the man an infidel is ſanctified by the faithfull woman: and the woman an infidell || is ſanctified by the faithfull husband: otherwiſe your children ſhould be uncleane: but now they are holy.

14 For the unbeleeving husband is ſanctified by the wife, and the unbeliesing wife is ſanctified by the husband: elſe were your children uncleane, but now are they holy.

15 But if the infidell depart, let him depart; for the brother or ſiſter is not ſubject to ſervitude in ſuch; but in peace hath God called us.

15 But if the unbeleeving depart, let him depart. A brother or a ſiſter is not made ſubject in ſuch things: but God hath called us in peace.

16 For

‡ Before he treated of the continency of ſuch as were maried, now he giveth leſſons for the unmaried alſo.

c virinvrebit.

Mat. 5. 32. 19. 9. Marke 10. 9. Luke 16, 18.

16 For how knowest thou, wife, if thou ſhalt ſaue thy husband? or how knoweſt thou, O man, if thou ſhalt ſaue thy wife?

17 But to every one as our Lord hath diuided, as God hath called every one, ſo let him walke, and ſo in all Churches I teach.

17 But as God hath diuided to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, ſo let him walke, and ſo ordaine I in all Churches.

18 Is any man called being circumciſed? let him not procure prepuce. Is any man called in prepuce? let him not be circumciſed.

18 Is any man called being vncircumciſed? let him not adde uncircumciſion: Is any called in uncircumciſion, let him not be circumciſed.

19 Circumciſion is nothing, and prepuce is nothing: || but the obſervation of the Commandements of God.

19 Circumciſion is nothing, and uncircumciſion is nothing, but the keeping of the commandements of God.

20 Every one in the vocation that he was called, in it let him abide.

20 * Let every man abide in the ſame calling wherein he was called. Epheſ. 4. 1.

21 Waſt thou called being a bondman? care not for it: but and if thou canſt be made free, uſe it rather.

21 Art thou called a ſervant? care not for it: nevertheleſſe, if thou mayeſt bee made free, uſe it rather.

22 For he that in our Lord is called, being a boudman, is the c franchized of our Lord; likewiſe he that is called, being free, is the boudman of Chriſt.

22 For he that is called in the Lord being a ſervant, is the Lords freeman: likewiſe alſo hee that is called being free, is Chriſts ſervant.

23 You were bought with price, bee not made the ‡ boudmen of men.

23 * Ye are bought with a price, be not yee the ſervants of men. 1 Pet. 1. 20.

24 Every ||brother wherein he was called, in that let him abide before God.

24 Brethren, let every man wherein hee is called, therein abide with God.

25 And as concerning virgines, a commandement of our Lord I have not: but ||counſell I give, as having obtained mercy of our Lord to be faithfull.

25 Now concerning virgins, I have no commandement of the Lord: yet give I counſell, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord, to bee faithfull.

26 I thinke therefore that this is good for the preſent neceſſity, becauſe it is good for a man ſo to be.

26 I ſuppoſe therefore that it is good for the preſent neceſſity, that I ſay, it is good for a man ſo to be.

27 Art thou tied to a wife? ſeeke not to be looſed. Art thou looſe from a wife? ſeeke not a wife.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? ſeeke not to be looſed. Art thou looſed from a wife? ſeeke not a wife.

28 But if thou take a wife, † thou haſt not ſinned. And || if a virgine marry, ſhe hath not ſinned; nevertheleſſe || tribulation of the fleſh ſhall ſuch haue; but I ſpare you.

28 But and if thou marry, thou haſt not ſinned, and if a virgin marry, ſhe hath not ſinned: nevertheleſſe, ſuch ſhall have trouble in the fleſh, but I † beare with you. †Or, ſpare you.

29 This therefore I ſay brethren, the time is ſhort, it remaineth that they alſo which have wives, be || as though they had not.

29 But this I ſay brethren, becauſe the time is ſhort: for it remaineth that they alſo which have wives bee as though they had none:

30 And they that weepe, as though they wept not: and they that rejoyce as though they rejoyced not: and they that buy, as though they poſſeſſed not.

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not: and they that rejoyce, as though they rejoyced not: and they that buy, as though they poſſeſſed not.

31 And they that uſe this world, as though they uſed it not; for the figure of this world paſſeth away.

31 And they that uſe this world, as not abuſing it: for the fashion of the world goeth away.

32 But I would have you to be without careſulneſſe. Hee that is without a wife, is || careſull for the things that pertaine to our Lord, how he may pleaſe God.

32 I would have you without care. He that is unmarried, careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how hee may pleaſe the Lord:

33 But hee that is with a wife, is careſull for the things that pertaine to the world, how hee may pleaſe his wife: and he is divided.

33 But he that hath married, careth for the things that are of the world, how he may pleaſe his wife.

34 And the woman unmarried and the virgine, thinketh on the things that pertaine to our Lord: that ſhee may bee holy both in

34 There is difference betweene a virgine and a wife: the unmarried woman careth for the things that are of the Lord, that ſhee may

body

Z 2 bee

‡ You muſt not ſerve men ſo that you obey and pleaſe them more then God. The Epiſtle for holy Virgins and Martyrs. None brethren.

† Virginity counſelled as the better. Marriage not forbidden, becauſe it is no ſinne.

c Libertus.

body and in Spirit. And the that is married, careth for the things that pertaine to the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I speake to your profit; not to cast a snare upon you, but to that which is honest, and that may give you power without impediment to attend upon our Lord.

36 But if any man thinke that he seemeth dishonoured upon his virgine, for that she is past age, and if it must be so, let him doe that he will. He sinneth not if she marry.

37 For hee that hath determined in his heart being setled, not having necessity, but having power of his owne will, and hath judged this in his heart, to keepe his virgine, doth well.

38 Therefore both he that joyneth his virgine in Matrimonie, doth well: and hee that joyneth not, doth better.

Rom.7.2. 39 * A woman is bound to the Law so long time as her husband liveth: but if her husband sleepe, she is at liberty: let her marry to whom she will: onely in our Lord.

c The state of widowhood more blessed, then the state of matrimony. 40 But c more blessed shall she be, if she so remaine, according to my counsell: and I thinke that I also have the Spirit of God.

be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things that pertaine to the world, how she may please her husband.

35 This speake I for your profit: not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for comelinesse sake, and sitting fast unto the Lord without separation.

36 But if any man thinke that he is uncomely for his virgin if she passe the time of mariage, and need so require, let him doe what he will, he sinneth not; let them be married.

37 Nevertheless, he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no need, but hath power over his owne will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keepe his virgine, doth well.

38 So then he that giveth in marriage doth well: but he that giveth not in marriage, doth better.

39 * The wife is bound to the † Law as long as her husband liveth: but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, onely in the Lord. Rom.7.2. †Or, by the law of mariage

40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgement: * and I thinke verily that I have the Spirit of God. 1 Thes.4.8.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. VII.

RHEM. 2 5 That you may.] *If the lay-man cannot pray, unlesse he abstaine from his wife: the priest that alwayes must offer sacrifices, and alwayes pray, must therefore alwayes be free from Matrymony.* Hier.l.1.c.19.adv.Iovin. Virginity.

FVLK. 2 *Hierome* was an immoderate extoller of virginity, to the reproach and dishonour of Matrimonie, as appeareth by his sayings in the same booke. *Si bonum est, &c. If it be a good thing not to touch a woman, ergo, it is an evill thing to touch a woman: for nothing is contrary to good but evill.* This was S. *Hieromes* Logicke, in his heat against *Iovinian*. To touch a woman and not to touch a woman, bee contraries, which every childe knoweth to be otherwise. Againe he saith in depraving of the goodnesse of Matrimonie, *Oro te quale, &c.* I pray you what good thing is that which forbiddeth to pray? which permitteth not the body of Christ to be received. So long as I fulfill the duty of an husband, I fulfill not the office of a Christian. The same Apostle commandeth in another place, that we should pray alwayes. If we must alwayes pray, ergo, we must never serve marriage: for so often as I render debt to my wife, I cannot pray. I omit what he writeth against second and third matriages, which afterward he was driven to retract. You see, if we must stand to his authority, all men must abstaine from marriage, as from an evill thing: as that forbidden to pray or to communicate with the Lords body: as in doing the duty whereof, they cannot doe the duty of Christian men. And seeing that married men also ought always to pray, even married men must never yeeld to the duty of marriage, which causeth that they cannot pray. These opinions are farre worse then that *Iovinian* held, of the equall worthinesse of virginity with marriage. Therefore leaving his authority, let us examine his reason. If the lay-man cannot pray unlesse hee abstaine from his wife, then the Priest must alwayes abstaine from marriage. This antecedent is false, for a lay-man may not onely pray, but ought to pray alwayes, as *Hierome* also confesseth, though he doe not alwayes abstaine from his wife. S. *Paul* willeth married men not to defraud one another, except it bee for a time with consent, that they may give themselves to fasting and prayer, which kinde of prayer with fasting, is not alwayes necessary, but sometimes convenient, upon some speciall occasion, that requireth most fervent prayers, with humiliation by fasting, and abstinence from all worldly delights: and yet in such occasion consent is necessary for abstinence from matrimoniall company, as it is plaine by the text. Yet it is so farre off, that the lay-man cannot pray, unlesse he abstaine from his wife, that oftentimes he prayeth more quietly and purely, then he that hath no wife, or abstaineth from her, if he have not dominion over bodily lust. Wherefore matrimony shall no more hinder the Priest to offer sacrifice and prayer, then it doth the lay-man, who is bound alwayes to offer sacrifice and prayers as much as the Priest. And therefore we must oppose against S. *Hieromes* authority, the authority of *Pophnutius*, and the whole Councell of Nice that condescended unto his reason, alledging that the company of Priests and Deacons, as well as of all other Christian men with their lawfull wives is chastity, *Socrat.l.5.c.11.* Marriage of Priests.

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RHEM. 3 2 His owne wife.] *He saith not as the protestants here pretend to excuse the unlawfull conjunction of Votaries, Let every one marry: but, let every one have, keepe or use his owne wife to whom he was married before his conversion, for the Apostle here answereth to the first question of the Corinthians, which was not, whether it were lawfull for the Apostle here answereth to the first question of the Corinthians, which was not, whether it were lawfull to marry; but whether they were not bound upon their conversion, to abstaine from the company of their wives married before in their infidelity, as some did perswade them that they ought to doe,* Hier.l.1 cont.Iovin.c.4. Chrysin hunc locum hom.19. The Apostle biddeth not all to marry, but to keepe their wives before married.

FVLK. 3 The Apostles words are generall, that to avoid fornication, every man and woman ought to live chastly in holy Matrimonie. *Hierome* indeed more injurious to Matrimonie, then a Catholike Doctour ought to have

layd downe, saith thus: *Quia dicit uxorem &c. He said not, let every man marry a wife, to avoid fornication: for I doubt not, but every man had rather have a wife, then commit fornication: but he said, let every man have his owne wife, to avoid fornication: that is, plainely, if Hee be unmarried, let him not seeke, it is good to continue second or third marriages, after a man with be single, which is little better then heresie, and therefore Hierome revoked his opinion therein. Chrysostome saith nothing to restraine the words onely to married men, but saith, that this saying: It is good for a man, &c. is not restrained to Priests, but extendeth to all men. For hee would not universally have ordained onely Priests, if he had written these things for them, but have said, it is good for a teacher not to touch a woman: but now he hath spoken universally, when he saith, it is good for a man. Therefore this is not said onely to a Priest: And againe, Art thou loose, from a wife, seeke not a wife: he saith not, Thou Priest or Teacher, but generally, and so throughout all the Epistle, his speech goeth generally: but when he saith, for fornication let every man have his wife, by the very cause of indulgence, he bringeth into continencie.*

RHEM. 4 3 Let the husband render.] *These words open the Apostles intention and scope: to wit, that he onely of such as are already married, and to instruct them of the bond and obligation, that is betweene the married couple for rendring of the debt of carnall copulation one to another: declaring that the married persons have yeelded their bodies so one to another, that they cannot without mutuall consent, neither perpetually nor for a time, defraud one the other.*

FVLK. 4 These words doe not restraine the universality of the Apostles former words, seeing avoiding of fornication, is the same cause in them that are unmarried to take wives, and in them that are married, to use the company of their wives.

RHEM. 5 5 Give you selfe to prayer.] *This time, and the Churches doctrine, and high estimation of marriage in all ages, are farre from the purity of the Apostolike and primitive Church, when the Christians to make their prayers and sacrifices more acceptable to God, abstained by mutuall consent even from their lawfull wives: our new Masters too much abstaining (as it may be thought) from their wives for any such matter. And yet S. Augustine saith, the prayers should passe other in this case, and thinke that not to be lawfull or true, then may be borne in others, because he may daily supply Christs roome, offer, baptize, and pray for the people. So saith he* lib. 1. q. 11. in nouum test. qu. 127. in fine. *See S.* Hierome lib. 1. cap. 19. adverf. Iovinian. S. Ambros. lib. 1. Offic. cap. ult. *But also for the people, whose married Pastors are in this point farre worse then the vulgar sorte, neither teaching continencie, nor giving good example.* Continencie in time of prayer.

FVLK. 5 We have none other estimation of the matrimoniall act, then the Apostle doth teach. And it may well be thought, that many of our ministers use more continencie in lawfull marriage, then Popish Priests doe their unlawfully married, yet use other wicked meanes to satisfy their unlawfull lustes, as the world knew too well, when they lived at ease amongst us. That it is lawfull for a Bishop to be married, the authority of the Scripture is more to be regarded, then of any mortall man. S *Paul* (as even S. *Hierome* confesseth) decideth it: Bishop the husband of one wife, and having children in all chastity, as *Samuel*, who was brought up in the Tabernacle, and as many Priests in his time were married. *Cost. Iovin.* 1. That you cite for the contrary out of S. *Aug. Epist. &c.* is neither of *Augustines*, neither of any learned mans writing, but of some barbarous phrases doe declare: in many places also, confessing that which S. *Augustine* doth carefully defend, as in the censure of *Erasmus* before that treatise, every man may see. S. *Ambrose* (we doubt not) as is required of the Ministers, saith, *De continentia, &c. Of chastity, what should I speake, when one only marriage is permitted, and that twice?* Even in marriage it selfe, there is a law put to many, one, yea to have the compassion of a second wife. To see therefore, that marriage with one wife in his time was esteemed chastity, and lawfull for a minister by the Church: yea he addeth moreover, that the second wife was not forbidden unto him, but to avoid a law, which was, that he which had one wife before Baptisme, and another after, was not admitted into the ministery. *Ut non fugia, &c. In the marriage there is no fault but a law.* Finally, by the Councell of Gangra, *If any man inueigh against the marriage of a married Priest, as though through occasion of his marriage he ought not to offer, and therefore will separate himselfe from his oblation, he is accursed. Can. 4.* Priests marriage.

RHEM. 6 By indulgence, not commandement.] *Least some might misconster his former words, as though he had precisely commanded married persons not to abstaine perpetually from carnall copulation, or would give their consent one to another of continencie but for a time only: he declareth plainely that he gaue no rule or precept of perfection therein, but that he spake all the foresaid, condescending to their infirmities only, to signifie that continencie from carnall copulation is much better, and that himselfe kept it continually.* Augustl. de bon. coniug. cap. 10. Ruffinus. cap. 78. Perpetuall continencie, even in married folkes, better then carnall copulation.

RHEM. 6 7 A proper gift.] *To such as may lawfully marry, or be already married, God giveth not always that more high and speciall gift or grace of continencie, though every one of them all be bidden unto and exhorted thereto, and may of duty but such are not bound to endeavour to seeke for it alwayes; and therefore a man may be commanded to abstaine further then they like: but when soever a man is found to abstaine, either by vow or else by some necessary occasion, (as if one of the parties be in prison, warre, banishment, sickenesse, or else for perpetually by lawfull divorce) then after such time he is in peine of damnation abstaine, and cannot succeede the worse at the gift of chastity: for he is bound to aske it of God for it of God by fasting, prayer, and chastising of his body: and so labouring duly for it, God will give the grace of chastity. So had S. Paul it, and so had all the holy men that ever lived chaste. Therefore direct his thanks of the Protestants in this point, that when they list not seek nor pray for it, forsooth they have not the gift. And we wish a great many of us why so few of the new Sect or rather none with a dozen have that gift, but that we see it is obtained by those meanes which our forefathers used, and they use not at all. To live in marriage continently without the breach of vnstayned chastity, is a gift of God also, but men must not break their faith of wedlocke for want of it, but must seeke that of God giveth that gift to such as humbly aske it of him,* Aug. de grat. & Lib. arbitrio. Cui de continentia, &c. *If* Who are bound to live continently, and that God giveth this gift to all that aske it. **See S. Aug. l. 2. de nupt. & concup. ad Valer. c. 29. & de adult. Coniug. num. 6.*

FVLK. 6 It cannot be called a proper gift, if every one that labours for it, may have it. Our Saviour Christ teacheth, that all men cannot take it, but he that (saith he) that can take it, take it and, (*Matth. 19. v. 12.*) The first binde themselves by a rash and unadvised vow, before they were sure of the gift, have no promise to be heard in their prayer for continencie. But where there is such necessity, as they neither are cause of themselves, nor can otherwise avoid, as in long or perpetuall sicknesse, it is certaine, that God will give the gift, seeing he ought not by such meanes as it is convenient, because he hath promised all things necessary for our salvation: as for imprisonment, banishment, warre, &c. I do not take to be such necessity, but the husband is bound to follow his wife in them, and the wife her husband. As for absence by lawfull divorce, which is onely for fornication, doth not restraine Matrimony, seeing that case is excepted by our Saviour Christ, and there is no reason but that the exception should extend as well to the second marriage, as to the divorce. There is no cause therefore to detest the Protestants doctrine, when they say they have not the gift of continencie, but rather to detest both the doctrine, and the doings of the Papists, which say they have the gift, and teach that all men may have it if they will, and yet leade a filthy and abominable life out of marriage. Whether we use prayer and fasting, to try whether All cannot have the gift of continencie.

whether he will please God to give that gift, it is unknowne to you. Some I am sure have used it, and many among us, both in the ministery, and out of it, have the gift of continencie, though they make no rash vowes of it, nor despite them that have it not. How well you keepe your vowes that live abroad, we know not, but your forefathers the Popish Clergie, that lived here among us, we know, that as few of them lived chastly, as of us doe live out of marriage continently.

RHEM. 7 9 If they containe not:] *He meaneth of such as be free: for if they marry after they have made vow to God of chastity, they are worthily damned, such being bound to continue, and so may containe if they list,* August. de bono viduit. c. 8, 9. & de adult. conjug. lib. 1. c. 15. & de fide ad Petrum c. 3. in fine. Ambros. ad virg. lapsam c. 5.

The Apostle permitteth marriage to them that be free, not to vowed persons.

FVLK. 7 He speaketh generally, and therefore his precept extendeth also to them that have made rash vowes of continencie, if they doe not containe: and if they may containe if they list, the fault of many Popish Priests is the greater, that they doe not containe. S. *Augustine de bono viduitatis*, although he count it a sinne, to forsake continencie in them that have vowed it, yet he condemneth not the marriage of such as have vowed. *Non quia ipse nuptiæ vel talium &c. Not that the marriage it selfe, even of such persons, is judged to be condemned*, cap. 9. and in the next chapter he proveth, that such marriages are not to be dissolved: for though he condemne the breaking of that vow to be evill, yet he affirmeth the marriage to be good. S. *Ambrose* in the place quoted, although he affirmeth, that such as have vowed ought not to marry, yet he counteth it more intolerable for such to commit fornication. *Epiphanius* testifieth what the judgement of the Church was in his time. *Contra Apostolicos, Hær.* 61. *Melius est inquit, &c. It is better to have one sinne, and not many: It is better for him that is fallen from his course, openly to take unto him a wife according to the law, and so repent a long time from his virginity, and so to be brought againe unto the Church, as he that hath wrought evill, as he that is fallen and broken, and hath need to be bound up, and not to be daily wounded with secret darts of that impurity; which is offered to him by the devill: so knoweth the Church to preach: These are the medicines of healing, &c.* Contrary to this Doctrine, some Papists have preached, that it is lesse sinne for a vowed Priest to keepe many concubines, then to marry a wife: and as you affirme in the next Section.

Vow of continence.

RHEM. 8 9 Better to marry.] *It is better to marry for the said persons that be free, then to be overthrowne and to fall into fornication: for, to burne, or, to be burned, is not to be tempted onely (as the Protestants thinke that picke quarrels easily to marry) but it signifieth* to yeeld to concupiscence either in minde or externall worke. We say also, for such as be free:* For concerning others lawfully made Priests, and such as otherwise have made vow of chastity, they cannot marry at all, and therefore choice is no comparison for them betwixt marriage and fornication or burning; for their marriage is but pretended, and is the worst sort of incontinencie and fornication or burning.

* Theodoret in loc. Ieunius.

FVLK. 8 By *Epiphanius* judgement, it is better for vowed persons to marry, then to burne: which is not onely to be tempted, as you falsly slander us to thinke, but to be so continually inflamed with lust, that the will doth consent, and desire quenching, which cannot be avoided in them that have not the gift of continencie, whether they be vowed or free from vowes. That you affirme the marriage of vowed Priests to be but pretended, and to be the worst sort of incontinencie, and fornication, and burning, you are contrary to *Augustine de bono viduitatis*, cap. 9. who saith, *That the marriage even of such is not to be condemned.* And moreover he saith, *Damnatum esse, &c. Such are condemned, not because they have entred into the state of marriage afterward, but because they have made void the first faith of continencie, which thing that the Apostle might briefly insinuate, he would not say, that those widowes, have damnation that marry after the purpose of greater holinesse, not because they are not condemned, but lest the marriage it selfe in them might be thought to be condemned.* And in the tenth chapter he saith, *Therefore they which say, that the marriage of such is no marriage, but rather adulteries, seeme to me, not to consider throughly and diligently what they say: for a multitude of truth doth deceive them.* Againe, *Fit autem, &c. There commeth to passe by this inconsiderate opinion (whereby they thinke that the marriage of women that are fallen from their holy purpose of chastity, to be no marriage) no small evill, but wives are separated from their husbands, & though they were adulteresses, and not wives. And when they will restore them to continencie after they be separated, they make their husbands adulterers, which they marry other women, while their owne wives are alive. Wherefore I cannot say, that if women that are fallen from a better purpose doe marry, that they are no marriages but adulteries: But plainly I would not doubt to say, than their fallings and ruines, from more holy chastity, which is vowed unto God, are worse then adulteries.*

Marriage of Votaries. Slander.

You see therefore by his hard judgement, that the marriage is true and not pretended, such as cannot be dissolved, though the breach of the vow be a grievous sinne, and more grievous then adultery.

Epiphanius also is cleane contrary to your filthy censure against marrying, as is shewed before: and further he saith against those Apostolike Heretikes, that professed continencie and kept it not, as many Popish Priests doe and have done. *Qui virginitatem &c. He that hath corrupted virginity, is rejected out of that course, and deprived of crowne and reward: but yet judgement is better then condemnation. For they that commit fornication privily, lest they should be shamed before men, and exercise filthy lust under shew of solitarinesse and continencie, have not confession before men, but with God, which knoweth all secrets, and reproveth all flesh at his comming, as every man hath sinned. Therefore it is better to have one sinne, and not many, &c.* as in the former Section, and in the end concludeth: *These be the medicines of healing, these be the spices for confection of the ointment, this is the preparation of the holy oile in the Law, this is good faith giving smell of sweet odours, binding indeed the champion to his battell, and preaching unto him to continue his course that he may be crowned. This is Gods merchandize, gathering all unto his royall ordinance, both purple out of the sea, and woll from the sheepe, and flax from the earth, and fine linnen, and silke, and shine died red, and the precious Emerauld, and the Pearle, and the Agate, flower differing in colours, but equall in price. But yet not rejecting gold, and silver, wood that serveth not to use and fire, as our goats have. And this was then the Tabernacle, but now the building of the Tabernacle is established in God and the foundation in truth. And let all heresie cease, which is raised up against the truth, or rather which chuseth to it selfe from the truth.* Thus it is manifest by the judgement of the Church in *Epiphanius* time, that that was accounted heresie, which you deliver for wholsome doctrine.

RHEM. 9 11 To remaine unmarried.] *Neither party may dissolve the other and marry another for any cause; for though* After divorce not to marry.

FVLK. 9 *they be separated for fornication, yet neither may marry againe.* Aug. de adult. conjug. l. 2. c. 8, 9. & l. 2. c. 5, 19. See Matt. 19. and S. Augustine in his whole bookes de adulc. conjug. tom. 6.

It is manifest, that the Apostle speaketh of such departings as were not lawfull divorces, and so doth S. *Ambrose* understand the place, saying, *Subauditur autem excepta fornicationis causa. You must understand except this* Marriage after divorce. *departure be for the cause of fornication. Quia vir licet, &c. Because it is lawfull for the husband to marry a wife, if he have put away his wife offending.* In which place although he thinketh the woman have not the like right, if she forsake her husband for adultery, yet indeed the case is all one. *Chrysostome* understandeth the text of such departings, as are not for the cause of fornication, and so doth *Theodoret.*

RHEM. 10 12 I say not the Lord.] *By this we learne, that there were many matters over and above the things that Christ taught in the Gospell, for to set the Apostles order and interpretation: which they might, as the case required either*

The Apostles precepts.

FVLK. 10 *The Apostles did not prescribe precepts for every case, but they had generall rules in Christs doctrine, which they were bound to follow in their precepts and counsels.*

RHEM. 11 14 Sanctified.] *When the infidell party is said to be cleane or sanctified by the faithfull, or the children of their parents to be cleane, we may not think that they be in grace or state of salvation thereby, but onely that the marriage is not occasion of sanctification to the infidell party and to the children; for S. Aug.* (l. 3. de pecc. mer. & rem. c. 12.) *concludeth against the Pelagians, as we may also against the Calvinists, holding Christian mens children to be holy from their mothers wombe; and not to need Baptisme, that what other sanctification soever it be that is here meant, it cannot be enough to salvation without faith Baptisme, &c.*

How the children of Infidels are sanctified by the Christian. *Hier. l. 1. c. 5. adv. Iovin.*

FVLK. 11 *It is an impudent slander, that the Calvinists hold Christian mens children to be so holy from their mothers wombe, that they need not Baptisme. For Calvine* cleane contrariwise doth argue against the Anabaptists upon S. *Pauls* words: They are holy, *ergo*, they are to be baptized. And the Sacrament is not to be denied unto them that are therefore called holy, because they are comprehended in Gods covenant: where he saith, I will be thy God, and the God of thy seed after thee, *Gen.* 17. 7.

Slander.

RHEM. 12 19 But the observation.] *Neither to be Iew nor Gentile, bond or free, married or single, nor the faith it selfe which is proper to Christian men, will serve to salvation, without good workes and keeping the Commandements,* S. Hiero. adv. Iovin. l. 1. c. 16.

RHEM. 12 25 Counsell I give.] *A counsell is one thing, a commandement is another. To doe that which is counselled, is not necessary, because one may be saved not withstanding, but he that will doe that which he is counselled unto, shall have a higher degree of glory. He that transgresseth not a commandement, except he doe penance, cannot escape punishment,* Aug. de virg. c. 23. & 24.

The difference of counsels and precepts.

FVLK. 12 *Damascen* understandeth the word to signifie *Exhortation, παραίνεσιν, de fid. orthod. l. 3. c. 24.*

RHEM. 13 28 If a virgine marry.] *He speaketh not of that virgine which had dedicated her selfe to God, (for if any such marry, she shall be damned for breaking her first vow) but onely of young maids unmarried in the world,* Hier. adv. Iovin. l. 1. c. 7. Chrys. hom. 20. Theodoret, Photius, *and the other Greeke Doctors upon this place.* apud Oecum. Epiph. hæres. 61.

A professed virgine may not marry.

FVLK. 13 If a virgine, or any other that is vowed, marry, she sinneth not in marriage, as S. *Augustine* saith, *De bono vid. c.* 9, 10. but in breaking her vow. So meane the rest of the Doctors, and we agree thereunto, if she be able to live continently, she sinneth grievously to breake her vow: but if she be not able to containe, then that hath place which I cited before out of *Epiphanius. Hæres.* 61. And that which S. *Hier.* writeth *ad Demetr: Sanctum virginum propositum, &c. The name of certaine women, which behave not themselves well, doth defame the holy purpose of virgines, and the glory of the heavenly and Angelike family: to whom it must needs be said openly, that either they should not marry, if they cannot containe, or containe if they will not marry.*

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RHEM. 14 28 Tribulation of the flesh.] *They are marvellously deceived,* (saith S. Aug. l. de virg. c. 22.) *that thinke the Apostle counselleth virginity rather then marriage, onely for that marriage hath many miseries and molestations ioyned unto it, which by virginity shall be avoided, and not as respect of the greater reward in heaven; for the Apostles provident counselling to virginity, is for the next life, and he alledgeth these troubles of marriage in that sense specially as they be a hinderance from the service of God here, and litle or no temptation to us toward the next life, and the more ample joyes thereof.*

Virginity counselled as more meritorious.

FVLK. 14 S. *Augustines* words if they were granted to be as true as the Gospel, yet prove not, that virginity is counselled as more meritorious.

Merit.

RHEM. 29 As though they had not.] *He exhorteth that such as have wives, should not wholly bestow themselves in the vaine transitory pleasure and voluptuousnes of their flesh, but live in such moderation, that marriage hinder them as litle as may be, from spirituall meditations. Which is best fulfilled of them that by mutuall consent do wholly containe, whether they have had children or never conceived carnall issue for the joyes of heaven. And these marriages be more blessed then any other,* saith S. Aug. de Ser. Dom. in monte l. 1. c. 14.

The continencie of married folke. Their perpetuall continencie best.

RHEM. 15 32 Carefull for the things of our Lord.] *The Protestants might here learne if they list, first that virginity is not onely preferred before marriage, for that it is a more quiet state of life in this world, but for that it is more convenient for the service of God. Secondly, that virginity hath a grateful purity and sanctity both of body and soule, which marriage hath not. Thirdly, they may learne the cause why the Church of God requireth chastity in the Clergie, and forbiddeth not onely fornication, but all carnall copulation even in lawfull wedlocke: Which is not onely to the end that Gods Priests be not divided from him by the clogs of marriage, but also that they be cleane and pure from the fleshly acts of copulation.*

Virginity preferred, and why. Why continencie is required in the Clergie.

FVLK. 15 We acknowledge, that virginity in them that have the gift, is more convenient for the service of God, then marriage: but hereof it followeth not, that marriage which God hath permitted to all ministers of the Church, should be forbidden them by the Popish Church, as clogs and profanation of sacred Orders: for so doth *Gregorie Martin* terme it, *Discov. 215. Sect.* 1. This is not with the Apostle to counsell virginity as convenient, but to command it as necessary, and to forbid marriage as profane, which is the doctrine of devils, and a right badge of Antichristian apostasie, 1. *Tim.* 4.

Marriage of Priests.

CHAP. VIII.

He reproveth the learned who in pride of their knowledge did eat Idolothyta, that is, things offered to Idols using (as they said) their liberty: but not considering that the ignorant tooke their doing as an example for them to frequent such meats so, as they did before in their Paganisme, with opinion that they did sacrifice the eaters.

The fourth part. Of meats sacrificed to Idols.

‡ Knowledge without charity, puffeth up in pride, and profiteth nothing at all; when it is joyned with charity, then it edifieth, *Aug. l. 9 Civ. Dei c. 20.*

AND concerning those things that are sacrificed to Idols, we know that || we all have knowledge. ‡ Knowledge puffeth up: but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man thinke that he knoweth something, he hath not yet knowne, as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is knowne of him.

4 But

AS touching things offered unto idols, wee know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge maketh a man swell: but charity edifieth.

2 *If any man thinke that he knoweth any thing, hee knoweth nothing yet as hee ought to know.*

3 *But if any man love God, the same* † *is knowne of him.*

† Or, taught.

4 As for the meats that are immolated to Idols, wee know that an Idoll is nothing in the world, and that there is no God, but one.

5 For although there be that are called gods either in heaven, or in earth (for there are many gods, and many lords.)

6 Yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom all things, and we unto him: and one Lord, IESVS CHRIST, by whom all things, and we by him.

7 But there is not knowledge in all. For ‖ some until this present with a conscience of the Idoll, eat as a thing sacrificed to Idols and their conscience being weake, is polluted.

8 But meat doth not commend us to God. For neither if we eat, shall we abound: nor if we eat not, shall we lacke.

9 But take heed lest perhaps this your liberty be an offence to the weake.

10 For if a man see him that hath knowledge, sit at table ‖ in the Idols temple: shall not his conscience, being weake, bee edified, to eat things sacrificed to Idols?

11 And through thy knowledge shall the * weake brother perish, for whom Christ hath died? Rom.14.15.

12 But sinning thus against the brethren, and striking their weake conscience: you sinne against Christ.

13 Wherefore if * meat scandalize my brother: I will never eat flesh, lest I scandalize my brother. Rom.14.21.

4 *As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto Idols, We know that an Idol is nothing in the world and that there is none other God but one.*

5 *And though there be that are called gods whether in heaven or in earth (as there be gods many, and lords many:)*

6 *Yet unto us is there but one God, which is the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him,* * *and one Lord Iesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.* Iohn 13.13. 1 Cor.12.3.

7 *But there is not in every man that knowledge: for some having that conscience of the idol unto this houre, eat as a thing offered unto Idols, and their conscience being weake, is defiled.*

8 *But meat doth not commend to God. For neither if we eat, have we the more: neither if we eat not, have we the lesse.*

9 *But take heed lest by any meanes this liberty of yours become a stumbling to them that are weake.*

10 *For if any man see thee which hast knowledge, sit at meat in the Idols temple: shall not the conscience of him which is weake, be boldened to eat those things which are offered to idols?*

11 *And through thy knowledge shall the weake brother perish for whom Christ died?*

12 *But when yee sinne so against the brethren, and wound their weake conscience, ye sin against Christ.*

13 *Wherefore,* * *if meat offend my brother, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I should offend my brother.* Rom.14.21.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. VIII.

RHEM. 1 We all have knowledge.] *The spirituall and perfectly instructed Christians knew no meates, now to be uncleane, neither for signification, as in the Law of Moses: nor always by nature and creation, as the Manichees thought, nor by any other pollution, as in that they were offered to idols: and therefore they did eat boldly of such meats as were sacrificed, contemning and condemning their idols as vaine nothing; and the worship of them as the honour of things imaginary, which their fact, for their want of discretion and charity, and for the use of that their liberty to the offence and scandall of the weake, the Apostle doth here reprehend.* — No meats uncleane. — Giving of scandal reprehended.

RHEM. 1 7 Some with a conscience.] *The perfecter sorte fault was, that they gave offence by their eating, to the weaker Christians, who seeing them whom they reputed wise and learned, to eat the meate offered to idols, conceived that there was some vertue and satisfaction in those meats, from the idoll to which they were offered: and thought that such things were or might be eaten with the same conscience and devotion as before their conversion.*

Therefore the case standing thus, and the Apostles discourse of eating or not eating meates being so as is declared (a thing so evident that it admitteth no other interpretation) if the Protestants apply any of this admonition against our Fasts in the Catholike Church, they be too too ridiculous. — The heretikes ridiculously apply S. Pauls words against the Churches fasts and abstinence.

FVLK. 1 Your Popish Fasts, which are abstinence from flesh as accursed, and for Religious sake, we condemne as Antichristian apostasie, by the plaine testimony of the Apostle, 1 Tim. 4. and not as meate offered to Idols, although there is in your superstitious fasting, that, which in some cases hath resemblance to the Apostles words in this place. — Popish fastings.

RHEM. 2 10 In the Idols temple.] *Like as now, some Catholikes have said, they know that Calvins Communion is but as other Bread and wine. But yet the ignorant seeing such go to the Communion, thinke that it is a good act of Religion. Yea whatsoever they pretend, it must needs seeme an honour to Calvins Communion, when they are seene in the temple solemnely fasting or communicating at the abominable table.* — Going to the Communion, what a sinne in Catholikes.

FVLK. 2 Thankes be to God, our Temples are purged from Popish Idols, wherewith by you they were stuffed. Our Table is the Lords Table, and our Communion his holy Supper, according to his owne institution. And therefore your blasphemous railing is meet for your owne idoll service and sacrifice, and sacrilege which hath no word of holy Scripture to warrant it, but hath been lately devised, to overthrow the onely and singular sacrifice of Christs death, which is the price of our full redemption. — Slander.

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CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 1 *To the Corinthians, who were very much distracted, it seemes with contempt, to wit, that he was not equall to him by the Gospel but yet that he vsed it not, for to avoid scandall of the weake, and that it was more meritorious. 2 He confirming against their securitie, and shewing them by familiar and [illegible]. 24 both of themselves, 1 and of the Israelites, that salvation is not so lightly come by: 14 and so concludeth against eating of things offered to idols, because it is also to commit idolatry, 22 and not onely to give ill example to the infirme.*

FVLK. 1 S. Paul determined not to live by the Gospel, because it was more meritorious, but to avoid offence, and to declare that he did it freely, and not as an hireling. — Merits.

AM I not free? Am I not an Apostle? Haue I not seene Christ IESVS our Lord? Are not you ‖ my worke in our Lord?

2 And if to others I be not an Apostle, but yet to you I am, for you are the seale of my Apostleship in our Lord.

3 My defence to them that examine me is this:

4 Haue not we power to eat and drinke?

5 Haue we not power to lead about ‖ a woman a sister, as also the rest of the Apostles, and our Lords brethren, and ‡ Cephas?

6 Or I onely and Barnabas, haue not we power to doe this?

7 ‖ Who ever playeth the souldier at his owne charges? who planteth a vine, and eateth not of the fruit therof? who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milke of the flocke?

8 Speake I these things according to man? Or doth not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, *Thou shalt not muzzell the mouth of the Oxe that ‡ treadeth out the corne.* Why, hath God care of Oxen? Deut.25,4. ‡ In that countrey they did tread out their corne with oxen, as we doe thresh it out.

10 Or for us certes doth he say it? For they are written for us; because he that eateth, ought to eare in hope: and he that treadeth, in hope to receive fruit.

11 If we haue sowne unto you spirituall things, is it a great matter if we reape your carnall things?

12 If other be partakers of your power: why not we rather? howbeit we haue not vsed this power: but we beare all things, lest we should give any offence to the Gospel of Christ.

13 Know you not * that they which work in the holy place, eate the things that are of the holy place: and they that serue the altar, participate with the altar? Deut.18,1. * vel Sacrificia.

14 So also our Lord ordained for them that preach the Gospel, to live of the Gospel.

15 But I haue vsed none of these. Neither haue I written these things, that they should be so done in me: for it is good for me to die rather, then that any man should make my glory void.

16 For and ‖ if I evangelize, it is no glory to me: for necessity lyeth upon me: for woe is to me if I evangelize not.

17 For if I doe this willingly, I haue reward: but if against my will, a charge is committed to me.

18 What is my reward then? That preaching the Gospel, I yeeld the Gospel without cost, that I abuse not my power in the Gospel.

19 For

AM I not an Apostle? am I not free? haue I not seene Iesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my worke in the Lord?

2 If I be not an Apostle unto other, yet doubtlesse am I unto you: for the seale of mine Apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3 Mine answer to them that aske me, is this:

4 Haue we not power to eate and to drinke?

5 Haue we not power to lead about a sister a wife, as well as other Apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord and Cephas?

6 Is the liberty of not labouring † taken from me and Barnabas onely? † With the hands.

7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his owne cost? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milke of the flocke?

8 Say I these things after the maner of men? or saith not the Law the same also?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzell the mouth of the Oxe that treadeth out the corne. Doth God take care for Oxen?

10 Either saith he it not altogether for our sakes? For our sakes no doubt this is written: that he which eareth, should eare in hope: and that he which threshseth in hope, should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we haue sowne unto you spirituall things, is it a great thing if we shall reape your carnall things?

12 If others be partakers of their power over you, wherfore are not we rather? Nevertheles, we haue not vsed this power: but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ.

13 Do ye not know, that they which minister about holy things, eate of the things of the Temple? and they which wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel.

15 But I haue vsed none of these things. Nevertheles, I wrote not these things, that it should be so done unto me: For it were better for me to die, then that any man should make my † rejoycing vaine. † Or, boasting.

16 For if I preach the Gospel, I haue nothing to † rejoyce of: for necessity is layed upon me. But woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel. † Or, boast of.

17 For if I doe this thing with a good will, I haue a reward: but if against my will, the dispensation is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? Verily that when I preach the Gospel, I may make the Gospel of Christ free, that I misuse not mine authority in the Gospel.

19 For

19 For whereas I was free of all, I made my selfe the seruant of all: that I might gaine the moe.

20 And I became to the Iewes as a Iew, that I might gaine the Iewes.

21 To them that are under the Law, as though I were under the Law (whereas my selfe was not under the Law) that I might gaine them that were under the law, to them that were without the law, as though I were without the Law (whereas I was not without the Law of God, but was in the Law of Christ) that I might gaine them that were without the Law.

22 To the weake I became weake, that I might gaine the weake. To all men ‡ I became all things, that I might saue all.

23 And I doe all things for the Gospell, || that I may be made partaker thereof.

24 Know you not that they that runne in the price, all runne indeed, but one receiueth the price? || So runne that you may obteine.

25 And every one that striueth for the maistrie, refraineth himselfe from all things: and they certes, that they may receiue a corruptible crowne: but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so runne not as it were at an uncertaine thing: so I fight, not as it were beating the aire:

27 But || I chastise my body and bring it into seruitude, || lest perhaps when I haue preached to others, my selfe become reprobate.

‡ Not by fiction or simulation, but by compassion of the infirmities of all sorts. *Aug. ep. 9.*

The Epistle upon the Sunday of Septuagesima.

19 *For though I be free from all men, yet haue I made my selfe seruant vnto all men, that I might winne the more.*

20 *Vnto the Iewes, I became as a Iew, that I might win the Iewes: to them that are vnder the Law as vnder the Law, that I might winne them that are vnder the Law:*

21 *To them that are without Law, as without law (when I was not without law as pertaining to the law of God, but was in the Law of Christ) that I might winne them that are without law:*

22 *To the weake became I as weake, that I might winne the weake: I haue beene made all things to all men, that I might by all meanes saue some.*

23 *And this I doe for the Gospels sake, that I might be partaker thereof.*

24 *Know ye not, that they which runne in a race, runne all, but one receiueth the reward? So runne, that ye may obtaine.*

25 *Euery man that prouoketh masteries, abstaineth from all things: and they doe it to obteine a corruptible crowne, but we* to obteine *an incorruptible* crowne.

26 *I therefore so runne, not as at an vncertaine thing: so fight I, not as one that beateth the aire:*

27 *But I tame my body, and bring it into subiection: least by any meanes that when I haue preached to other, I my selfe should be a cast-away.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 2. 5 Cephas.] *Heareth* Cephas *(that is* Peter*) to proue his purpose by the example of the chiefe and Prince of the Apostles.* S. Ambro. S. Chrys. Oecum. *upon this place.* — Primacy of Peter.

FVLK. 2. We doe acknowledge that *Cephas* was in order and promptnesse chiefe of the Apostles, but not in authority or dignity.

RHEM. 3 13 The altar.] *The English Bible (1562) here and in the next Chapter, saith thrise, for altars, temple: must falsify and heretically, against holy altars, which about the time of that translation were digged downe in England.*

FVLK. 3. This was no corruption of the Translators, but a fault of the Printers. For the Translatour, (as in the Bible Printed in King *Henries* time, is to be seene) did say altars, not temple. And why should we not suffer the Iewish altar to stand, as well in this place, as in an hundreth places of the Bible beside. Therefore it is a vaine and ridiculous slander to say, we corrupted the text, because Popish altars were in digging downe when the Bible was in printing. — Cauilling. — Slander.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. IX.

RHEM. 4 1 My worke.] *As he called himselfe before Gods coadiutor, so heere he boldly also challengeth the Corinthians conuersion to be his heedie worke in our Lord: nothing derogating thereby from Christ, as the Protestants rudely charge the Fathers, and Catholike men (vnder pretence of Gods honour) for vsing such phrases or speaches in the Apostles sense, of the Saints or Sacraments.* — The Heretikes find pretence of Gods honour.

FVLK. 4 The Protestants doe not charge the Fathers, for using of any such speech of the Saints and Sacraments as doe signifie no more, but that they be appointed ministers and instruments of Gods working to our benefite.

RHEM. 5 5 A woman a sister.] *The heretikes peruersely (as they doe all other places for the aduantage of their Sect) expound this of the Apostles wiues, and for woman, translate, wife, all best sounding vnto them. Whereas the Apostle meaneth plainely the deuout women that after the maner of Iewry, ministred to the preacher of necessaries, of which sort many followed Christ, and sustained him and his of their substance. So doth S. Chrysost. Theodoret, and all the Greekes (Oecu. in collect. super hunc lo.) take it. So doth S. Augustine De op. Monach c. 4. and S. Hierom li. 1. adu. Iouinianum c. 24. both disputing and proouing it by the very words of the text.* S. Ambrose *also vpon this place. And the thing is most plaine, for to what end should he talke of burdening the Corinthians with finding his wife, when himselfe (c. 7. 7. 8.) cleerely saith that he was single?* — Heretical translation. — Rem. Test. 1580. Mat. 27. 55.

FVLK. 5. Our translation is according to the plaine wordes and meaning of the Apostle. For first, the word is not γυναῖκα ἀδελφὴν a woman sister, but ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα a sister a wife, for no man would say, a sister a woman, because the word sister implyeth a woman. Therefore of necessity, the latter word signifieth a wife specially, and not a sister generally. *Chrysostome* whom you cite impudently, saith neuer a word of the matter in controuersie, onely rehearsing the words of the text. *Theodoret* saith: *Some doe interpret it so, that as certaine faithfull women followed our Lord, ministring necessary food to his Disciples; so some shewing more fervent faith, followed some of the Apostles, depending of their doctrine, and helping their diuine preaching.* This interpretation he doth neither allow, nor disallow, and therefore you say falsly, that he among the rest doth take it so. But *Oecumenius* indeed doth so take it. Saint *Augustine* although he allow this interpretation, yet he theweth that some did interpret — The Apostles wiues.

interpret the word [illegible] *them seruices, a* [illegible] so [illegible] a wife. [illegible] wife: By which corruption he might more easily be deceiued in the true meaning. As [illegible] being ready [illegible] any thing that soundeth neuer so little against mariage. And yet against *Heluidius* he cauils this text, *Nunquid non habemus potestatem vxores circumducendi sicut & ceteri Apostoli?* Adde hereunto, that *Tertullian* to defend his heresie of *Montanus*, doth so take it, against the Catholike doctors of his time. And yet he confesseth notwithstanding this text, *Euhort. de Cast. Eicebat & Apostolis vbere & vxores circumducere. Licebat & de euangelijs viuere.* But *Clemens Alexandrinus* before him, by this text, doth proouе that the Apostles had wiues, and did leade them about, in these wordes: *Doe they also reiect the Apostles? For Peter and Philip did beget children, Philip also did giue his daughters in marriage, and Paul feareth not in a certaine Epistle, to speake to his yoke-fellow, which he did not lead: about with him, because he had no neede of great seruice. Therefore he saith in a certaine Epistle: Haue we not power to leade about a sister a wife, as the rest of the Apostles? But they truely as it was meete, because they could not serue their Ministery, attending to preaching, ledde them not about as wiues, but as sisters, which should ministier together with them among the women, which kept the houses, by whom also without any reprehension we auoid suspition, the doctrine of our Lord might enter into the closets of women. Stromat lib. 3.* And who would not thinke it agreeable to reason, that the Apostles which had wiues, would not leade them about rather then strange women, at least wise in the company of strange women?

Againe, the word of leading about, declareth that they were their wiues that were ledde about, for the Apostles had no authority to lead other women about with them. We reade that certaine women did follow our Saviour Christ, we reade not that he did leade them about. The word signifying the authority of the husband over his wife, or of the Master over his maide. Finally, the scope of the text go against the exposition of rich women, which should minister of the substance to the Apostles necessity, for by them the Church should not haue beene charged, but their dutifull charge releeued. Whereas by the Apostles wiues that were poore as their husbands, the Church was charged. But it is a pithie reason that is conceiued in that your question, *Vt hac sinodi we should be talke of burdening the Corinthians with finding his wife, when himselfe cleerely saith, he was single.* As though he might not declare what was lawfull for him to doe, namely, to haue a wife as well as other Apostles, and to charge the Church with finding of her, although he meane not to vse that liberty. Our interpretation therefore is not so perticall as yours in the next verse is ridiculous, *who goeth a warfare* were it Lay.

RHEM. 7 Who goeth the Souldier?] *He proueth by the Scriptures and natural reasons that Preachers and Pastors may challenge their finding of their flocke, though himselfe for causes had not, nor intended not to vse his right and liberty therein.* — Pastors and preachers due.

RHEM. 6 26 If I Euangelize.] *If I should preach either of compulsion and seruile feare, as meere necessity, not hoping otherwise to liue and sustaine my selfe in this world, I could not looke for reward in heauen; but now doing it, not onely as enjoyned me, but also as of loue and charity, and freely without putting any man to cost, and that voluntarily and of very desire to saue my brethren, I shall haue my reward of God, yea and a reward of Supererogation; which is giuen to them that of abundant charity doe more in the seruice of God then they be commanded, as Saint Augustine expoundeth it,* De op. Mon. c. 5. — Works of Supererogation.

FVLK. 6. S. *Augustine* hath no such words as you faine, neither doth he name a reward of Supererogation, but he saith, *Paul did bestow more then was necessary for him to doe, when he wrought at his owne finding, according to the saying of the Samaritane vnto the host-keeper, Whatsoeuer thou shalt bestow more.* But that S. *Paul's* abstinence of his liberty was his duty in this case, (though generally he might vse that liberty) his owne words are manifest, where he sheweth. He abstained that he should giue no offence, which was necessary for him to auoide, that he should not abuse his power in the Gospell. Therefore this restraining of his liberty in this case, was of duty, and not of Supererogation, more then duety. And of Supererogation of more then we haue receiued grounded vpon the words of the Samaritane, S. *Augustine* saith in his Confessions to God: *Supererogatur tibi vt debeas, &c. There is giuen more to thee, that thou mayest be a debter, and who hath any thing, which is not thy owne.* By which he sheweth that God is not properly brought in debt by any supererogation, when no man hath any thing but that which is Gods owne, and therefore is due to him. — Supererogation.

RHEM. 7 23 That I may be partaker.] *A singular place to conuince the protestants, that will not haue men worke well in respect of reward at Gods hand: the Apostle confessing expressly, that all this that he doth either of duety, or of Supererogation aboue duety (as to preach of purpose, and to worke with his owne hands to get his owne meate and his fellowes, and to abstaine from many lawfull things) all is, but rather to attaine the reward of heauen.* — Doing well in respect of reward.

FVLK. 7 This place doth rather proue, that the Apostle did willingly abstaine from using this liberty, because it was his duety in this case, for otherwise he could haue no part of the Gospel. Although you slander the Protestants, *that they will not haue men worke well in respect of reward at Gods hand:* for they would haue men worke well, not onely in respect of reward, but also for feare of punishment, due to them that worke not well, yet not onely for these respects, not chiefely, but principally of loving obedience, and duety, as becommeth children to the glory of God their father, and not onely for reward, as hirelings, not onely for feare, as slaues, — Supererogation. Slander.

RHEM. 24 So runne.] *If such as runne for a price, to make themselues more swift, and to winne the game, abstaine from many meates and pleasures, what should we doe or suffer to winne the crowne of glory, purposed and promised to none but such as runne, trauell, and endeauor for it?* — Running for the game.

RHEM. 8. 27. I chastise.] *The goale of euerlasting glorie is not promised nor set forth for onely fasts men for such as runne at random, but it is the price of them that chastise and subdue their bodies and fleshly desires by fasting, watching, voluntary pouerty, and other afflictions. Lord, how farre is the carnall doctrine of the Sectaries, and the manners of these daies from the Apostles spirit. Wherein euen we that be Catholikes, though we doe not condemne with the Protestants these voluntary afflictions as superfluous (much lesse as superstitious or iniurious to Christs death,) but much commend them, yet we vse nothing the zeale and diligence of our first Christians auncestors herein, and therefore are like to be more subiect to Gods temporall chastisements, at the least in the next life then they were.* — Penance not superfluous.

FVLK. 8. This impudent rotten slander commeth so often, that it would make a man call his gorge, to heare it so lothsomely repeated. We cry out as loud as we can: That faith which only iustifieth, is not alone, but accompanied with good works, is not idle, but worketh by loue. But that the *goale of euerlasting glory, is purchased by chastising the body, &c.* the Apostle doth not teach. It is a reward infinitely aboue the value of all mens works, therefore giuen of grace, not deserued of merit. Another impudent slander it is, to say, that we condemne voluntary chastising of the body to such end, and in such maner, as the Apostle speaketh, as superfluous and superstitious: As though the Apostle spake, of the counterfeit chastising of Popish hypocrites to merite, or satisfie Gods — Onely faith. Merits.

Gods iudge by them, which we condemne as iniurious to Christs death, and not vouchsafing prayer, fasting, &c. exercised to subdue the lusts of our flesh, and to serue God in the Gospel.

RHEM. 9. aug. apud Pet. Lomb. in hunc locum.

FULK. 9

27 [illegible] shape. I. Here may we Lambes tremble (saith a holy Father), when the Romish [illegible] for to [illegible] selfe-loue and humble himselfe (he seeth all his other wisedom addressed to the preaching of the Gospel) lest perhaps [illegible] we may, a man may make S. Paul feared be as sure and as confident of Gods grace and saluation as we [illegible] etched creatures: but the Heretikes who applie securitie, presumption, and all the perswasion of their soule, [illegible] is not fides Apostolorum, but fides dæmoniorum; not the faith of the Apostles, but the faith of diuels.

S. Paul had not the Protestants securitie of saluation.

3. Paul did not presume of the end, without the meanes and waies by which God bringeth us into it. Yea did he not doubt of his saluation, which had beene to doubt of Gods promises. Our securitie of saluation is no vaine presumption, but an assurance vpon the word of God, that through faith in God, and walking in the way that God hath appointed us, we shall undoubtedly come to the end of eternall life.

Certainty of saluation.

CHAP. X.

See the Argument of the 9. Chapter, which comprehendeth the contents of this also.

FOr I will not haue you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all * vnder the cloud, and all * passed through the sea.

Exod.13,21. Num.8,18.

2 And all in Moses were baptized in the cloud and in the sea.

Exod.14,22.

3 And * all did eate || the same spirituall foode.

Exod.16,15.

4 And all * drinke the same spirituall drinke (and they * drunke of the spirituall rocke that followed them, and the rocke was Christ.)

Exod.17,6.

5 But in the more part of them God was not well pleased, for they * were ouerthrowne in the desert.

Num.20,10. Num.26,65.

6 And these things were done in a figure of vs, that we be not coueting euill things, as * they also coueted.

The Epistle vpon the 21. Sunday after Pentecost. Num.11,4.

7 Neither become ye Idolaters, as certaine of them: as it is written, *The people sate downe to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play.*

Exod.32,6. Num.25,1.

8 Neither let vs fornicate, * as certaine of them did fornicate, and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let vs tempt Christ: as certaine of them tempted, and * perished by the serpents.

Num.21,5.

10 Neither doe yee murmure: as * certaine of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer.

Num.11,33. 14,37.

11 * And all these things chanced to them in figure: but they are written to our correption, vpon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Therefore he that thinketh himselfe to stand, let him take heed † lest he fall.

Tentation hath not apprehended.

13 Let not tentation apprehend you, but humane; and God is faithfull, who will not suffer you to bee tempted aboue that which you are able: but will make also with tentation issue, that you may be able to sustaine.

14 For the which cause, my dearest, flee from the seruing of idols.

15 I speake || as to wise men: your selues iudge what I say.

16 The chalice of benediction || which we doe blesse, is it not the communication of the blood of Christ? and the bread which we breake, is it not || the participation of the body of our Lord.

17 For

BRethren, I would not that ye should be ignorants, how that all our fathers were vnder the cloud, and all passed thorow the sea.

2 *And were all baptized || vnto Moses in the cloud, and in the sea.*

3 *And did all eate the same spirituall meate.*

4 *And did all drinke the same spirituall drinke: For they dranke of that spirituall rocke that followed them, and that rocke was Christ.*

5 *But in many of them had God no delight: for they were ouerthrowne in the wildernesse.*

6 *These things verily are our ensamples, that we should not be lusters after euill things, as they also lusted.*

7 *Neither be ye Idolaters, as were some of them, as it is written, * The people sate downe to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play.*

Exod.32,6.

8 *Neither let vs commit fornication, as some of them committed || fornication, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*

9 *Neither let vs tempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and were destroyed of Serpents.*

10 *Neither murmure ye, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.*

11 *All these things happened vnto them for ensamples: but they are written for our admonition, vpon whom the ends of the world are come.*

12 *Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.*

13 *There hath no temptation taken you, but such as followeth the nature of man: but God is faithfull, which shall not suffer you to be tempted aboue that you are able: but shall with the temptation make a way to escape, that ye may be able to beare it.*

14 *Wherefore my dearely beloued, flee from idolatry.*

15 *I speake as vnto them which haue discretion: iudge ye what I say.*

16 *The Cup of blessing which we blesse, is it not the partaking of the blood of Christ? The Bread which we breake, is it not the partaking of the body of Christ?*

17 For

17 For being many, we are [illegible] one

18 Behold Israel [illegible] that eate the sacrifices, are they not partakers of the Altar?

19 What then? doe I say that that which is immolated to Idols, is any thing? or that the Idoll is any thing?

20 But the things that the heathen doe immolate, to deuils they doe immolate, and not to God: And || I will not haue you become fellowes of deuils.

21 || You cannot drinke the Chalice of our Lord, and the chalice of deuils: you cannot be || partakers of the Table of our Lord, and of the table of deuils.

22 Or doe we emulate our Lord? Why, are wee stronger then he? || All things are lawfull for me, but all things are not expedient.

23 All things are lawfull for me, but all things doe not edifie.

24 Let no man seeke his owne, but another mans.

25 All that is sold in the shambles, eate: asking no question for conscience.

26 *The earth is our Lords, and the fulnesse thereof.* Psal.23.1.

27 If any invite you of the infidels, and you will goe: eat of all that is set before you, asking no question for conscience.

28 But if any man say, This is immolated to Idols: doe not eat for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience.

29 Conscience I say, not thine, but the others. For why is my liberty iudged of another mans conscience?

30 If I participate with thanks, why am I blasphemed for that which I giue thankes for?

31 Therefore whether you eat or drinke, or doe any other thing: doe all things vnto the glory of God.

32 Bee without offence to the Iewes and to the Gentiles, and to the Church of God:

33 As I also in all things doe please all men, not seeking that which is profitable to my selfe, but which is to many: that they may be saued.

13 *For we that are many, are one bread, one body, we are all partakers of one bread.*

18 *Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eate of the sacrifices, partakers of the altar?*

19 *What say I then? that the idoll is any thing? or that it which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing.*

20 *But this I say, that the things which the Gentiles offer in sacrifice, they offer to deuils, and not to God: And I would not that ye should haue fellowship with the deuils.*

21 *Ye cannot drinke the cuppe of the Lord, and the cuppe of the deuils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lords Table, and of the table of deuils.*

22 *Either do we prouoke the Lord to anger? What, are we stronger then he?*

23 * *All things are lawfull for me, but all things are not expedient: All things are lawfull for me, but all things edifie not.* Eccles.37,33.

24 *Let no man seeke his owne: but euery man another wealth.*

25 *Whatsoeuer is sold in the || market, that eate, asking no question for conscience sake.*

26 *For the earth is the Lords, and the plenty thereof.* Psal.24.1.

27 *If any of them which beleeue not, bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to goe, whatsoeuer is set before you, eate, asking no question for conscience sake.*

28 *But if any man say vnto you, This is offered in sacrifice vnto idols, eate not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake. The earth is the Lords, and the plenty thereof.*

29 *Conscience I say, not of thine owne selfe, but of the other: For why is my liberty iudged of another mans conscience?*

30 *For if I by* Gods *benefite may be partaker of the gifts of God, why am I euill spoken of for that wherefore I giue thankes?*

31 * *Whether ye eate or drinke, or whatsoeuer ye doe, doe all to the glory of God.* Col.3,17.

32 *See that ye giue none offence, neither to the Iewes, nor yet to the Grecians, neither to the Church of God.*

33 *Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine owne profite: but the profite of many, that they may be saued.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 1. FULK. 1.

12 Lest he fall.] *It is profitable to all, or to a measure to all, for to keepe them in humility, not to know what they shall be, saith S.* Augustine. *Which maketh against the vaine security of the protestants.*

Seeing you cite S. *Augustine* at large, we must answere you at large, that S. *Augustine* hath no such meaning against the constancy of our finall perseverance, which he prooveth plentifully in his booke *De bono perseverantiæ.*

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. X.

RHEM. 2 *Caluin. in hunc loc.*

3 The same.] *The Red Sea and the cloud, a figure of our Baptisme: the Manne from heauen, and water miraculously drawne out of the rocke, a figure of the holy Sacrament of Christs body and blood: our Sacraments containing the things and graces in truth, which theirs onely signified. And it is an impudent forgerie of the Caluinists, to write vpon this place, that the Iewes received no lesse the truth and substance of Christ, and his benefites in their figures or Sacraments, then we doe in ours: and that they and we all eate and drinke of the selfe same meate and drinke.*

The old figures of our Sacraments. We receiue greater benefits of our Sacraments then the Iewes did by theirs.

Sacrament.

The fathers did call the body of Christ.

Rhem. 36.

Our union among our selues by the blessed Sacrament.

Fvll. 6.

Communion with Christ and his Church.

Spirituall communication of the body of Christ

The wicked eate not the bodie of Christ indeed.

Rhem. 3.

The Apostle and ancient fathers speake covertly of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fvll. 3.

Sacrifice of the Masse.

The Apostle speaketh not one word of the sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament, but sheweth, that it is the nature of all Ceremonies, to declare them that use them, to be partakers of that Religion, whereof they be Ceremonies: as the Sacrifices of the Iewes, the Sacraments of Christians, and the execrable Sacrifices and Ceremonies of the Gentiles, declared the severall vses of them to be partakers of these severall Religions. Therefore the Christians, which were consecrated to Christ, ought to haue nothing to doe with the wicked Ceremonies of the Gentiles, whereby they should partake with deuils, and not with Christ. Because no man can be partaker of Christ, that is partaker of the deuils. The fathers in their admonition, *Norunt fideles, &c.* The faithfull know, &c. speake not of the Sacrifice of the Masse, but of the mysterie of the Lords Supper, which they called a Sacrifice, because therein is offered a sacrifice of praysse and thanksgiving not of the naturall body of Christ. *Hoc est, &c. This is* (saith S. *Augustine*) *the sacrifice of the Christians, we being many are one body in Christ: which thing also in the sacrament of the Altar, is wont vnto the faithfull, the Church doth frequent, where it is shewed vnto her, that in that oblation which she offereth, she her selfe is offered. De Ciuit. lib.10. cap.6.* In the same Chapter he entreateth of spirituall sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, which are the workes of mercy and mortification of our bodies, vnto which he referreth this sacrifice of the Christians, wherein the Church is offered. In the 20. Chapter of the same booke, he writeth, speaking of the sacrifice of Christs death and of the Sacrament thereof. *Per hos, &c. By this he himselfe is the Priest that offereth, and he himselfe is the oblation. A sacrament of which thing he would haue the daily sacrifice of the Church to be, seeing he is the head of his vnne body, and she is the body of her vnne head, as well she by him, as he by her, being accustomed to be offered.* Heere we see, the sacrifice of the Church is a sacrament of the death of Christ, in which Christ is none otherwise offered by the Church, then the Church is offered by Christ, that is, spiritually and figuratiuely, in praise and thanksgiving, not properly or propitiatorily. So saith *Chrysostome. We offer the same sacrifice alwayes, or rather, we celebrate the remembrance of that sacrifice. In Ep. ad Heb. cap.10. Hom.17. Against Iesus died. If Iesus did not die, whereof or of whom is this sacrifice a signe or token? In Matth. Ho.83.* As for *Origen*, he doth not so much as name the sacrament a sacrifice, but speaketh of it, as a memoriall of the death of Christ, by which we are redeemed, like as the sacrifices of the law were figures of the death of Christ before he suffered.

Rhem. 4.

The Apostles blessed the Chalice, and so consecrated.

Calix ut benedictus dicitur: & benedictio, consecratio.

16 Which we blesse.] *That is to say, the Chalice of Consecration which we Apostles and Priests by Christs commission doe consecrate, by which speech as well the Caluinists, (that vse no consecration of the cup at all, blasphemously calling it magicall murmuration, and peruersly referring the benediction to thanksgiving to God) do also the Lutherans be refuted, who affirme Christs body and blood to be made present by receiving, and at the receiving only. For the Apostle expressly referreth the benediction to the chalice, and not to God, making the holy blood and the communicating thereof the effect of the benediction.*

Fvll. 4

We confesse, that to blesse signifieth heere, to sanctifie or to consecrate, and that the cup is blessed or consecrated by vs, to be a sacrament of the blood of Christ, not by magicall murmuration of wordes ouer it, but by the whole action according to Christs institution, in which receiving is a necessary part. Therefore *Chrysost.* saith, *He called it the cup of blessing, because, when we haue it in our hands, with admiration and a certaine horror of that vnspeakable gift, we praise and blesse him, because he hath shed his blood, that we should not remaine in errour and hath vnited vs vnto him, and that we should not be vncleane, hauing our bodies made partakers of the flesh of Christ, and our soules of his blood.* So did *Photius* and *Oecumenius* expound this word: *Which we blesse, which hauing in our hands, we blesse him, which hath graciously giuen vs his blood, that is we giue him thankes, or with which we prepare, when we blesse, we giue thankes.* You see the consent of the judgement of the ancient fathers, how the Apostle referreth the benediction to the cup and to God alone, when they shew that by giuing praise and thankes to God; and receiuing it accordingly, the cuppe is blessed, and not by saying the words of consecration

Rhem.

Fvll. 5.

Rhem.

Participication in Sacrament or Sacrifice, sheweth of what society we are.

Rhem. 7.

Fvll. 7.

Sacrifice of the Masse.

Rhem. 8.

The Sacrifice of the Altar is proued by the Apostles compared with the Sacrifices of Iewes and Gentiles.

It is proued to be a sacrifice out of the Fathers.

blood, [illegible] Body [illegible] Transubstantiation.

Transubstantiation.

[illegible] Sacrifice.

[illegible] Sacrifice.

[illegible] Sacrifice

* Basil. l. 21.

* Ambros. ep. 33. The Fathers called this Sacrifice, the Masse.

FVLK. 8.

The Apostle speaketh not of receiuing the sacrifice of Christs Bodie and Bloud in the Cuppe of the Lord, and of the Table of the Lord. Neither doth he speake of [illegible] Host, or Oblation, or compare our Sacrifice to any [illegible] sacrifices, or immolations of the Iewes or Gentiles, which is [illegible], but onely in that there is a feast in those sacrifices of the Iewes and Gentiles, as there is a [illegible] and in that point which is common to all ceremonies, to declare them that vse them, to be partakers of that Religion, whereof they be ceremonies. And therefore the Apostle might in this respect haue vsed the example of [illegible] that Sacrament, which is Baptisme, by which also we haue participation with Christ and his Church, but he did rather chuse the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, because it being a spirituall feast of our Religion doth more resemble the cursed feasts of the Gentiles, from which hee doth dissuade them. Whereas if this Sacrament had been also a Sacrifice, he would not haue spared to enforce the comparison also in that respect, which now seeing he hath not done, there is no reason to gather a sacrifice out of this Discourse. Indeed many of the Fathers do call it by the name of a Sacrifice or Oblation figuratiuely, as I haue said before. But where you say all the Fathers doe acknowledge it, calling it onely and continually almost by such names as signifie a Sacrifice, it is false. For *Iustinus, Clemens Alexand. Origen, Tertullian, Epiphanius, Hilarius, Basilius*, and diuers other doe not at all, or else very seldome call it a Sacrifice. That the Fathers call this Sacrament, as they doe, none other Sacrament or Ceremonie of Christian Religion, what marvell is it? seeing it hath a proper difference, as every thing hath, whereby it is distinguished from all other things.

The Councell of Nice saith not, that the very naturall bodie of Christ is offered upon the Altar, but that the Sacrament which is figuratiuely called the Lambe of God, (as it is called the body of Christ) is layd on the Table. And therefore they say also, that *Christ is sacrificed, without sacrifice*, because Christ is not properly sacrificed, but the remembrance of his sacrifice celebrated in the Sacrament. The Councell of Ephesus saith: *Wee celebrate in the Churches the vnbloody service of Sacrifice.* But how, they declare in the words going immediatly before, *Shewing or preaching the death according to the flesh, of the only begotten Sonne of God, that is, of Iesus Christ, and likewise confessing his resurrection and ascension into Heaven.* By which words, they shew plainly, that the service of the Sacrifice, which they did celebrate, was onely a memoriall of the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. *Dionysius* calleth it τὴν ἱερῶν τελετῶν, that is, the mysterie of mysteries, or the chiefe mysterie, or the chiefe ceremony, for so doth the word signifie any mysterie or ceremony of Religion, and not sacrifice properly.

So doth *Pachimere* expound it, comparing this Sacrament with Baptisme, which hee calleth also τελετὴν. Therefore this terme is unlearnedly alledged out of a partiall Translation, for to prooue this Sacrament to be called a Sacrifice. That which you cite out of *Cyril. Athan.* 11. is an impudent forgerie: For there is no word of quickening holy Sacrifice, unbloudy Host, or Victime. But when you haue so notably past the bonds of modestie, what marvell, if you passe your selues in greater impudencie? As when you say, it is called the propitiatorie sacrifice for the quicke and the dead, by *Tertullian, Chrysostome, Cyprian, Augustine*, which is so monstrous a lye, as none but such as had sold themselues to maintaine falsehood, durst for shame affirme unto the world. First, *Tertullian de corona mil.* hath nothing that soundeth toward such a matter, but *Oblationes pro defunctis, pro natalitijs annua die facere*, to make Oblations for the departed, for the birth-day on the yearely day. He saith not, that the Sacrament, or Christ in the Sacrament was offered. But what Oblations were offered, it is easie to gather, by that he saith, They were offered for mens birth-dayes, which could be none other but praise and thanksgiving, both for the departure of men out of the world, and for their birth into the world.

Chrysostome in the first place saith, That prayer was made for all that sleepe in Christ, at the celebration of the mysteries, which was the errour of his time, but that the Sacrament is a sacrifice propitiatory, he saith not one word. He saith that some comfort may come to them that sleepe, if we offer for them. But how he would haue us to offer for them, he expresseth, saying: *Offering prayers for them, prayers are the common sacrifice of the whole world.* In the second place he nameth the Sacrament a sacrifice, and speaketh of prayer for the dead, used at the celebration therof, but a sacrifice propitiatory, or offered for the dead, he calleth it not. In the third place, he doth not once speak of the Sacrament or Sacrifice. But how he doth understand the terme of Sacrifice, which he useth divers times, he declareth in *Epist. Hebr. Homil.* 17. saying, *This Sacrifice is an exemplar of that Sacrifice.* And againe, *This that we doe, is in remembrance of that which was done. For, doe ye this (saith he) in remembrance of me. We offer not another Sacrifice, as the High priest, but the same wee doe alwayes, but rather wee celebrate the remembrance of a Sacrifice.* *Cyprian Epist.* 66. speaketh not a word of the Sacrament, but saith, that for as much as *Geminius Victor*, had made a Priest his Executor, contrary to the Decree of a Councell, there should be no Oblation celebrated for his falling sleepe, which is meant of praise and thanksgiving. For if they had held the Popish opinion of Purgatorie, it had beene too extreame punishment, to denie him Prayers, or the Sacrifice of the Masse. But in what sense he called the Sacrament a Sacrifice, he doth best expound himselfe: *Because wee make mention of his Passion in all our Sacrifices, for the sacrifice which we offer, is the Passion of our Lord, we ought to do nothing but that which he did.* The Sacrament is called a sacrifice, as it is called the Passion of Christ, which is not properly, but figuratiuely: because we celebrate a memory of his passion and sacrifice in it. And because the Sacrament being received worthily, is a sure seale and pledge of the vertue of Christs Sacrifice, once offered to be continually applyed unto us by faith, for remission of our sinnes. Therefore saith *Cyprian*, *When wee doe these things, wee doe not prepare our teeth to bite, but with sincere faith wee breake and divide the Holy-bread.* De cœna Domin.

S. *Augustine*

In these words he speaketh doubtlesse of a sacrifice of thanksgiving, as that was, which the fathers by the law were bound to offer for their cleansing. But to make this matter more cleare, that he meaneth not a Sacrifice propitiatory, but a Sacrament of remembrance for praise and thanksgiving, he writeth thus *Cont. Faust. Manichæum, lib.* 20. *c.* 21. *Sed quid agam, &c. But what should I doe, and when shall I shew so great blindnesse of these Heretikes, what force that hath which is sung in the Psalmes? The sacrifice of praise shall glorifie me, and there is the way where I shall shew my saluation, The flesh and bloud of this sacrifice was promised before the comming of Christ by sacrifices of similitudes, as the passion of Christ is was given by the very truth it selfe, after the ascension of Christ it is celebrated by a Sacrament of remembrance.* Likewise *epist.* 23. he saith, *Was not Christ offered once in himselfe? and yet in a Sacrament, not onely at every solemnitie of Easter, but also every day he is offered to the people. And he that being asked, doeth answere that hee is sacrificed, doeth not lie. For if Sacraments had not a certaine likenesse of those things whereof they bee Sacraments, they should bee no Sacraments at all.* These places are sufficient to satisfie any reasonable man, that the ancient fathers in calling the Sacrament a sacrifice, did not meane that Christ was properly and really sacrificed: but in a figuratiue speech: as Sacraments are called by the names of those things whereof they be Sacraments.

And therefore *Gratian* doth well conclude this matter out of Saint *Augustine*, as he saith, *Sicut ergo, &c. Therefore as the heavenly Bread, which is the flesh of Christ, is called after the proper manner, sometimes the bodie of Christ; when in deed and truth it is the Sacrament of the bodie of Christ, of that bodie, I say, which being visible, which being palpable and mortall, was put on the crosse, and the same oblation of the flesh, which is made by the handes of the Priest, is called the passion, death, and crucifying of Christ, not in truth of the thing, but in a signifying mysterie, so the Sacrament of Faith, which is understood to be Baptisme, is faith.* De cons. Dist. 2. c. Hoc est.

Cyprian de Cœn. serm. 2. doth not call this Sacrament *The onely immaculate Victime, without which there is no Religion*, but speaketh of the grosse imagination of the Capharnaites; who thought, *That if the flesh of Christ person were cut in pieces, it could not suffice all mankind, which being once consumed, it might seeme that religion were lost, to whom remained no more any sacrifice. But in such cogitations, flesh and bloud profiteth nothing, for as the Master himselfe hath expounded, these words are spirit and truth, neither doth carnall sense preace to the understanding of so great deepth, except faith come to it.* In these words is nothing for your propitiatorie sacrifice, but rather against it. How *Chrysostome* understandeth the Sacrament to be a Sacrifice, *Homil.* 17. *ad Heb.* I haue shewed before by his owne wordes out of the same Homily. Now wee come to the sacrifice prefigured by *Melchisedec*, and prophesied by *Malachy*: which the Fathers doubtlesse doe understand of a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and not of the naturall bodie of Christ. First *Cyprian* saith, *Epist.* 63. *That Christ offered the same thing which* Melchisedec *had offered, that is bread and wine, that is to say, his bodie and bloud.* If Christ offered bread and wine, which is the same thing that *Melchisedec* offered, he offered not his naturall body and bloud, but a type thereof in bread and wine. But according to your Heresie he offered not bread and wine, but his bodie and bloud.

In the same Epistle *Cyprian* saith, *The sacrifice which we offer is the passion of Christ.* Againe, *Hee speaketh against them which thought that onely water was to be offered in the Lords cup.* Againe, *Wee finde that the cup was mixed which our Lord offered, and that it was wine which he called his bloud.* Againe, *That the cup which is offered in remembrance of him, bee offered mixt with wine. For when Christ saith, I am the true vine, the bloud of Christ is not water but wine.* What can be more evident, to declare? that he useth the terme offering figuratively, in respect of the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which is offered in the celebration of the Supper, in remembrance of the onely sacrifice of Christ. And when he saith so often, that Christ offered wine, and that his bloud is wine, it is manifest, that the Sacrament is called by the name of that whereof it is a signe, not properly, but figuratiuely.

Iustinus Dial. cum Tryphon. speaketh yet more plainely to proue that the Church in his time knew no sacrifice, but the sacrifice of thanksgiving, which hee sayth was offered by all Christians, that are spirituall Priests in the celebration of the Lords Supper. *Iuxta quos, &c. So we, which by the name of Iesus (as all bee one man in God the worker of all things) being stript out of our filthie garments, that is our sinnes, by the name of his first begotten sonne, and being set on fire by the word of his calling, are a right kind of high Priests of God, as God himselfe doth witnesse. That in all places among the Gentiles, acceptable and pure sacrifices are offered to him. But God receiveth no sacrifice of any, but of his Priests. Wherfore God foreseeth before hand, that he doth accept all those that offer by this Name, the sacrifices which Iesus Christ hath delivered to be made, that is in the Eucharist or thanksgiving of the Bread and the Cup, which are done in every place of Christians.* Againe, *As concerning those sacrifices which are offered to him by us Gentiles in every place, that is, of the bread of thanksgiving; and likewise of the cup of thanksgiving, hee foreseeth, thus saying: that wee doe glorifie his name, and that you doe prophane it.* And yet more plainely following the same matter, hee sayeth, *Qui ait, &c. For I my selfe doe affirme, that prayers and thanksgiving, made by worthy persons, are the onely perfect and acceptable sacrifices to God. For these are the onely sacrifices that Christians haue received to make; to bee put in minde by their dead mutuall remembrances, of the passion which Christ, the Sonne of God, is recorded to haue suffered for them.* Thus *Iustinus* by these words, hath acquited himselfe and all the Catholique Fathers, that call the Sacrament by the name of a Sacrifice, of the sacrifice propitiatorie wherewith you unpitifully burden them. *Irenæus* also, *lib.* 4. *cap.* 32. speaketh manifestly of a sacrifice of thanksgiving, wherein the Bread and Wine are dedicated to God, to become the Sacrament of the Bodie and Bloud of CHRIST, his words are these: *Owing himself to his disciples, to offer to God the first fruits of his creatures, not as though he had need, but that they themselves should not be*

bee ſanctified by the holie Ghoſt, that ſome haue ſaid the ſacrament is but a bare ſigne, and not a bee-
And it is ſo indeed, that the ſacraments be ſignes, ſignifying as well things paſſed, as things
of the new Teſtament and the Church militant, which is in and the ſacraments of the Church militant
of the old Teſtament, and of the new. Therefore
Malachie ſpeaketh &c. And in the ſame chapter, ſpeaking of the Sacrifice, which the Prie-
phet names, he ſaith: *Sed ex hoc erit oblatio mea ſancta in omni loco*, &c. *Therefore ſhall there be offered a ſacrifice of the ſaint ſacrament in the ſtead, and for the Gentiles, which is* offered to my name *and a* pure ſacrifice: *for by Ieſus Chriſt, bee ſaid* offered in right of *all* ſacrifices *incenſe is offered to my name and a* pure ſacrifice. And S. John in the Apocalypſe uſeth the ſame ſpeech of the prayers. And cha. 34. he ſaith, *That* there *incenſe* ſuch *as* John *in the Apocalypſe* ſpeaketh of, *is the Conſciences of them that* offer *there ſacrifices do not ſanctifie a man, becauſe* they *are* but *ſeruile*. You ſee how *moſt* plainly, *being pure, doeth ſanctifie the ſacrifice and conſecrateth God* the receiuer, *and* the offered. You ſee *moſt* clearely, he ſpeaketh not of the body of Chriſt conſecrated, but of prayers and thankeſgiuing, and of bread and wine offered to be the Sacrament of thankeſgiuing. Saint *Auguſtine* we haue ſeene already, vnder Candeth the name of ſacrifice, for a Sacrament of remembrance, when he called the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, a ſacrifice of the new Teſtament, after the order of *Melchiſedech*, that ſucceeded the ſacrifices of the old law, as he doth, *lib. 17. cap 20. De Ciuitate & lib. 10. cap. 5.* he ſaith: *The viſible ſacrifice is a Sacrament, that is an holy ſigne of the inuiſible ſacrifice.* That which he writeth, *lib 1, Cont. aduer. leg. & Prophe. cap. 18.* of the onely true and ſingular ſacrifice, ſignified by many figures of ſacrifices in the Law, is the ſacrifice of Chriſt deade: but that which followeth, of the ſacrifice of praiſe and thankeſgiuing out of the 50. Pſalme, he referreth to the Sacrament, as appeareth in theſe words: *Of the ſaluation of God, that is Chriſt himſelfe, I haue made mention, and ſhewed before. But what ſacrifice of praiſe is more holy then in thankeſgiuing? And for what are greater thankes to be giuen to God, then for his grace by Ieſus Chriſt our Lord? All which matters, the faithfull doe know in the ſacrifice of the Church, whereof all thoſe former kinds of ſacrifices were ſhadowes.* See you not plainely, that the ſacrifice of the Church, is the ſacrifice of praiſe and thankeſgiuing for the ſaluation of God by Chriſt? who offered that onely true and ſingular ſacrifice, whereby hee redeemed us from our ſinnes. Thus without iudgement, you quote as well that which is directly againſt you, as that which ſeemeth to haue ſoune for you. The next place *lib 3. De bap. cap. 19.* We haue declared already what it is. *Leo. ſerm. 8. De paſſ.* ſpeaketh of the ſacrifice of Chriſt his body and bloud vpon the croſſe, as I haue ſhewed plainely vpon *Luke 22. Sect. 25.*

The name of Maſſe.

Now for the name of *Miſſa*, although it be not greatly materiall what it was called, when we know what was meant by that name. Firſt you quote Saint *Ambroſe* in the margent, *epiſt. 33.* where he writeth, that as hee was inſtructing certaine perſons that deſired baptiſme in the baptizing place of the Church, word was brought him, that a certaine Church in the citie was taken by the Heretiques, for which he had had great ſtriue: whereupon he ſaith: *Ego tamen munſi in munere, miſſam facere cœpi*, which is in Engliſh, *Yet I tarried in my office, I began to let it goe*, for that ſignifieth *Miſſam facere*: or elſe you muſt ſay, to make Maſſe, which is abſurd. Therefore the name of Maſſe is not ſo ancient as S. *Ambroſe*. Next to him you quote two counterfeit Sermons vnder the name of Saint *Auguſtine*, which the phraſe thereth to be of much later time, and the matter alſo, As that make ſhort his Maſſe, which manner agreed not with S. *Auguſtines* age. In the 91 Sermon, the author ſpeaketh of a leſſon that was to bee read ad *Miſſas*, in the plurall number, Maſſes. Nevertheleſſe, about S. *Auguſtines* time, the name of *Miſſe* began to bee in uſe, as it ſeemeth by *Concil. Milevitan. Can. 12.* ſignifying rather prayers then ſacrifices. But howſoever the name was afterward received and uſed for the celebration of the Lords Supper, the ancient Fathers knew no ſacrifice of Chriſts naturall body and bloud, offered really in the Sacrament, but onely a ſacrifice of prayer, of praiſe, and thankeſgiving, in remembrance of the ſacrifice of Chriſts death, which is the only true ſingular and unſacrificeable ſacrifice, as it is called by S. *Auguſtine, cont. aduerſ leg. & Prophet. lib. 1. cap. 18.* and by *Gregor. Nazianz. in ſanct. paſc. orat. 4.* See *Luc. 22. ſect. 5.* Therefore in all your quotations, you haue gained nothing but a little droſſe out of *Chryſoſtome* and *Auguſtine*, touching prayer for the dead: which errour being firſt brought in by the Montaniſts, although it had gotten ſome liking in thoſe times, yet was it farre from the ſuperſtition and blaſphemie of Purgatory, which in later times as Antichriſt drewe neerer to his full manifeſtation, prevailed in the Romiſh Church, without all ground or warrant out of the holy Scriptures.

RHEM. 9. 21 Partakers of the table.] *Though the faithfull people be many wayes knowne to be Gods peculiar, and be ioyned both to him and among themſelues, and alſo ſeuered and diſtinguiſhed from all others that pertaine not to him, as well Iewes and Pagans, as Heretikes and Schiſmatikes, by ſundry other externall ſignes of Sacraments, doctrine and gouernment: yet the moſt proper and ſubſtantiall union or difference conſiſteth in the Sacrifice and Altar: by which God ſo ſpecially bindeth his Church vnto him, and himſelfe vnto his Church, that he acknowledgeth none to be his, that is not partaker of his one onely Table and Sacrifice in his Church: and acquitteth himſelfe of all ſuch as ioyne in felowſhip with any of the Heatheniſh their idolatrie, or with the Iewes at their ſacrifices, or with Heretikes and Schiſmatikes at their prophane and deteſtable table. Which becauſe it is the proper badge of their ſeparation from Chriſt and his Church, and an altar purpoſely erected againſt Chriſts Altar, Prieſthood, and Sacrifice, is indeede a very ſacrifice, or (as the Apoſtle heere ſpeaketh) a table and cup of Devils, that is to ſay, wherein the Devill is properly ſerued, and Chriſts honour (no leſſe then* by the altars of Ieroboam, *or any prophane ſuperſtitious ritus of Gentilitie) deſtroyed. And therefore all Catholike men, if they looke to haue fellowſhip with Chriſt and his members in his bodie and bloud, muſt deeme of it as of idolatry or ſacrileg ous ſuperſtition, and abſtaine from it and from all ſocietie of the ſame, as good Tobie did from Ieroboams calues, and the altars in Dan & Bethel: and as the good and faithfull did from the Exiteſſes, and from the temple and ſacrifices of Samaria. Now in the Chriſtian times we haue no other Idols, but hereſies, nor Id. lathyter, but their falſe ſeruices ſhifted into our Churches inſtead of Gods true and only worſhip.* Cypr. de unit. Eccl. num. 2. Hiero. in 11. Oſee. & 8. Amos. & in 2. Habac. Auguſt. in Pſal. 10. De Ciuitat. Dei. lib. 18. cap. 51.

The diſtinction of Chriſtian Catholikes from the reſt, is by not communicating with them, ſpecially in their ſacrifices, and as the communion table. The Heretikes Communion is the very table and cup of devils. 3. *Reg.* 12. *Ieh.* 1. 3. *Reg.* 12.

FVLK. 9. In the Popiſh ſacrifice of the Maſſe conſiſteth no union of Chriſtian men, neither doth the moſt proper and ſubſtantiall union or difference conſiſt in the Sacrament of the Lordes Supper. But there is as proper and as ſubſtantiall difference of true Chriſtians from other ſects, and union with Chriſt and his Church in baptiſme: or elſe they that are baptized ſhould not be properly and ſubſtantially Chriſtians. For although baptiſme as the other Sacrament may bee received out of the Church, yet haue they no vertue but in the Church. Where you blaſpheme the celebration of the Lords Supper, which wee keepe after the Inſtitution of Chriſt moſt purely, ſaying it is an Altar erected againſt Chriſts Altar, Prieſthood and Sacrifice, beſide that it is moſt impious, it is moſt ridiculous that you ſay. For we haue none Altar, ſacrificing Prieſthood, or Sacrifice propitiatorie, but onely the Altar of the croſſe, the eternall Prieſthood of Chriſt, the onely ſacrifice of his death once offered by himſelfe, and impoſſible to bee repeated by any other. Whereas you, to overthrow that Altar, haue erected many thouſands

Sacrifice of the Maſſe.

[illegible] ſands of [illegible]
Chriſt: [illegible]
ſay we haue an [illegible]
[illegible] ? [illegible] our table and cup (that is [illegible]) Maſſe.
but [illegible] CHRIST [illegible] to bee done, and to that [illegible] one:
whereas your Maſſe maker obſerueth the [illegible] the end of his Inſtitution, but peruerteth both, not only by The ſecond abuſe.
your idoll of Tranſubſtantiation, but alſo by robbing the people of the cup of the Lords bloud, and by turning the Sacrament of Remembrance to a ſacrifice, or propitiation. And how can it be ſaid that we ſacrifice the deuill properly in our celebration? when all things are done according to the Word and Commandment of Chriſt, without adding or detracting any thing from his holy Inſtitution. What reſemblance haue we with *Ieroboams* calues and altars, or any heathenith idolatry which are expreſſely forbidden by Gods commandement? which doe ſquare all our formes of celebration and worſhip of God according to the preciſe line of Gods word and commandement. Where you ſay that now in the Chriſtian times you haue none other idoles but hereſies, nor idolatries but their falſe ſeruices, it is to make your ignorant adherents beleeue, that your groſſe worſhipping of Images (contrary to the expreſſe commandement of God) is no idolatry. And how impudently you doe quote the Fathers, to proue that there can be none other idoles nor idolothites, but hereſies and their ſeruices, it may be manifeſt to your owne conſciences, when in *Cyprians* time the world was full even of theſe idols and idolothites of the Gentiles that were in the Apoſtles time, beſide hereſies and their hereticall ſeruices. Saint *Auguſtine* alſo condemneth profeſſors of the Chriſtian name, that were worſhippers of pictures, of ſuperſtition and idolatry, and void of true religion. *De mor. eccleſ. cath. lib. 1. c. 34.* S. *Ambroſe* ſaith, it is heathenith errour and vanitie of the ungodly, to worſhip the croſſe whereon Chriſt died: *De obitu Theodoſ.* What would he haue ſaid if hee had ſeene creeping to an idol of the croſſe? *Epiphanius* ſaith, it is a deuiliſh attempt to make images of the Virgin *Mary*, or other Saints departed, and to worſhip them: as the Collyridian hereticks did their image of the virgin *Marie*, *Hær. 79.* Idolatrie.

RHEM. 22. All things are lawfull.] *Hitherto the Apoſtles arguments and examples whereby hee would auert them from the meates offered to Idoles, ſeeme plainely to condemne their fact as Idolatricall, or as participant and acceſſarie to Idolatrie, and not onely as of ſcandall giuen to the weake brethren: and ſo no doubt it was in deed they went into the verie Temple of the Idoles, and did with the reſt that ſerued the Idoles, eate and drinke of the fleſh and libaments directly offered to the Idoles, yea and feaſted together in the ſame houſes made to the honour of the ſame idoles: which could not but defile the conſcience them with idolatrie: not for that the meat it ſelfe was juſtly belonging to any other but to God, or could bee defiled, made vnſome or vnlawfull to bee eaten, but for and in reſpect of the abuſe of the ſame, and deteſtable dedicating of that to the deuill, which belonged not to him, but to God alone. Of which ſacrilegious act they ought not to bee partakers; as needs they muſt, eating and eating with them in their ſolemnities. To this end hath S. Paul hitherto admoniſhed the Corinthians. Now he declareth that otherwiſe in prophane ſeaſtes it is lawfull to eate without curious doubting or aſking whether this or that were offered meates, and in markets to buy whatſoever is there ſold, without ſcruple and without taking knowledge whether it bee of the Idolothites or no; with this exception ſ. f. that if one ſhould inuite him to eate, or buy this or that as ſanctified and offered meates, that then hee ſhould not eate it, leaſt hee ſhould ſeeme to approue the offering of it to the idole, or to like it the better for the ſame. Secondly, whe. the weake brother may take offence by the ſame. For though it bee lawfull in it ſelfe to eat any of theſe meates without ouer-ſight of the idole, yet all lawfull things be not in every time and place expedient to be done.* How by participation with idolaters, idolatry is communicated. How to auoyd ſcandall in things indifferent.

CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 1. *He commendeth them for keeping his traditions generally. 3 and in particular for this, that a man prayed and prophe-ſied bareheaded, a woman veiled, he bringeth many reaſons. 17 About another, he reprehendeth the rich that at the charitable ſupper ſupped vncharitably. 23 telling them that they received therefore vnworthily the B. Sacrament, and ſhewing them what an heinous fact that is, ſeeing it is our Lords body and the repreſentation of his death, as hee by tradition had taught them.* The 5. part. Of his Traditions.

FVLK. 1. S. *Pauls* traditions which he delivered, were either concerning matters of doctrine and faith, which are perpetuall, and they bee all expreſſed in the Scriptures, or elſe of ceremonies which are mutable by authoritie of the Church, according to times, places, and perſons; obſerving the generall rules preſcribed by the Apoſtle, that all things be done in order and conciliateſſe, and to edification.

1 BE ye followers of me, as I alſo of Chriſt.

2 And I praiſe you brethren, that in all things you be mindfull of me: & as I haue deliuered vnto you, you keepe || my c precepes.

c In the greeke *Traditions.* || Or, *ordinances.*

3 And I wil haue you know, that the head of every man, is Chriſt: and the head of the woman, is the man: and the head of Chriſt, is God.

4 Every man praying or prophecying with his head covered, diſhoneſteth his head.

5 But ||every woman praying or prophecying with her head not covered: diſhoneſteth her head: for it is all one as if ſhe were made bald.

6 For if a woman be not covered, let her be polled: but if it be a foule thing for a woman to be polled or made bald; let her cover her head.

7 The man truely ought not to cover his head,

1 *Bee *yee followers of mee, even as I am of Chriſt.* *Or, *Imitators.* 2 Theſſ. 3. 9.

2 *I commend you brethren, that ye remember all my || things, and keepe the ordinances, as I deliuered them to you.* || Or, *preachings.*

3 *But I will that yee knowe, that Chriſt is the head of everie man: and the man is the womans head, and God is Chriſts head.* Ephe. 5. 23.

4 *Every man praying or prophecying, having any thing on his head, ſhameth his head.*

5 *But everie woman that prayeth or propheſieth bare headed, diſhoneſteth her head: for that is even all one as if ſhee were ſhaven.*

6 *If the woman bee not couered, let her alſo bee ſhorne: if it bee a ſhame for a woman to bee ſhorne, or ſhaven, let her bee couered.*

7 *A man ought not to couer his head, * for* Gen. 1. 26. col. 3. 10.

Paul, Apostle Iesus by the lawful and glorious of God Christ Iesus according to the glory of the same.

9 For the same cause of the woman, for the woman of the cause.

Gen.2.21. 9 For * the man was not created for the woman, but the woman for the man.

10 (Therefore ought the woman to haue power vpon her head for the Angels.)

11 Neuertheles yet neyther the man without the woman: nor the woman without the man, in our Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, so also the man by the woman: but all things of God.

13 Your selues iudge: doth it become a woman not couered to pray vnto God?

14 Neyther doth Nature it selfe teach you, that a man indeed if hee nourish his haire, it is an ignominie for him:

15 But if a woman nourish her haire, it is a glorie for her, because haire is giuen her for a veile?

16 But if any man seeme to bee contentious, wee haue no such ‖ custome, nor the ‖ Church of God.

17 And this I command: not praising it that you come together not to better, but to worse.

18 First indeed when you come together into the Church, I heare that there are schismes among you, and in part I beleeue it.

19 For ‖ there must be heresies also: that they also which are approued, may bee made manifest among you.

20 When you come therfore together in one, it is not now to eat ‖ our Lords Supper.

21 For every one taketh his owne supper before to eat. And one certes is an hungred, and another is drunke.

22 Why, haue you not houses to eat and drinke in? or contemne yee the Church of God: and confound them that haue not? What shall I say to you? praise I you in this? I doe not praise you.

23 For I receiued of our Lord that which also ‖ I haue deliuered vnto you, † that our Lord Iesus ‖ in the night that he was betrayed, ‖ tooke ‖ bread:

24 And giuing thankes brake, and said: ‖ Take ye and eat, ‖ THIS IS ‖ MY BODY WHICH SHALL BE DELIVERED FOR YOV: ‖ this doe ye for the commemoration of me.

25 In like manner also the Chalice after he had supped, saying, THIS CHALICE IS THE NEVV TESTAMENT IN MY BLOVD. This doe yee, as often as yee shall drinke, for the commemoration of me.

26 For as often as you shall eat this bread, and drinke the Chalice, ‖ you shall shew the death of our Lord, vntill he come.

27 Therefore whosoeuer shall eate this bread, or drinke the chalice of our Lord vnworthily

‖ Churches.

The Epistle vpon Maundy Thursday.

The Epistle vpon *Corpus Christi* day. Matt. 26,26. Mark. 14,22. Luke 22,19.

a vaile vnder the image and glorie of God, but the woman is the glorie of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man.

9 * Neither was the man created for the Gen.2.23. woman, but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman to haue power vnder head, for the Angels sakes.

11 Neuertheless, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, euen so is the man also by the woman, but all things of God.

13 Iudge in your selues, whether is bee comely that a woman pray vnto God bare-headed?

14 Doth not Nature it selfe teach you, that it is a shame for a man, if hee haue long haire?

15 But if a woman haue long haire, it is a praise for her: for her haire is giuen her for a couering.

16 If any man list to striue, we haue no such custome, neither the Churches of God.

17 This I warne you of, and commend not, that yee come together not for the better, but for worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the Church, I heare that there be diuisions among you, and I partly beleeue it.

19 For there must bee also Heresies among you, that they which are † approued among you, † Or, tryed. might be knowne.

20 When yee come together therefore into one place, † you cannot eate the Lordes † Or, this is Supper. not to eate.

21 For euery one preuenteth other in eating his owne supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What, haue yee not houses to eate and to drinke in? Or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that haue not? What shall I say vnto you, shall I praise you? In this I praise you not.

23 That which I deliuered vnto you, I receiued of the Lord, that the Lord Iesus the same night in which hee was betrayed, tooke bread:

24 And when hee had giuen thankes, hee broke it, and said, * Take yee, eat yee, this is my Matth.26.26. body which is broken for you: this doe yee in re- Marke 14.22. membrance of me. Luke 22.19.

25 After the same manner also he tooke the cup when hee had supped, saying, This cup is the new Testament in my blood: this doe yee, as oft as you drinke it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as yee eate this bread, and drinke this cup, ye doe shew the Lords death till he come.

27 Wherefore, whosoeuer shall eat this bread, and drinke this Cup of the Lord vnworthily,

[illegible] and drinke vnworthily, [illegible] of the Lord.

28 But let the man proue and discusse himselfe: so let him eate of that bread, and drinke of the cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh vnworthily, eateth and drinketh iudgement to himselfe, not discerning the body of our Lord.

30 Therefore are there among you many weake and sicke, and many sleepe.

31 For if we did ‖ iudge our selues: we should not be iudged.

32 But whiles we are iudged, of our Lord we are chastised: that with this world we be not condemned.

33 Therefore my brethren, when yee come together to eat, tary one for another.

34 If any man hunger, let him eate at home: that you come not together vnto condemnation. The rest I will set in order, when I come.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 2. 23 That our Lord.] *The Apostle drift in all that he saith here of the Sacrament, is against vnworthy receiuing (as S. Augustine also noteth Ep. 118. c. 3.) and not to set out the whole order of ministration, as the Heretikes the ignorant obiect.*

FVLK. 2. The Apostle drift being against vnworthy receiuing, and to teach men how to receiue worthily, he could not [illegible] to the drift and purpose, except he did set downe whatsoeuer is necessary to be obserued in the [illegible] according to Christs institution, after which he reproueth their abuse, and teacheth how it should may likewise be reformed. S. Augustine noting that the Apostle teacheth in this place who receiued [illegible] doth not deny but that he setteth forth the whole order of ministration in all necessary and substantiall parts of Christs institution. Chrysostome saith: *How doth he say that he receiued it of the Lord? for he was not then present, but he persuaded Christ, that thou must vnderstand, that this table had nothing set afore-hand for vses at this day it is but that worketh all things and deliuereth as he did then.* S. Cyprian reproueth the errour of them that vsed only water in the cup by the institution of Christ: saying, that in the celebration of that they doing we ought to doe nothing els, but that which he did. For the scripture saith, as often as you shall eat this bread, and drink this cup, you shall shew the Lords death vntill he come. Therefore so often as we offer the cup in remembrance of our Lord and his passion, let us doe that which it is we see that our Lord did. Against hee saith, that our Lord by his example and institution hath taught vs what to doe, ep. 63. Caecilio. S. Ambrose saith, That they might correct their errour, and know that to be true which they learned as the first, hee repeateth the forme which was giuen by our Sauiour in this matter. Therfore the whole order of ministration for the substance of the Sacrament, as expressed in the institution of Christ, described by three Euangelists, and the Apostle Paul. As for matters of ceremony and circumstance, which are not materiall or essentiall parts of the Sacrament, they are neither all expressed, nor all that be expressed are necessary to be obserued.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 3. 2. My precepts.] *Our Pastors and Prelates haue authoritie to command, and we are bound to obey. And the Gouernors of the Church may lawfully ordeine and prescribe that which is comely in euery place, as time and place requires, though the things be not [illegible] of our religion.*

FVLK. 3. In [illegible] that be of the substance of religion, the gouernours of the Church may command nothing but that which hath warrant of Gods word. In matters of [illegible] which be not of the substance of [illegible] they must also haue respect that they bee agreeable to order, [illegible] And though they doe somewhat decline from these rules, yet [illegible] whole, no schisme must be made for matter of ceremony and externall [illegible]

RHEM. 5 Euery woman.] *What gifts of God soeuer women haue, though supernaturall, as some had in the primitiue Church, yet they may not forget their womanly shamefastnesse, but shew themselues subiect and modest, and weare their heads with a vayle.*

RHEM. 4. 16 Custome.] *If women or other, to defend their disorder and malapertnesse, dispute or alledge Scriptures and reasons, or require causes of their Preachers, why, and by what authority they should bee thus restrained in things indifferent, make them no other answer but this, This is the custome of the Church, this is our custome. Which is a good, graue and sufficient reproofe for the sawcinesse of contentious iaugglers, which being out of all modesty and reason neuer want words and replies against the Church. Which Church if it could then by prescription of twenty or thirty yeares, and by the authority of one or two of their first Preachers, stop the mouthes of the schismes what should ouer the custome of fifteen hundred yeares, and the decrees of many hundred Pastors, graue, reasonable, modest, and humble men?*

FVLK. 4. S. Paul saith, the Apostles and Church haue no such custome to be contentious. (Chrysost. hom. 27. in 1 Cor.) for matters of externall order, yet doth he giue reasons for that order of couering womens heads. By whose example the Preachers are likewise to endeauour to perswade by reason both men and women; that humbly desire their resolution for quiet of their consciences, and not to beat them downe with the club of custome onely. For so the Apostle doth not. As for the prescription of 1500 yeares that you brag of, for your Popish ceremonies and customs, it is vaine and false. For either you haue nothing of that Antiquitie, or if you haue, you haue depraued the vse of it.

Custome.

The [illegible] of the Church, is a good answere against all vnreasonable.

The [illegible] of the Sacrament manifested in this Scripture.

Antiquitie of the Church.

16 There

Ver. 5. ... Though God be not ... of Heresies, which are ... 2, yet they be necessary to ... ordinance and appointment, ... and most profitable to this end, ... shewed, that there should be Heresies ... how they should be confounded and ... the Schisme and ... of the Catholikes: ... there must be heresies; but we marvell they are so impudent to ... stitution of Christ.

Infirmities of the Church.

Rhem. 6. 20 Our Lords supper.] *The Christians at or about the time of the Churches purest Sacrifice, and best communicating, vsed to keepe great feasts: which continued long, so that the rich gaue to the poore, and the whole Church ... richer sort, and the charitie and vnitie of all sorts were much preserued thereby, for which cause they were called ... eius, that is, Charities, of the ancient Fathers, and were kept communely in Church houses or porches adioyning to the bodie of the Church (whereof see Tertull. Apolog. c. 39. Clemens Alexand. 8. Paedag. Basil. in Psalm. 14. August. cont. Faust. li. 20. c. 20.) after the sacrifice and Communion was ended. S. Chrysost. hom. 27. in 1 Cor. in initio iudgeth. Those feasts S. Paul here calleth, Cœnas Dominicas, because they were made in the Church, which they were called Dominicæ, that is, Our Lords houses. The disorder therefore here among the Corinthians was not Church-feasts of Charitie, the Apostle seeketh here to redresse some other abuse, which he calleth ... locum, and must good authors now adaies, this which he calleth ... ment, as the circumstances also of the text doe giue namely, the ... of the ... of all, not expecting one another, gluttonie and drunkennesse in the same, which cannot agree to the holy ... And therefore the Heretikes haue small reason, vpon this place, to name the said holy Sacraments, rather, the ... of the Lord, then after the manner of the primitive Church, the ... is, or ... But by like they would haue vs to the Supper ... saint, or Euening seruice, when men be not fasting, abe rather to take away the old estimation of the holinesse thereof.*

Agapæ or Suppers of charitie. Con. Gang. can. 12. Conc. Laodic. can. 27. 28. Whether the Apostle meaneth by our Lords supper, the B. Sacrament.

Fvll. 6. The Feastes of loue, that were vsed after the celebration of the Lords Supper, were abused to matter of schisme, and to the prophanation of the Lords Supper, which ought to haue celebrated of all the Church together, according to Christs Institution. As for Churches ... distinction in the Apostles time, nor long after, before Churches were builded, but they were kept in the same place, where the Lords Supper was celebrated, but yet after the ... where they were rightly kept, as *Chrysostome* affirmeth, *Hom. 27. in 1 Cor.* And it may be gathered out of 2 *Pet. 2. ἀγάπαις συνευωχούμενοι*, where he sheweth, that the Christians were defamed, after the murthering of ... to make a riotous feast. By murthering of the Infant, they meant the celebration of the Sacrament of the ... and blood of Christ, *Plinius* also saith, they were after the participation of the holy mysteries. Neither doth S. *Paul* call those feasts, the Lords Supper, but saith, that their comming together in that ... to eat the Lords Supper, which was no Feast of the belly, but of the soule, as he proueth by the Institution. Therfore S. *Paul* calleth the Sacrament, the Lords Supper, as wee doe. Neither doth S. *Ambrose* say, that the Sacrament is not called the Lords Supper, but vpon the Institution, he saith, the Apostle *sheweth that the mysteris of the Eucharist, which was celebrated at supper, is not a supper, but a spirituall medicine.* That is, it is not a profane supper to feed the body, but the Lords Supper, to heale the soule.

The Communion rightly called the Lords Supper.

Chrysostome vpon this place, vnderstandeth the Lords Supper to bee spoken of the ... sacrament, saying, *The Apostle teacheth them here more terribly, in these words: This is not to eat the Lords Supper, exhorting them to that wisedome which our Lord ... those wonderfull mysteries. Therefore he called it by the name of the best Supper, for that ... comprehended all in generall.* Theodoret saith: *Hee calleth the Lords Sacrament the Lordes Supper.* *Ecumenius apud Oecumenium*, agreeth hereunto, saying: *Hee calleth it the Lords Supper, according to the imitation of that fearefull and mysticall Supper, when our Lord did eat together with his disciples: as if he should say, that which was instituted, and ordained by our Lord. You come together to eate our Lords Supper, but you doe it not.* Hesych. lib. 2. cap 8. *Hoc ideo ut illis absentibus Cœna Domini celebrari.* The like writeth *Theophylact*: *Hee calleth the Lords Supper, a common feast, where many eate together, as an imitation of that fearefull and wonderfull Supper, in which our Lord did eate together with his Disciples.* *Hieronym*, or the Author of the Comment under his name, saith: *The Lords Supper ought to be common to all, because hee deliuered the Sacraments equally to all his Disciples that were present.* *Beda* ... this text, saith: *He calleth the receiuing of the Eucharist, the Lords Supper.* So doth S. *Augustine Ep. 118. Et de ipso Dom. in mont. lib. 2. Eligius Homil. 8. Sciendum est quia Apostolus ipsum acceptionem Eucharistiæ Dominicæ Cœnam vocat.* Finally, ... *Cyprian*, or the Author of that worke, in time not much inferiour to *Cyprian*, by ... his ... the Sacrament, *De Cœna Domini*, Of the Supper of the Lord, declareth that it was so ... and called in ... And therein you see what new fangled vanitie occupieth the ... heads at this time, ... to say we haue small reason, to name the ... Supper, after the ... the Apostle, and the consent of the ancient Fathers, ... for the name of Eucharistie, and Synaxis, because they be Greeke, and not vnderstood of the people in the Latin, or English speech. And yet ... of the Masse, is the ... why we ... Christ.

Rhem. 7. 33 To ...] *As the ... of ... was ... by ... and ... to ... was ... converted, so this holy order and vse of ... Sacrament was by S. ... and ... by*

Tradition without writing.

Fvll. 8.

Rhem. 9

Fvll. 9

Rhem. 10. 23 ...] *Christ vsed the holy sacraments of vnleauened bread, and all the Latin Church ... him in the same ... and in our time, when the houres ... vse ... but not ... which ... and ... they ... Christ and all ... Carbonarian Catholikes in the world, haue ... with water, for ... and ... especially in Lent, would ... the ... of any ... Lord ... Cyprian Ep. 63. and Concil. ... and ... ordaine that ... Thus ... c. 2. ... (Apol. 2. ... of the Fathers, ... the Primitive Church did, and in this ... Gréeke ... of the Masse, ...*

Circumstances not ... Lukes ... Azimits of the Church. Luke 22. 16. The Pontificians ... Christ in ... the bread and ... Shauelin. They ... him ... in vnleauened bread, and ... ling ... wine with ...

Vnleauened bread vsed in the Latine church.

Water mixed with wine.

The wordes of consecration, to be said over the bread & wine, this which the Protestants doe not.

Rhem. in 1. Cor. 11. 24. This is.

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Apostles

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1 Cor. 10.

Verse 13.

Rhem. 13.

Verse 13.

Rhem. 14.

Verse 14.

24. Take and eate.] This parcell of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which by consecration is purified and sanctified before: as when the people or priests in the old law did eate the sacrifices or part thereof, they were partakers of the sacrifice done to God before. And this is not the substance, or being or making of the Sacrament as Lombard and others of the schoole doe dreame: but it is the use and application to the receivers of the things which were made and offered before. There is a difference betwixt the making of a medicine or the substance and ingredience of it, and the receiving of it. Now the receiving being but a consequent or one of the ends why the sacrament was made, and the worke of God before. There is a difference betwixt the making of a medicine or the substance and ingredience of it, and the receiving of it. Now the receiving being but a consequent or one of the ends why the sacrament was made, and the worke to

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Rom. 9.5.

they were Gods people, or pertaining to them. For how did they worship God, but by Christ? Now this name Christ, is not to be referred to the Godhead, but to the humanity. Of the fathers, saith he, came Christ, as concerning the flesh, which is over all things God blessed for ever. Amen. Here he plainly sheweth, that the naturall body of Christ is not to be adored as Christ, were presens there, but the Godhead of Christ (dwelling in the humanity of Christ) is to be adored and acknowledged, as joyned in personall union with the humanity of God, of every Christian man before he can eat the flesh of Christ, either in the Sacrament, or otherwise by faith. I enquire what is his footestoole, and the Scripture saith unto me. The earth is my footestoole. Wherefore I adore my Saviour Christ, because I seeke him here, and I finde how without impiety earth may be adored, his footestoole may be adored without impiety. For of the earth he tooke earth, because flesh is of the earth, and of the flesh of Mary he tooke flesh, and because he walked here in the same flesh, and gave us the same flesh to be eaten unto salvation, and no man eateth that flesh, except he first adore it, it is found out how such a footestoole of the Lord may be adored, and we doe not onely not sinne in adoring, but we sinne in not adoring it. In these words he sheweth that the naturall body of Christ is to be adored. Now but we sinne in not adoring it. In these words he sheweth that the naturall body of Christ is to be adored. Now that the same is not really present in the Sacrament, he sheweth in these words: After he had shewed how much he said, It is the spirit which quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing. The words which I have spoken to you, be spirit and life. Understand ye spiritually, that which I have spoken. You shall not eat this body which you see, and drinke this blood, which they shall shed which shall crucifie me, I have commended to you a certaine Sacrament, which being spiritually understood shall quicken you. And albeit it be necessary that the same be celebrated visibly, yet it must be understood invisibly. There can nothing be spoken more plainly and directly against the grosse and carnall manner of presence, which they call the real presence of Christs body & blood in the Sacrament, then that which Aug. here affirmeth, as in the person of Christ. We eat not that body which his Disciples saw, nor drinke that blood which the Iewes did powre out, but that was the naturall body and blood of Christ, therefore we doe not eat the naturall body and blood of Christ really, but Sacramentally, spiritually, in a mystery by faith, not corporally with our mouth. Wherefore it followeth, we ought not to worship the Sacrament, but Christ which is signified and represented by the Sacrament. S. Ambrose saith in effect, as S. Augustine of adoring the footstoole, We adore the flesh of Christ in the mysteries: which he speaketh not onely of this Sacrament, but of all the mysteries of Christian Religion, as it appeareth plainly within three lines after, where he gathereth of that he said before, Cum igitur incarnationis adoramus Sacramentum, Therfore seeing the Sacrament of his incarnation is to be adored, &c. Therefore S. Ambrose speaketh not of adoration of the Sacrament, as Christ and God, no more then the mystery of the Incarnation is God and Christ in proper speache, but of worshipping Christ in the mysteries of his Supper, of Baptisme, of his Incarnation, of his Death and Resurrection, &c. Chrysostome saies, Matt. 24. in Cor. 10. are both falsified and wrested cleane from his meaning, for he exhorteth his hearers to come reverently and worthily to the participation of the body and blood of Christ, by example of the Sages, and not to adore the Sacrament, but Christ himselfe in heaven, As we receive the greater benefit (saith he) so much more we shall be punished, when we shall appeare unworthy. This body the wise men did reverence in the manger, being both ungodly men and barbarous men, after they had taken a long journey, they adore him with feare and trembling. Therefore let us which are citizens of heaven, follow these barbarous men. For they when they saw that manger and cottage of beasts which are strangers to heaven, much more ought we to come reverently and with great reverence and trembling. But they saw none of these things which now doest we behold, come to him with great reverence and trembling. But onely, and saw none of these things which now doest we behold, come to him with great reverence and trembling. But thou seest it not in the manger but in the Altar, not a woman which holdeth him in her armes; but the Priest present, and the spirit most abundantly powred out upon the Sacrifice, which is set forth. Neither doest thou behold his simple body as they did but also his power, and ignorant of all his administration, and are ignorant of some of these things which were done by him, and are diligently instructed in all things. Let us be stirred up therefore and tremble, and shew greater piety then these barbarous men, that we come not barely and coldly, and so offer our head to a more vehement fire.

Reall presence.

These words (as every man may see plainely) make nothing for adoration of the Sacrament, but for spirituall reverence to be given to Christ, of them that come to receive the Sacrament, by which we are assured (if we come worthily) that we are made partakers of the very body and blood of Christ, after a spirituall manner, by faith on our behalfe, and by the working of the holy Ghost, on the behalfe of Christ. I omit other manner, by faith on our behalfe, and by the working of the holy Ghost, on the behalfe of Christ. I omit other rhaticall speeches which Chrysostome useth, of ascending up to the gates of heaven, and of shewing Christ himselfe to be seene, handled, eaten, &c. Which declare manifestly, that he speaketh of a spirituall and mysticall beholding, handling, eating by faith, not of a carnall sight, handling, eating with the eyes, hands and mouth. Gregorie Nazianzene's words are likewise falsified, and racked out of joynt, for he saith: When his fifth day refrit from her sickenesse in the night, she fell downe before the Altar with teares, calling upon him which is beheld and worshipped at it. He saith not that she prayed to the Sacrament, but to God which was worshipped at the Altar or nourne

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must make the vessells of our body, which God hath prepared for an habitation for

we ought to esteem as a

Altars.

place for the devill, to doe what he will with them. You see they had sanctified vessels, and yet had

that

the true body of Christ was not in them. But you proceed, and say, For this prophane tables are removed, and others

consecrating of Altars. But who shall be the witnesse for consecration of Altars? Who but S. Augustine Ser. 255.

whose Sermons are?) We admit it be S. Augustines owne authority, yet he speaketh onely of consecrating Altars,

de temp. And who shall warrant us that this Sermon is not falsly intituled to S. Augustine, (as a great number of

this end to discerne the Lords body and blood. For that their Tables and Altars were dedicated to the

holy use of ministration, it is not the matter we stand upon, but whether they were consecrated for this end.

They were called Altars unproperly, as the Sacrament was called a Sacrifice, the Ministers sacrificing Priests and

Levites, yet were they neither in matter, forme, nor use, like unto your Popish Altars of stone, that were set a-

gainst a wall. For they were tables of wood, and so commonly were called, as it is manifest by S. Augustine,

Ep. 50. Innocent. And Optatus lib. 6. both speaking of the rage of the Donatists, which brake, or shaved, or scra-

ped the boards of the Altar or Table. It stood in the midst, that the people might stand round about it, Euseb. li.

3. c. 6. and Paulin. Tyr. ep. August. de verb. Dom. secund. Matt. Ser. 46. It was removeable and carried by the Clerkes.

Aug. Quæst. vet. & nov. Test. Qu. 101. Or otherwise as appeareth by Optatus lib. 6. Therefore it was nothing like

Popish Altars. But you goe on, and say: That for this, the very Priests themselves, are bondmaids, chaste, sacred.

The Lords body may be discerned of the receivers, though the Priest be a very varlet, unchaste, and unholy. For

the dignity of the Sacrament dependeth not upon the worthinesse of the Minister. We confesse that the Minister

ought to be chaste, and holy; that in respect of himselfe, he may discerne the Lords body, and that his Ministe-

ry is honourable, both in this Sacrament, and in the other. And so saith Hieronie ad Heliodorum. Farre be it from

me, that I should speake any thing against of them, which succeeding the order of the Apostles, doe make the body of

Christ with their holy mouth, by whom also we are made Christians. By making the body of Christ, he meaneth

the celebration of the Sacrament of his body, as by making us Christians the Sacrament of Baptisme. For other-

wise in proper speech, they neither make the body of Christ, nor us Christians, but onely Minister the Sacra-

ments, whereby the body of Christ is represented unto us, and by use of them we are assured that we are by Gods

grace and spirituall regeneration, become Gods children, that is, Christians. In the other place against Jovinian,

Hieronie indeed had Ambrose in 1 Tim. 3. thinketh it most convenient, that Ministers of the Sacraments should

be continent, either unmarried or abstaining from their wives. But the Councell of Nice that decreed the con-

trary, is of greater authority. Socrat. lib. 1. cap. 11. And Athanasius ad Dracontium. Yet S. Ambrose deemeth

not, but that it is lawfull to have wife and children, as the Apostle saith: For these are the figures ((saith he) of

Bishoplike dignity. But if any man following better things, and hath dedicated both his body and soule to God, that he

couple not himselfe in Matrimony, he shall be made so much the more worthy. And in the 1 Corinth. 11. He saith,

that All the Apostles except Iohn and Paul had wives. Yet you proceed, and say, For this, the people is forbidden to

touch it with their common hands, Nazianzen. Or. de Arianos. What Gregorie saith of the vessells of the Iewish

Temple, I have shewed before. But that the people were not forbidden to touch the Sacraments, it is mani-

fest by that which he writeth of his sister Gorgonia, which did not onely touch it with her hands, but also be-

wet it with her teares. And by that which S. Basil of the same time writeth unto Cæsarea patritia of the ve-

ry case of the people handling the Sacrament, and putting it to their owne mouthes. And Cyril. Hier. Mys-

tag. 5. biddeth them take it in the hollow of their hand. That care it had that no part fall to the ground, it is

of reverence to the holy mysteries, not as though the Sacrament were the naturall body and blood of Christ,

for no part can fall to the ground from his body and blood, though vestiges of bread and drops of wine may

fall. Cyril. Hieros. saith: Take heed lest any part of it fall from thee. For whatsoever thou shouldest loose, (as it were

a part of thine owne member) thou shouldest lose it. For if any man should give thee graines of gold, wouldest thou

not vow them with great diligence, taking heed lest any part of them should be lost, and thou shouldest suffer damage?

And wilt thou not provide much more diligently for this which is more precious than gold or precious stones, that no

crumme of it doe fall away?

Touching of the Sacrament.

Altars.

Falling of crums or drops.

These words declare, that although the Sacrament was highly esteemed by him, yet not taken to be the

very body and blood of Christ, for then he would have said, that every crumme is a part of his body, or

his whole body. The like is to bee said of that superstitious Confecting of their eyes, forehead, and

organes of their senses, with the moisture that remaineth on their lips, after they have drunke of the

Cup, which he prescribeth, declaring that he touche it not for the naturall blood of Christ, as you perswade

men.

Chastity of Priests.

Origen also saith, In Exod. 27. I will admonish you by examples of your selves. You have that are accustomed to

be present at the divine mysteries, how when you receive the Lords body, with all feed and reverence you keepe it, that

never so small a piece fall from it, lest any part of the consecrated gift doe fall away. For you think you are blame-

worthy, and you thinke rightly if any part fall from it by negligence: And if you ask, and worthily ask for grace how

to keepe his body, how doe you thinke it is a matter of lesse offence, to neglect his word than his body? That

the neglect of the word (by Origens judgement) is as great an offence, as the neglect of the Sacrament. But

he called it the body of Christ, which is a Sacrament thereof): he declareth more plainly in his Commenta-

ry upon the 15. chap. of Matthew. Whatsoever he affirmeth, that the materiall part of the Sacrament goeth into the

belly,

Reformation.

Kneeling falling.

The which re-maineth after the Communion.

Holy bread.

Vnworthy receiving.

Defiling of Christs body.

Penance and satisfaction.

Satisfaction.

Communion of the Church together, not private Masse.

Rhem. 19 30 Many sleepe.] We see here by this, it is a powerfull cure and remedy to defend by sinne (as much as in us lyeth) the body of Christ in the Sacrament, finding God provoke many to death for it in the primitive Church, and punished others by grievous sicknesse. No marvell then so many strange diseases and deaths fall upon us now in the world.

Fvll. 19 The body of Christ is not so in the Sacrament, that it can be defiled by any mans sinne, or otherwise be slabbed by any act of mans or beast. For Christ is now in heaven glorified, and can suffer no more of wicked men. Yet it is an heinous offence, so dislike by sinne, the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

Rhem. 20 31 Iudge your selves.] We may this learne that it is not enough, only to forsake our sinne, or to repent the folly of that which is past: but that we should punish our sinne according to the weight of the sinne past and forgiven: and also that God will punish us by temporall sorrowes in this life or the next, if we doe not make our selves very sharpe before we come to receive his holy Sacrament, which heavy hands we may escape by punishing our selves by fasting and other penance.

Fvll. 20 He that sinneth no more, doth not lightly; but earnestly repent of his sinne past. As for Popish satisfaction by punishment of our selves, otherwise than by hearty sorrow for our sinnes, (which yet is no satisfaction for them) there can none be concluded out of this text. Nor that God doth punish his children, in the next life, although he chastise them with temporall sorrowes in this life to bring them to repentance and amendment, nor to make satisfaction for their sinnes forgiven. By true and faithfull repentance therefore, with prayer, fasting, almes, and other vertues by God allowed, as the fruits of repentance and faith, we may avoid Gods heavy judgement which our sinnes have deserved, through the merits of Christ, and not by the merit of satisfaction of our workes but by meere mercy of God.

Rhem. 21 33 Expect one another.] Reserving some to their former fault and disorder for the which he maketh this exception to order of the holy Sacrament, and how great a fault it is to come unworthily to it: he exhorteth them to keepe their full stomacks in vaine pompe, and feasting the rich expelling the poore, &c.

Fvll. 21 The words that follows, (If any be an hungred, let him eate at home,) doe declare most manifestly, that this exposition, and saying one for another, for to receive the Communion of the Lords supper together, and not to the eating of their love suppers: which were chiefly to relieve the poore, that were hungry. Plainly upon these words, saith, Take care for another. Wherefore I beseech you be perswaded to receive the Lords body and blood reverently, lest partaking unworthily, being made guilty of the murder of his body, and of the shedding of his blood, you receive judgement unavoidable. S. Ambrose upon this text, saith; He saith that they must wait one for another, that the oblation of many may be celebrated together, and that all may be served, and if any be impatient, he may be fed with meate like beast at home. That you come not together to judgement, that is, that you keepe not the holy se, as you be worthy

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The Masse is answerable to the Apostles ordinance, the Communion is not.

Aug. ep. 118. c. 6.

Aug. ad ll. 24. in Ia. & Chrys. in 21. in Matt.

EVEN. 22

FVLL. 28

CHAP. XII.

The first part. As touching the Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

They must not make their diversity of Gifts an occasion of Schisme, considering that all are of one Holy Ghost, and for the profit of the one body of Christ, which is the Church: 22 Which also could not be a body, without such variety of members: 23 Therefore you but they that have the inferiour gifts, must be discontent, seeing it is Gods Institution: nor they that have the greater, contemne the other, considering they are no lesse necessary: 25 but all in all ioyne together: 28 And every one keepe his owne place.

The Epistle upon the 10. Sunday after Pentecost.

AND concerning spirituall things, I will not haue you ignorant, brethren.

2 You know that when you were Heathen, you went to dumbe Idols, according as you were led.

3 Therefore I do you to understand, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God, saith Anathema, to Iesvs: And no man can say, Our Lord Iesvs, but in the holy Ghost.

4 And there are divisions of graces, but one spirit.

5 And there are divisions of administrations: but one Lord.

6 And there are divisions of operations, but one God which worketh all in all.

7 And the manifestation of the Spirit is given unto every one to profit.

8 To one certes by the Spirit is given † the word of wisedome: and to another, the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit.

9 To another, faith in the same Spirit: to another, the grace of doing cures in one Spirit.

10 To another, the working of miracles: to another, prophecy: to another, discerning of spirits: to another, kinds of tongues: to another, interpretation of tongues.

11 And all these things worketh one and the same Spirit, dividing to every one according as he will.

Concerning spirituall gifts, brethren, I would not haue you ignorant.

2 To know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto dumbe Idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I declare unto you, that no man speaking by the spirite of God † doeth Iesus accursed. also no man can say † that Iesus is the Lord, but by the holy Ghost. † Or, calleth Iesus accursed. Mat. 9. 39. Rom. 13. 3. Phil. 2. 10.

4 There are diversities of gifts, but it is the selfesame spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but it is the selfesame Lord.

6 And there are diverse manners of operations, but it is the self-same God which worketh all in all.

7 The manifestation of the spirit, is given to every man to profit withall.

8 For to one is given by the spirite the word of wisedome, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit.

9 To another is given faith by the same spirit, to another the gift of healing by the same spirit.

10 To another power to do miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

*11 * But these all worketh even that one and the selfesame Spirite dividing to every man severally even as he will.* Rom. 12. 3. Eph. 4. 7.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are but one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Iewes or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and in one Spirit we were all made to drinke.

14 For the body also is not one member, but many.

15 ‖ If the foot should say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the eare should say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body: is he therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were the eye: where is the hearing? If the whole were the hearing, where is the smelling?

18 But now God hath set the members, every one of them in the body as hee would.

19 And if all were one member, where were the body?

20 But now there are many members indeed, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I need not thy helpe: or againe the head to the feete, You are not necessary for me.

21 But much more those that seeme to be the more weake members of the body, are more necessary:

22 And such as we thinke to be the baser members of the body, upon them we put more aboundant honour: and those that are our unhoneſt parts, haue more aboundant honeſtie.

23 And our honeſt parts need nothing: but God hath tempered the body, giving to it that wanted, the more aboundant honour.

24 That there might be no ‖ schisme in the body, but the members together might be carefull one for another.

25 And if one member suffer any thing, all the members suffer with it: or if one member doe glory, all the members rejoyce with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members of member.

28 And * some verily God hath set in the Church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Doctors, next Miracles, then the graces of doing cures, helpes, governments, kinds of tongues.

29 Are all Apostles? are all Prophets? are all Doctors?

29 ‡ Are all miracles? haue all the grace of doing cures? do all speake with tongues? doe all interprete?

30 But pursue the better gifts. And yet I shew you a more excellent way.

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12 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Iewes or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and haue all drunke of one Spirit.*

14 *For the body is not one member, but many.*

15 *If the foot do say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body: is it therefore not of the body?*

16 *And if the eare doe say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body? is it therefore not of the body?*

17 *If all the body were an eye, where were then the hearing? If all were hearing, where were the smelling?*

18 *But now God hath set the members, every one of them seuerall in the body, as it hath pleased him.*

19 *If they were all one member, where were the body?*

20 *Now are there many members, yet but one body.*

21 *And the eye cannot say vnto the hand, I haue no needs of thee: nor againe, the head to the feete, I haue no needs of you.*

22 *Yea rather a great deale those members of the body which seeme to be more feeble, are necessary.*

23 *And vpon those members of the body which we thinke to be lesse honourable, we bestow more honour: and our uncomely parts haue more comelinesse.*

24 *For our comely members need it not: but God hath tempered the body together, hauing given the more honour to that part which lacked.*

25 *That there should be no strife in the body: but that the members should haue the same care one for another.*

26 *And if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it. If one member be honoured, all the members rejoyce with it.*

27 *Ye are the body of Christ, and members in part.*

28 * *And God hath ordained some in the Church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly, Teachers, then, them that doe miracles, after that, the gifts of healing, helpers, governors, ‖ diuersities of tongues.*

29 *Are all Apostles? are all Prophets? are all Teachers? are all doers of miracles?*

30 *Haue all the gift of healing? do all speake with tongues? do all interprete?*

31 *Couet after the best gifts: And yet shew I vnto you a more excellent way.*

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‖ Or, kindes.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 1. 8 The word of wisedome.] *All these gifts be those which the learned call* Gratiæ gratis datæ: *which is no proofe that euen vpon ill liuers, which haue not the other graces of God, whereby their persons should be gratefull, just, and iust in his sight.*

FVLK. 1. *This is an vnlearned distinction of the Popish learned, which sheweth no difference betweene things of diuers nature. For all Gods graces be freely given, as well those that are bestowed vpon the elect, as vpon the reprobate: neither are men gratefull, just, and holy in Gods sight by any gifts of iustice or holinesse inherent, but onely* Iustus ex alieno. *by Iesus Christ, Ephe. 1. 6. Eph. 2. 7, 8. Dividing to every man as he will (saith Ambrose) He saith not he will, but as it is due.* Esthert. 2d vtg.

RHEM. 2. 29 Are all miracles?] *S. Augustine ep. 137. giveth the same reason, why miracles and cures be done at the memories or bodies of some Saints more then at others: and by the same Saints in one place of their memories rather then at other places.*

FVLK. 2. *S. Augustine* saith not, that any miracles are done by any Saints at any place of their memories, but by God Mirachil. where it pleaseth him. *It not Africa (saith he) full of the bodies of the holy Martyrs? And yet we know not that any such things are done here in any place. For as that which the Apostle saith: All the Saints haue not the gifts of healing, neither haue all the discerning of Spirits: so neither in all memories of the Saints it is not his will that those things should be done, which diuideth his grace to every man as he will.* Therefore, when it is certaine that God hath or doth worke miracles in any place, we must not call him to account, why he doth not the same in all places. But hereof it followeth not, that fained and [illegible] miracles of Popery be brought by God or by his Saints: but seeing they tend to maintaine Heresie and Idolatry, we must say still with S. *Augustine, Away with these fained miracles of lying men, or wonders wrought by deceiuing deuils,* De vni. Eccl. c. 16.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XII.

RHEM. 3. 2 Faith in the same.] *This faith is not another to saluation then the common faith to Christ, but is of another ac-* Zealous faith. *cidentall quality onely, that is, of more fervor, deuotion, zeale, and confident trust, specially for doing of miracles.*

FVLK. 3. Faith of doing miracles may be in wicked men, as you confesse still. 1. therefore differeth in substance from iustifying faith, which worketh by loue. *He calleth faith here, not this common faith, but that whereof he speaketh a little after: If I haue all faith, so that I can remoue mountaines. Theodoret* vpon this place. *Photius* and *Oecumenius* say, *absolutely he calleth the effect by the name of the thing.*

RHEM. 25 If the foot.] *The Church is of exceeding great diuersion of members, gifts, orders, and offices: yet of great con-* Vnity. *cord, concurrence, mutuall communion and participation in all actions of her members among themselues, and with Christ the head of the body.*

24 Schisme in the body.] *As Charity and vnity of spirit is the proper bond and meate of the common Body: so is* Schisme. *diuision or schisme, which is the interruption of peace and mutuall society betweene the parts of the same, the spirituall plague of the Church, and an odious sin to God as rebellion to the temporall Soueraigne.*

CHAP. XIII.

That aboue all other gifts they should seeke after Charity: as that without which nothing profiteth, 4. and which doth all as it is to be done; and remaineth also in heaven.

The Epistle, vpon the Sunday of Quinquagesime, called Shrouesunday.

IF I speake with the tongues of men and of Angels, and haue ‖ not charity: I am become as sounding Brasse, or a tinkling Cymball.

2 And if I should haue prophecy, and knew all mysteries, and all knowledge; and if I should ‡ haue all faith, so that I could remooue mountaines, and haue no charity, I am nothing.

3 And if I should distribute all my goods to be meat for the poore, and if I should ‖ deliver my body so that I burne, and haue not charity, it doth profit me nothing.

4 Charity is patient, is benigne: Charity envieth not, dealeth not perverſely: is not puffed up,

5 Is not ambitious, seeketh not her owne, is not provoked to anger, thinketh not evill:

6 Rejoyceth not upon iniquity, but rejoyceth with the truth:

7 Suffereth all things, beleeveth all things, hopeth all things, beareth all things.

8 Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed.

9 For in part we know, and in part we propheſie.

10 But

THough I speake with the tongues of men, and of Angels, and haue not charity, I am as sounding brasse, or as a tinckling Cymball.

2 *And though I haue prophecy, and vnderstand all secrets, and all knowledge: yea if I haue all faith, so that I can remoue mountaines, and haue not charity, I am nothing.*

3 *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poore, and though I giue my body that I should be burned, and haue not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*

4 *Charity suffereth long, and is courteous: Charity enuieth not, charity doth not frowardly, † swelleth not,* † Or, is not puft vp.

5 *Dealeth not dishonestly, seeketh not her owne, is not bitter, thinketh not evill,*

6 *Reioyceth not in iniquity, but reioyceth in the truth:*

7 *Suffereth all things, beleeveth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

8 *Though that prophecying fayle, either tongues cease, or knowledge vanish away, yet charity falleth neuer away.*

9 *For our knowledge is † imperfect, and our prophecying is imperfect;* † Or, in part.

10 *But*

10 But ‡ when that shall come that is perfect, that shall be made voide that is in part.

11 When I was a little one, I spake as a little one, I understood as a little one, I thought as a little one. But when I was made a man, I did away the things that belonged to a little one.

12 We see now by a glasse in a darke sort: but then face to face. Now I know in part: but then I shall know as also I am knowne.

13 And now there remaine Faith, Hope, Charity, ‖ these three; but the † greater of these is Charity.

10 *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is imperfect shall be done away.*

11 *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I imagined as a child: but as soone as I was a man, I put away childishnesse.*

12 *Now we see in a glasse, even in a darke speaking: but then shall wee see face to face. Now I know unperfectly: but then shall I know, even as I am known.*

13 *Now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity, these three, but the chiefe of these is Charity.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 1. 2 Haue all faith.] *This proueth that faith is nothing worth to saluation without workes, and that there may be true faith without charity.*

FVLK. 1. That faith which is void of good workes, is nothing worth unto salvation. Yet a man is justified by faith without workes, but yet by such a faith as worketh by loue. *Rom.3.* for a justifying faith cannot be without charity. *Good life* (saith S. *Augustine*) *is inseparable from faith, which worketh by loue,* De fide & oper. cap.23. Saint *Ambrose* upon this text saith: *To worke wonders, and to cast out diuels by faith, is nothing worth, except a man be an earnest follower of good conversation.* Leo speaking of true faith and charity, saith, *Tunc verum nomen ac vera est fructus ambarum cum in sobrilis manet utriusque connexio, vbi enim non simul fuerint simul desunt. Sine fide non diligitur, & sine dilectione non creditur, Ser.7. de quadr.* Genadius apud Oecumenium, saith: *He doth not now speake of that faith of the beleevers which is common and generall: but of the gift of faith. For there was a certaine kind of gift, that was called by the same name of faith, which was given to many at that time, for the manifestation of the presence of this spirit. Of this gift also, our Lord saith in the Gospel, If you shall haue faith as a graine of Mustard seed, you shall say to the mountaine, Remoue and be cast into the Sea, and it shall be done unto you. For our Lord spake not of the common faith, in them as unbeleevers, but his speech was to his Disciples: that is, if you shall haue the gift of faith: And that which our Lord in the Gospel said to be the greatest, namely, to remoue mountaines, the Apostle saith, is nothing without charity.*

Justification by faith onely.

RHEM. 2 10 When that shall come.] *By this text S.* Augustine lib.22.Civ.c.29. *proueth, that the Saints in heaven haue more perfect knowledge of our affaires heere, then they had when they liued heere.*

FVLK. 2 S. *Augustine* speaketh in that place never a word of the Saints that are in heaven knowing our affaires here in earth, but of the perfect knowledge that all the Saints shall haue after the resurrection. If the Prophet *Heliseus* being absent in body, saw his servant *Giezi* taking the gifts which *Naaman* the Syrian, whom the Prophet had cleansed from his leprosie, gaue him, which the wicked servant thought to haue done closely, because his master saw him not: *How much more in the spirituall body* (saith he) *the Saints shall see all things, not only if they shall shut their eyes, but also if they be absent in body. For then shall that be perfect, whereof the Apostle speaketh, &c.* Therefore either ignorance or impudency was the author of this note.

Saints in heaven know not our affaires.

RHEM. 3 13 Greater of these.] *Charity is of all the three the greatest: How then doth only faith, being inferiour to it, saue and justifie, and not Charity?*

FVLK. 3. Charity is greatest, because it is of longest continuance. Iustification is attributed to faith onely, because faith onely doth apprehend the mercy of God promised in Christ, and not charity, though it continue, when faith and hope cease, because that is obtained which is beleeved and hoped. And that in respect of continuance, the Apostle saith, that charity is greatest, the ancient Fathers doe consent. *Chrysostome* saith upon this text. *The greatest of these is charity, namely in this point, because they passe away: Charity continueth.* In 1 Cor. Hom.34. *Primasius* saith: *In this present life there are three, in the life to come onely the loue of God and his Angels, and of all Saints. Therefore that is greater which is alwayes needfull, then that which shall once haue an end.* S. Augustine *De doct. Christ. lib.1. cap.39.* saith upon this text. *The greatest of these is charity, because when every one shall come to eternall life, the other two departing, charity shall continue more encreased, and more certaine.*

Iustification by faith.

ANNOTATIONS CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 1 Not Charity.] *Without charity, hath toward every particular person, and specially toward the common body of the Church, none of all the gifts and graces of God be profitable.*

Charity.

RHEM. 4. 3 Deliver my body.] Beleeue (*saith Saint* Augustine) assuredly, and hold for certaine, that no Heretike and Schismatike, that vniteth not himselfe to the Catholike Church against, how great almes soever he giue, yea or shed his blood for Christs name, can possibly be saued: For many Heretikes, by the cloke of Christs cause, deceiving the simple, suffer much. But where true faith is not, there is no justice, because the just liueth by faith. So it is also of Schismatikes, because where charity is not, justice can there be none: which if they had, they would never plucke in pieces the body of Christ, which is the Church. *August. seu Fulg. de fid. ad Petr. c.39. So saith S. Augustine in diuers places, not onely of Heretikes that died directly for defence of their heresie, as the Anabaptists and Caluinists now adaies doe: (for that is more damnable:) but of some Heretikes and Schismatikes that may die among the Heathen or Turkes for defence of truth or some Article of Christs religion.* August. de verb. Dom. ser.50. c.2. & in Ps.34. Conc.2. prope finem. Cypr. de vnit. Eccl. num.8.

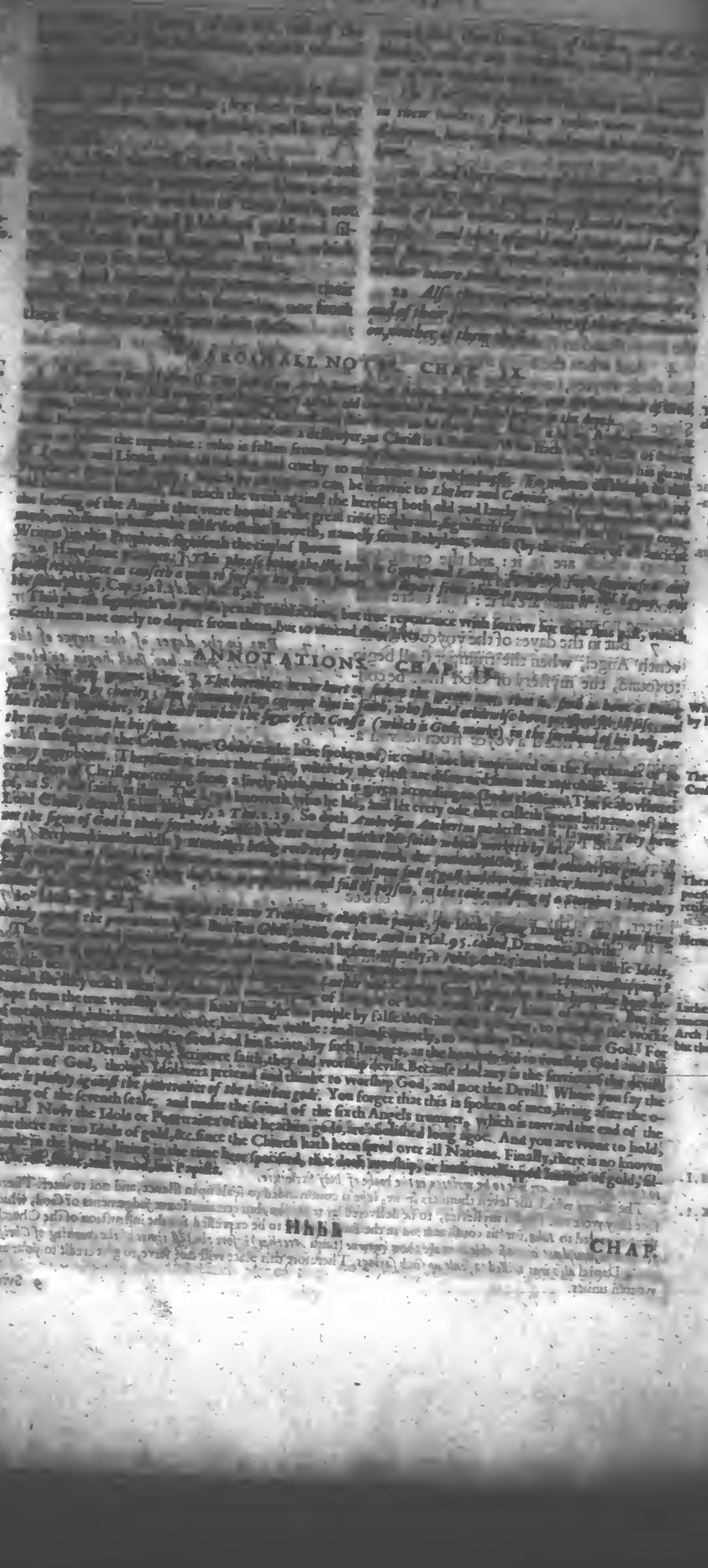
False Martyrs.

FVLK. 4. Put in Papists, in stead of Caluinists, and this note is true. Adde also, that Papists suffering death for treason against their Prince and Countrey, are no martyrs, though they should repent at their death, and renounce their false faith: much lesse continuing Antichristian heretikes.

Martyrs.

RHEM. 4. 13 These three.] *These are the three vertues Theologicall, each one by nature and definition distinct from another, and faith is by nature the first, & may be & often is before, & without charity: & truely remaineth in diuers after they*

The 3. vertues Theologicall.



CHAP. X.

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AND I saw another mighty Angel, descending from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow on his head, and his face was as the sunne, and his feet as pillars of fire.

2 And he had in his hand a little booke opened: and he put his right foote upon the sea, and his left upon the land.

3 And he cryed with a loud voyce, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cryed, the seven thunders spake their voyces.

4 And when the seven thunders had spoken their voyces, I was about to write: and I heard a voyce from heaven saying to mee, Signe the things which the seven thunders have spoken: and write them not.

5 And the Angel which I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land, lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, that created heaven and those things which are in it: and the earth, and those things which are in it: and the sea, and those things which are in it: That there shall be time no more:

7 But in the dayes of the voyce of the seventh Angel, when the trumpet shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be consummate, as he hath evangelized by his servants the Prophets.

8 And I heard a voyce from heaven speaking with me, and saying: Goe, and take the booke that is opened, of the hand of the Angel standing upon the sea, and upon the land.

9 And I went to the Angel, saying unto him, that he should give me the booke. And he said to me, Take the booke, and devoure it: and it shall make thy belly to bee bitter, but in thy mouth it shall bee sweet as it were hony.

10 And I tooke the booke of the hand of the Angel, and devoured it: and it was in my mouth as it were hony, sweet: and when I had devoured it, my belly was made bitter.

11 And he said to me, Thou must againe Prophecie to nations, and peoples, and tongues and many Kings.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. X.

4 Write them not.] *Many grave mysteries and truths are to be preserved in the Church, which for [illegible] to Gods providence, are not to be written in the books of holy Scripture.*

The things which the seven thunders spake, *Iohn* is commanded to seale up in silence, and not to utter. Therefore they were not Popish mysteries, to be delivered by tradition, but certaine secret judgements of God, which were revealed to *Iohn*, for his confirmation in the faith, but not to be expressed for the instruction of the Church: *for that it should not be profitable to make them knowne* (saith *Aretbas*) *before the last times of the comming of Christ*, seeing Daniel *also was willed to seale up such sayings*. Therefore this place will not serve, to give credit to your unwritten traditions.

9 Sweet

Dan. 12, 7. c This was the manner of taking an oath by the true God, as, *Deut.* 32.

Ezec. 3. c By earnest study and meditation.

Rhem. 1. Fvlk. 1.

Rhem. 2 Fvlk. 2

9 Sweet as it seemed] *Sweet in the reading, but to fulfilling somewhat bitter, because it contained [illegible] penance, and confession of sinnes.*

The word of God is also sweet in practise, to them that are indued with the Spirit of God, although mortification be unsavory to the flesh, and outward men. But it is said here to be bitter in his belly, because he might not keep silence the knowledge of those things, that were to be revealed, but publish it and preach it abroad, as *Ezech.* 3.

CHAP. XI.

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AND there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and it was said to me, Arise, and measure the Temple of God, and the Altar, and them that adore in it.

2 But the court which is without the Temple, cast forth, and measure not that: because it is given to the Gentiles, and they shall tread under foot the holy city ‡ two and forty moneths.

3 And I will give to my two witnesses, and they shall prophecie a thousand two hundred sixty dayes, clothed with sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks that stand in the sight of the Lord of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire shall come forth out of their mouthes, and shall devoure their enemies; and if any man will hurt them: so must he be slaine.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it raine not in the dayes of their prophecie: and they have power over the waters to turne them into blood, and to strike the earth with all plague as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony: the ‡ beast which ascended from the depth, shall make warre against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their bodies shall lie in the streets of the c great city, which is called spiritually Sodome and Ægypt, where their Lord also was crucified.

9 And there shall of tribes, and peoples, and tongues, and Gentiles, see their bodies for three dayes and a halfe: and they shall not suffer their bodies to be laid in monuments.

10 And the inhabitants of the earth ‡ shall bee glad upon them, and make merry: and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt upon the earth.

11 And after three dayes and a halfe, the spirit of life from God entered into them. And they stood upon their feet, and great feare fell upon them that saw them.

12 And they heard a loud voyce from heaven, saying to them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in a cloud: and their enemies saw them.

13 And in that houre there was made a great earthquake: and the tenth part of the

‡ The great Antichrist.

‡ The wicked rejoyce, when holy men are executed by the powers of the world, because their life and doctrine are burdenous unto them.

city

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2 But the court which is without the Temple, cast forth, and measure not that: because it is given unto the Gentiles, and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two moneths.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecie a thousand, two hundred, and threescore dayes, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are two Olive trees, and two Candlesticks, standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouthes, and consumeth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, this wise must he be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it raine not in the dayes of their prophesying: and have power over waters to turne them to blood, and to smite the earth with all manner plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that commeth out of the bottomlesse pit, shall make warre against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their bodies shall lie in the streets of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodome and Ægypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people, and kindreds, and tongues, and they of the nations, shall see their bodies three dayes and a halfe, and shall not suffer their bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoyce over them, and be glad, and shall send gifts one to another: for these two Prophets vexed them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three dayes and an halfe, the spirit of life comming from God, entred into them: and they stood upon their feet, and great feare fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voyce from heaven, saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

13 And the same houre was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the citie fell,

quake names of men seven thousand: and the rest were cast into a feare, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is gone: and behold the third woe will come quickly.

15 And the seventh Angel founded with a trumpet: and there were made loud voyces in heaven, saying, ‡ The kingdome of this world is made our Lords and his Christs, and he shall reigne for ever and ever. Amen.

16 And the foure and twenty Seniours which sit on their seats in the sight of God, fell on their faces, and adored God,

17 Saying: We thanke thee Lord God omnipotent, which art, and which wast, and which shalt come: because thou hast received thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the Gentiles were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, to be judged, and ‡ to render reward to thy servants the Prophets and Saints, and to them that feare thy name, ‖ little and great, and to destroy them that have corrupted the earth.

19 And the Temple of God was opened in heaven: and the Arke of his Testament was seene in his Temple, and there were made lightenings, and voyces, and an earth-quake, and great haile.

and in the earthquake were slaine names of men seven thousand: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past, and behold, the third woe commeth anon.

15 And the seventh Angel blew, and there were made great voyces in heaven, saying, The kingdomes of this world are our Lords, and his Christs, and he shall reigne for ever-more.

16 And the foure and twenty Elders which sit before God on their seats, fell upon their faces and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thankes, O Lord, God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come: for thou hast received thy great might, and hast reigned.

18 And the Nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the Prophets and Saints, and to them that feare thy Name, small and great, and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

19 And the Temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seene in his Temple the Arke of his Testament: and there followed lightnings, and voyces, and thunderings, and earthquake, and much haile.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. I. FVLK. I. 2 Two and forty.] *Three yeres and a halfe; which is the time of Antichrists reigne and persecution.* The time of Antichrists reigne.

That is a short time, in comparison of the eternall reigne of Christ. The same is often-times called a time, and times, and halfe a time, *Chap.* 12. 14. and in this Chapter 1260 dayes, and three dayes and an halfe. Therefore cannot be meant of three common yeeres and an halfe, more then of three vsuall dayes and an halfe. But it is numbred by moneths and dayes, for the comfort of the faithfull, that they may bee assured it is limited by God, and but short in comparison of the everlasting kingdome of Christ. *Heretofore*, a Papist, in his Preface to his translation of *Apocalyps*, saith: *It is not possible, that Antichrist is to have a time of three yeeres and an halfe, should obtaine so many kingdomes and provinces.* Yet our Remish Papists force not of impossibilities, so they might have an argument to prove, that the Pope is not Antichrist.

RHEM. 2 8 Great city, which.] *He meaneth Hierusalem, named Sodome and Egypt, for the imitation of them in wickednesse. So that we see his abiding seate shall be there, though his tyranny may extende to all places of the world.*

FVLK. 2 Hierusalem is not the city of Antichrist, but Rome, by authority of which city Christ himselfe (as you confesse, *Chap.* 17. *Sect.* 9.) was put to death, so also he is often crucified in his members. *S. Hierome*, *Epist.* 27. contendeth, that this place cannot be understood of Hierusalem in Iewry. The Comment in S. *Augustines* name interpreteth the streets of the great city, the midst of the Church. *Beda* the city of the vngodly, &c. all the ancient Interpreters agree, that the chiefe raigne of Antichrist shall be at Rome. Rome the City of Antichrist.

RHEM. 3 FVLK. 3 18 To render reward.] *To repay the hire or wages (for so hath the Greeke word in this place) due to holy men, proveth against the Protestants, that they did truly merite the same in this life.* Matth.

God repayeth the reward which he promiseth of his meere mercy, not which men deserve by the merit of their workes. For all his Saints are justified freely by his grace, through faith, without respect of the merit of their workes, *Rom.* 3. 24. *There is no hire (saith Hilarie) of a gift, because it is due of the worke: but God hath given a free reward to all men by justification of faith, &c. Matt. cha.* 20.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XI.

RHEM. 4 3 My two witnesses.] Enoch and Elias, *as it is commonly expounded; for, that* Elias *shall come against before the latter day, it is a most notorious known thing (to vse S. Augustines words) in the mouthes and hearts of faithfull men. See lib. 20 de Civit. Dei, cap. 29. Tract. 4 in Ioan. and Beda vpon* Enoch *and* Elias, *libr. de sex mystic. cap. 3. So the rest of the Latine Doctors, as S. Hierome and Pamachius epist. 61. cap. 1. and in Psal. 2. et 8. Ambrose in Psa. 45. S. Hilarie, 20 can. in Matth. Prosper lib. ultimo de promissionibus cap. 13. S. Gregorie lib. 19. Moral. cap. 12. & hom. 12. in Ezech. Beda in 9. Marc. The Greeke Fathers also, as S. Chrysostome, hom. 5. & in Mat. & hom. 4. in 1. Thess. & hom. 21. in Gen. & hom. 22. in epist. ad Heb. Theophylact. and Oecumen. in 17. Mat. & Damascen. 4. de Orthodoxa fide, cap. 27.*

Enoch *and* Elias *Antichrist shall preach against.*

Furthermore, that they be alive in the world, it is partly gathered out of the Scriptures, Ecclesi. 44. 16. where it is plainely said of Enoch, *that he is translated into Paradise, as all our Latine examplers doe render it. And of* Elias, *that he was taken up alive it is evident, 4 King. 2. And S. Irenæus saith, it is the tradition of the Apostles, That they both there,* lib. 5. in initio. Dicunt Presbyteri (*saith he*) qui sunt Apostolorum Discipuli, *so say the Priests or Ancients that are the Scholers of the Apostles. See S. Iustine, q. 87. ad Orthodoxos. Finally, that they shall returne into the company of men in the end of the world, to preach against Antichrist, and to convert the Iewes to the* Gentiles

CHAP. XII.

AND there appeared a great † wonder in heaven, A woman clothed with the Sunne, and the Moone under her feet, and upon her head a crowne of twelve starres.

† Or, Signe.

2 And being with childe, she cryed travailing, and was in anguish to bee delivered.

3 And there was seene another signe in heaven, and behold a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten hornes: and on his heads seven Diademes.

4 And his taile drew the third part of the Starres of heaven, and cast them to the earth, and the Dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered: for to devoure her sonne when shee should bee delivered.

5 And she brought forth a man childe, who was to governe all Nations in an iron rod: and her sonne was taken up to God, and to his Throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wildernesse, where shee had a place prepared of God, that there they might feed her a thousand, two hundred sixty dayes.

7 And there was made great battell in heaven, Michael and his Angels fought with the Dragon, and the Dragon fought and his Angels:

8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And that great Dragon was cast forth, the old Serpent, which is called the Devill and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: and he was cast into the earth, and his Angels were throwne downe with him.

10 And I heard a great voyce in heaven saying: Now is come salvation and force and the kingdome of our God, and the power of his Christ: because the accuser of our brethren is cast forth, who accused them before the sight of our God day and night.

11 And ‡ they overcame him by the blood of the Lambe, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives even unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoyce, O heavens and you that dwell therein. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the Devill is descended to you, having great wrath, knowing that hee hath a little time.

13 And after the Dragon saw that hee was throwne into the earth, hee persecuted the woman which brought forth the man childe.

14 And there were given to the woman, two wings of a great Eagle, that she might flie

‡ When the Angels or we have the victorie, we must know it is by the blood of Christ, and so all is referred alwaies to him

AND there appeared a great wonder in heaven, A woman clothed with the Sunne, and the Moone under her feet, and upon her head a crowne of twelve starres.

2 And she being with childe, cryeth, travailing in birth, and pained ready to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven, for behold a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten hornes, and seven crownes upon his heads.

4 And his taile draweth the third part of the starres of heaven, and hee cast them to the earth: And the Dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devoure her childe as soone as it were borne.

5 And shee brought forth a man childe, which shall rule all Nations with a rod of iron: and her sonne was taken up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wildernesse, where shee hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand, two hundred, and threescore dayes.

7 And there was a battell in heaven, Michael and his Angels fought with the Dragon, and the Dragon fought with his Angels:

8 And prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great Dragon, that old Serpent, called the Devill and Satanas, was cast out, which deceiveth all the world: and he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voyce saying in heaven: Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdome of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast out, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lambe, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoyce yee heavens, and yee that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea: for the Devill is come down unto you, which hath great wrath, because hee knoweth that hee hath but a short time.

13 And when the Dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, hee persecuted the woman which brought forth the manchilde.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great Eagle, that she might flee into the wildernesse

and her seed, which keepe the commandements of God, and have the testimony of Iesus Christ.

18 And he stood upon the sand of the sea.

17 *And the Dragon was wroth with the woman, and went and made warre with the remnant of her seed, which keepe the Commandements of God, and have the testimony of Iesus Christ.*

18 *And † I stood in the sea sand.*

† Some read and he stood.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XII.

Rhem. 1 14 A time and times.] This often mentioned time, and prophetic reigne must to us (who have seene and knowe it) be a wonder, and matter of admiration, that the Scripture so directly should have foretold, what power the Pope to the Antichrist, who hath raigned so many ages.

Fvlk. 1. You may as well say that Antichrists reigne shall be but three dayes and an halfe. But the whole comprehending generally all the persecutions that Satan shall raise against the Church, from the Ascension of Christ to the end, which manifestly continue three Ieares and an halfe, which all holy Ghosts old writers of halfe a mysticall or prophetically vnderstand to be two thousand and three hundred and threescore dayes, sometime by 42 moneths, sometimes by three dayes and an halfe, and likewise directly a time, and times, and halfe a time.

The time of tribulation.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XII.

Rhem. 2 The woman fled.] The great perfection that the Church shall be from, is in the time of Antichrist, and shall endure but three yeares under him, as the world v. 14. in the margine to which time for all those, for whose sake our Lords protection, not true Pastors, may be so secret, but all faithfull men shall know and follow: much like flock to their friends her sex, because there may indeed meete such for many dayes together. And this is true; if we take this flight for a very carefull retiring into wilfulnesse. Where indeed it may be, and is enough expedient, to be a spirituall life, by forsaking the pompe and pleasures of the world, and giving her selfe to contemplation and prayer, during the time of persecution under Antichrist. And by enlarging the sense, it may also very well stand for the desolation and afflictions her whole Church suffereth and hath suffered from time to time in the wilderness of the world, by all the forerunners and ministers of Antichrist, tyrants and heretiques.

The Church shall flee as in a desert in Antichrists time, but not decay or be unknowne, no more for so short a time.

Fvlk. 2 The Author of the Centuries in the Magdeburg saith, that the time mentioned in ver. 14. Bpuificth 1260 yeere and an hundred yeeres, by whose account, the persecution of Antichrist should be three hundred and fifty yeeres. And indeed from the time of the chasing away of the Church into desert places, when the Pope by cruell warres and tyranny, banished the Faithfull without he persecuted by the names of Waldenses, Albigenses, Pauperes de Lugdano, Picardi, &c. vnto the time that the Gospel began againe to be openly professed by Wiclefe and others, it is about the time of 350 yeeres: how exactly we may not rashly judge. Bullinger saith: By this number of three dayes which make forth three yeeres and an halfe, she hath Christ compendiously all the time of Christian religion since Christ with his holy the Church is preached so long in the flesh. And upon ver. 14. he saith: He declareth the whole time of the Church vnpersecuted before in the number of dayes. Ambrose Autbert in saith: The number of 1260. dayes, in which the woman flieth and is fed in the wildernesse, doth so figure the time of preaching or end of persecution, in which the old enemy & persecutor rageth against his holy Church by that damned man whom he shall possesse: that nevertheless it comprehendeth the beginning either of the preaching or of the persecution in which Christ began to preach and suffer: yea the whole state of this present life which is between the beginning and the end. Rupertus supposeth these dayes for so long time, as the Church being a stranger in the world, suffereth persecution. Haymo saith, it may be referred unto all the time from the Ascension of Christ to the end of the world. But in this desert you say, the true Church shall not decay, &c. to what, or against whom and whom? Antichrist. No verily, the true Church of Gods elect, shall alwaies continue, confirmed and founded in faith, in all articles necessary to saluation: neither doe we ever say otherwise. But the greatest part of the visible Church, shall be seduced by Antichrist, as it is at this present here, and 2 Thes. 2. Where you say, the sad company that we speake of, were for some worldes haunes accounted to their friends and foes. It is false, for so the true members of the church they were known, though not alwaies to their enemies. For this flight into the wildernesse, is granted to the Church for her persecution from the tyranny of Antichrist, who would not suffer so perfect lives, as the were within his reach and knowledge. But that there were such companies, it is manifest by this, that they have openly professed in these dayes to have had their commodotie in Moravia, Bohemia, Calabria, Piemonte, and other places. If you follow other allegoricall senses, you must be enforced to give over your fantasie of three vulgar yeeres and an halfe, to be the time of Antichrists raigne, which yet before you imagine to be so plaine, that you cannot vs exceedingly blind with malice that will not see it.

The time of Antichrists perfection.

Rhem. 3 S. Michael.] In the Church there is a perpetuall combat betwixt S. Michael (protector of the Church militant as he was sometimes of the Iewes Synagogue, Dan. 10. 21.) and his Angels, and the devill and his ministers. The perfect victory over whom, shall be in the iudgement. Marke here also the whole way S. Michael is continually painted fighting with a dragon.

S. Michael fighting with the Dragon.

Michael

The picture of S. Michael.

Antichrists attempts to draw from the true faith.

CHAP. XIII.

Michael with the Saints and destroyeth them. And another beast rising out of the earth with two horns, maketh all altogether for the first beast, constraining men to make and worship his image, and to have the character of his name.

AND I saw ‖ a beast comming up from the sea, having seven heads and ten horns; and upon his horns ten diademes; and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw, was like to a libard, and his feet as of a beare, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. And the Dragon gave him his owne force and great power.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were slaine to death: and the wound of his death was cured. And all the earth was in admiration after the beast.

4 And they adored the Dragon which gave power to the beast: and they adored the beast, saying, Who is like to the beast? and who shall be able to fight with it?

5 And there was given to it a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies: and power was given to it to work two and forty moneths.

6 And he opened his mouth unto blasphemies toward God, ‡ to blaspheme his Name, and his Tabernacle, and those that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him ‖ to make battel with the Saints, and to overcome them. And power was given him upon every tribe and people, and tongue, and nation,

8 And all that inhabite the earth, adored it, * whose names be not written in the book of life of the Lambe, which was slaine from the beginning of the world.

9 If any man have an eare, let him heare.

10 He that shall leade into captivity, goeth into captivity: * hee that shall kill in the sword, hee must bee killed with the sword; here is the patience and the faith of Saints.

11 And I saw ‡ another beast comming up from the earth: and he had two hornes like to a lambe, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And all the power of the former beast he did in his sight: and he made the earth and the inhabitants therin, to adore the first beast, whose wound of death was cured.

13 And

Apoc.3.5.

Gen.9.6. Matth.26.52.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and I saw a beast rise out of the sea, having seven heads, and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemie.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a Leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a Beare, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the Dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast:

4 And they worshipped the Dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to warre with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things, and blasphemies, and power was given unto him, to doe forty and two moneths.

6 And he opened his mouth unto blasphemie against God, to blaspheme his Name, and his Tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make warre with the Saints, and to overcome them: And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth, shall worship him, whose names are not written in the booke of life of the Lambe, which was killed from the beginning of the world.

9 If any man have an eare, let him heare.

*10 *He that leadeth into captivity, shall go into captivity: He that killeth with a sword, must be killed with a sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the Saints.*

11 And I beheld another beast comming up out of the earth, and he had two hornes like a lambe, and he spake as did the Dragon.

12 And he doth all that the first beast could doe in his presence, and he causeth the earth and them which dwell therein, to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Gen.9.6. matth.26.5.

13 And

13 did doe [illegible]
made [illegible] to
unto the [illegible]

14 And he [illegible]
the earth through [illegible] which were given him to doe in the [illegible] saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make ‖ the image of the beast which hath the stroke of the sword, and lived.

15 And it was given him to give spirit to the image of the beast, and that the image of the beast should speake: and should make that whosoever shall not adore the image of the beast, be slaine.

16 And he shall make all, little and great, and rich, and poore, and free-men, and bondmen, to have a character in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man may buy or sell, but he that hath ‖ the character, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisedome. He that hath understanding, ‖ let him count the number of the beast. ‖ For it is the number of a man: and ‖ the number of him is six hundred sixty six.

13 did [illegible] great signes, so that he made

14 And he [illegible] the earth through [illegible] which were given him to doe in the [illegible] saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make ‖ the image to the beast which hath the wound of a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give ‖ spirit unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speake, and should cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poore, free and bond, that hee should give them a marke in their right hand, or in their foreheads.

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the marke, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisedome, let him that hath wit, count the number of the beast: For it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore and six.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 1 — 3 In admiration.] *They that now follow the simplest and grossest heresies that ever were without seeing miracles, would then much more follow this great seducer working miracles.*

FULK. 1 — This is the universality that the Papists brag of, when all the earth is in admiration of the lying signes and false miracles of Antichrist: whereas the doctrine of the Gospel, being confirmed by the miracles of Christ and his Apostles, hath no need of any other miracles. — Popish universality and miracles.

RHEM. 2 — 6 To blaspheme his name.] *No heretikes ever like Antichrist then those in our dayes, specially in blasphemies against Gods Church, Sacraments, Saints, Ministers, and all sacred things.*

FULK. 2 — The whole religion of Popery, is nothing but blasphemy against God and Christ, and his Church, and the blessed Angels and Saints, that dwell in heaven: while they teach that God onely doth not properly remit sins, is not onely to be served, Christ is not our onely high Priest after the order of Melchisedech: The Masse is a sacrifice propitiatory for the quicke and the dead, the Angels and Saints are mediatours and advocates, the Virgine Mary may command her Sonne by her motherly authority. The blood of Thomas is meritorious of the kingdome of heaven, for all men that will pray to attend thither by it, with innumerable like blasphemies: And the true Church of God that ascribeth all honour and glory of our salvation to God onely and Christ our Saviour, the Antichristians blaspheme to be hereticall, and persecute with fire and sword. — The blasphemie of Antichrist.

RHEM. 3 — 11 Another beast.] *Another false prophet inferiour to Antichrist, shall worke wonders also, but all referred to the honour of his master Antichrist. By doth Calvine and other Arch-heretikes pervert the world to the honour of Antichrist, and so doe their scholers also for the honour of them.*

FULK. 3 — You know that Calvine and the rest, whom you blasphemously call Arch-heretikes, doe worke no miracles, therefore they cannot be this false prophet. — Calvine no false prophet.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIII.

RHEM. 4 — 1 A beast comming up.] *This beast is the universall company of the wicked, whose head is Antichrist: and the same is called (Apoc. 17.) the whore of Babylon. The seven heads be expounded (Apoc. 17.) seven Kings: five be fore Christ, one present, and one to come. The ten hornes be also here expounded to be ten Kings that shall reigne a short while after Antichrist. The Dragon is the Devill, by whose power the whore, or beast, or Antichrist worketh, as in the words following (vers. 3. & 4.) Antichrist is called the beast, to whom the Dragon, that is, the Devill giveth his power of fained miracles; and as we adore God for giving power to Christ and his followers, so they shall adore the Devill for assisting Antichrist and giving him power.* — Many mysteries expounded.

FULK. 4 — This beast (by consent of the most ancient Interpreters, and other Fathers of the Primitive Church) is the Romane Empire, as it is contrary to God and Christ: one of the heads whereof is Antichrist. *The whore of Babylon*, Apoc. 17. is the city of Rome, upholden by this beast, where the seven heads be also expounded to be seven hils, upon which the woman sitteth, which woman is there also said to be the great city, which hath dominion over the Kings of the earth, which can be none other but the city of Rome: For Rome onely had the kingdome at that time. These seven kings are the seven principall heads of government of the Romane Empire, whereof five were abolished before Christ came, (which was of the heathen Emperours) was present, and the seventh then to come, is the Pope, which is Antichrist. They that worship Antichrist, worship the devill, not in their intent (for Antichrist beareth himselfe to be God) but because they worship him who hath his power of the devill, and serveth the devill in deceiving the world. — Rome the Seate of the Pope which is Antichrist.

RHEM. 5 — 7 To make battell with the Saints.] *He shall kill the Saints then living, Elias and Enoch, and in fine more then professe Christ; whereby we must learne, not to marvell when we see the wicked persecute and prevaile against the just in this life. Then shall be great persecution and cruelty try the Saints patience, as he wonderfully set out unto us (Christ)

Their blessednesse that continue constant.

1 Reuel. And when it is said, They worship the beast, whose names are not written in the booke of life of the Lamb, it is ... and ... of them that shall not yeeld to such ..., that they are of Gods elect, whose names ... in the booke of life.

The two witnesses spoken of chap. 11. have been slaine long agoe, ... raised up in spirit, while other succeed in their place. Of Enoch and Elias. See Chap. 11. Sect. 4.

The honour of Christs image is for the honour of Christ.

14 The image of the beast.] *They that now refuse to worship Christs image, and then worship Antichrists. And we may note here, that as the making or honouring of this image was not for the honour of Antichrist, but wholly for it, as also the image of Nabuchodonosor was not for the worship thereof was altogether for the honour of himself in the worship of Christs image, the honour of Christ himself is, did not agree with, as prophanits vainly imagine.*

Worshipping of Images.

6 They that refuse to worship Christs image, because God hath forbidden to worship any images, Exod. 20. will never worship the image of Antichrist: who thought it be not a dead image, but have a spirit and doe speake, as the Popes Legates and Deputies in every country do, which be nothing else but the image of Antichrist. But it is a very strange argument that you make in defence of the worshipping of Christs image: *As the making and honouring of Antichrists image, is not against the honour of Antichrist, but wholly for it, and likewise of Nebuchadnezzars image: so is the honour of Christs image, the honour of Christ himselfe, and not against him.* A very good argument. If Christ had commanded, and not forbidden such honour to be given unto him: *Thou shalt not doe so unto the Lord your God, Deut. 4. 23. and Gal. 12. 9.* Therefore you might better conclude. As the worship of Antichrists image, and of *Nebuchadnezzars* image is idolatry and false worship, so is the worshipping of the image of Christ, or any of his Saints. It is therefore a mad imagination of the Papists, to thinke that Christ will be worshipped with images; which he hath expressly forbidden to be made in any use of Religion. And if they were not made like to those things which they worship (as the Prophet deadneeth to idolaters) that is void of sense and understanding, (as their images be which they worship) they would not for shame defend such grosse idolatry, to be true worship of God.

Antichrists triple honour against the honour of Christ.

RHEM. 7 17. The character or the name.] *As belike for the perverse imitation of Christ, whose image (specially as on the Rhood or Crucifix) bee seeth honoured and exalted in every Church, bee will have his image adored (for that is Antichrist in emulation of the honour, adversarie to Christ) so for that he seeth all true Christian men to beare the badge of his Crosse in their foreheads, but likewise will force all th to have another marke, to abolish the signe of Christ. By the like emulation also and wicked opposition, bee will have his name and the letters thereof to be sacred, and to be worne in mens caps, or written in solemne places, and to bee worshipped, as the Name of IESVS is and ought to be worne of every Christian man. And as the ineffable name of God was among the Iewes expressed by a certaine number of foure characters (therefore called Tetragrammaton) so it seemeth the Apostle alludeth here to the number of Antichrists names.*

The Protestants by abolishing of Christs images and crosse, and it reverence to the name Iesus, make a ready way to the honour of Antichrist.

And here it is much to be noted, that the Protestants pulling downe the image of Christ out of all Churches, and his signe of the Crosse from mens foreheads, and taking away the honour and reverence of the Name IESVS, doe make roome for Antichrists image, and marke, and name. And when Christs images and ensignes or names shall be abolished, and the idoll of Antichrist set up in stead thereof, as it is already begun: then is the abomination of desolation which was foretold by Daniel and our Saviour.

FVLK. 7 Antichrist by his triple crowne, signifieth the triple honour he usurpeth against the honour of Christ. The triple honour of Christ, is that he is our onely soveraigne King, high Priest, and Prophet in religion. Of all which honour the Pope doth goe about to spoile him, while he challengeth that he himselfe is the supreame head of the universall Church, the highest Priest in the same, and the onely Prophet that cannot erre. In stead of which triple honour due to Christ onely, he assigneth him to a Rhood or Crucifix, a superstitious marke of his Crosse, and the wearing of the name of IESVS in mens caps, the power and vertue whereof he hath driven out of their hearts. So usurping the true honour of Christ, he scorneth him rather then honoureth him, with dead images, vaine signes, and superstitious abusing of his holy and mighty Name: as the souldiers did when they crowned him with thornes, clothed him in a robe of purple, and gave him a reed in his hand in stead of a Scepter. And yet the Pope alloweth none of these counterfeit honours to be proper to Christ. For every Saint hath his Image, many Saints have their characters, especially *Peter* his crosse keyes, and *Mary* hath her name commonly, where IESVS hath his. Finally, he brought the world to that state, that no man might have any worldly affaires therein, except he acknowledged the Popes crosse keyes, that is his authority, or his soveraignty, or himselfe to be a member of the Romish, Italian or Latine Church. In which is contained the summe of his name. But the Protestants in defacing the idols, and abolishing the superstitious abuse of the signe of the Crosse, and name of IESVS, have taken away the derision and mockery of Antichrist, which is contrary to the word of God, that they might restore to Christ his true honour that is due to him, as King, Priest, and Prophet, according to the holy Scriptures.

The Pope spoileth Christ of his true honour.

Antichrists name secret. Ioh. 14. 29.

RHEM. 8 18 Let him count.] *Though God would not have it manifest beforehand to the world, who in particular this Antichrist should be: yet it pleased him to give such tokens of him, that when he commeth, the faithfull may easily take notice of him, according as it is written of the event of other Prophecies concerning our Saviour. That which it is come to passe, you may believe. In the meane time we must take heed that we judge not over rashly of Gods secrets, the better to suffer here signifying, that it is a point of high understanding, illuminated extraordinarily by Gods Spirit, to reason right and discipher truly beforehand, Antichrists name and person.*

FVLK. 8 As rashnesse is alwayes condemned, so are we here exhorted with wisedome and understanding to count the number of the beast, which is not innumerable, but the number of a man, such as by mans understanding may be found out, especially when we see the Prophecie in all other notes of Antichrist, to be fulfilled in the Pope.

Antichrist shalbe one speciall man and of a peculiar name.

RHEM. 9 18 It is the number of a man.] *A man he must be, and not a devill or spirit, as here it is cleare, and by S. Paul, 2. Thess. 2. where he is called, The man of sinne. Againe, he must be one particular person, and not a number, except such or whole order of any degree of men: because his proper name, and the particular number, and the characters thereof shall (though obscurely) be insinuated. Which reproveth the wicked vanity of heretikes, that would have Christs owne Name, IESVS, to be Antichrist. For by the Successors of his chiefe Apostle, you the whole order of them for many ages together, to be this Antichrist. For by his description here, & in the said Epistle to the Thessalonians, must be one speciall man, and of a particular proper name, as our Lord testifieth it. And whosoever he be, these Propositions undoubtedly are his properties: for no other man may by any right take upon him, to be the head of the Church, to be Christs Vicar, to be Successor of Peter, to be Prince of Bishops, to be Pope, to be Oecumenicall Bishop, to be Lord of the whole world, to be Emperour, to be King of Kings, to be Lord of Lords, to be Monarch, to be Patriarch of the West, to be Primate of Italy, to be Archbishop of the Romane Province, to be Bishop of Rome, to be Metropolitan of the Suburbicarie Churches, to be Bishop of the Romane Church, to be Cardinall, to be Legate a latere, to be Nuncio, to be Subdeacon, to be Deacon, to be Priest, to be Bishop, to be Archbishop, to be Patriarch, to be Primate, to be Metropolitan, to be Cardinall, to be Pope. Now if any man will take upon him all these Propositions, he is worthy to be laughed at for his labour. Therefore we may truely & charitably say, that Luther was not Antichrist, but one of Antichrists messengers.*

The Pope cleane contrary to Antichrist.

If the Pope had begun Antichrist, and had beene rebuked now a good many yeares before, as the first reformers say he is now, then the number of this name should appeare to him, and the prophecie being now fulfilled. It should evidently be seene, that he were the man of sinne and number here named. For (no doubt) when he commeth, the name of the letters or number of his name which before is so hard to know, will be easie. For he will set up his name in every place, even as he set up the

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RHEM. 10

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All framing of letters to Antichrists name is uncertaine. Iren. lib. 5. ca. 30.

Antichrists name.

That you say the Pope is Christs Vicar, and Successour of the chiefe of the Apostles, it is nothing but ... Antichrist. The ... Luther and ... Pope is Christs Vicar, as I have shewed in these ... Neither doth the ... abolishing of idolatry and ... as I have shewed in the ... is defaced, make way for Antichrist, who ... invested such ... honour ... Pope of Rome is the ... there is no way ... to avoid, ... the then Emperours of Rome were the ... Emperours of Rome? Your reason is, that neither the whole order, nor any particular ... a Latine, as well as the Romane Emperours? Your reason is, that neither the whole order, nor any particular ... Pope was of the Latine Empire? Therefore if the Emperour might be called *Latinus* (by *Irenaeus* ... Emperour was of the Latine Empire? Therefore if the Emperour might be called *Latinus* (by *Irenaeus* ... much more the Pope, who is so much a Latine, that he will allow no exercise of religion but in Latine. Thus he ... condemneth the Greeke Church, because it will not be subject to his Latine law. Which hath caused all private ... men to pray in Latine. Which alloweth no translation of the Scripture as authentical, but his Latine, no not the ... originall of Hebrew and Greek, which he blasphemeth to be corrupted: and therefore must give place to his La- ... tine. So much that the fathers of the Tridentine Edition, in his Preface ... that the ... Finally, which is so horrible? ... that he is the head of the Latines, than the ignorant people know no other proper difference of his religion but ... that it is Latine. That *Irenaeus* ... that name to the *Stats of the heathen Emperours*, it was right, for then the ... Church was Latine: and Antichrist the seventh head of the Latine beast was not come, as he is now in the Pa- ... pacie. Thus ... the name. Then, it was because he saw not the ... pacie. Thus ... the name. Then, it was because he saw not the ... ing with ... the ... whereof he walked men so wonderfully ... of these ... ments of ... Antichrist is come and discovered, we see plainly that Latinus ... Yea we see that ... the Hebrew name of the beast signifying *Romane*, hath the same number, and ... by chance that *Euclides* stands in the account of the Greeke letters, fulfilleth the same number. The time of ... have ... to ... about that yeere of our Lord 666. especially the ... of the Latine Service ... by ... translations ... in all regions (subject to the Romish tyranny). Whereunto also ... Empire ... removed the chiefe ornaments of the ancient Empire of Rome to Christ ... Rome to the Popes Palace, maketh for the better understanding of this number. That you discharge Luther ... of the dignity ... he is much beholding to you. But if you will make him ... one of his Pre- ... cursors, you must prove his doctrine against Popery, to be contrary to the Scriptures: but that you will never be able to ...

CHAP.

CHAP. XIIII.

AND I looked, and lo, a Lambe stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundreth, forty, and foure thousand, having his fathers name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voyce from heaven, as the voyce of many waters, and as the voyce of a great thunder: and I heard the voyce of harpers harping on their harpes.

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the seat and before the foure beasts, and the Seniors, and no man could learne that song, but those hundred forty foure thousand, that were brought from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women. For they are ‡ virgines. These follow the Lambe whithersoever he shall go. These were boughs from among men, a the first fruits to God and the Lambe:

5 And in their mouth there was found no lie; for they are without spot before the Throne of God.

6 And I saw another Angel flying thorow the middes of heaven, having the eternall Gospel, to euangelize vnto them that sit vpon the earth, and vpon euerie nation, and tribe, and tongue, and people.

7 Saying with a loud voyce, Feare our Lord, and give him honour, because the houre of his judgement is come: and adore ye him * that made heaven, and earth, the sea and all things that are in them, and the fountaines of waters.

8 And another Angel followed, saying, * Fallen, fallen is that great ‡ Babylon, which of the wine of the wrath of her fornication made all nations to drinke.

9 And the third Angel followed them, saying, with a loude voyce, If any man adore the beast and his image, and receive the character in his forehead, or in his hand:

10 ‡ He also shall drinke of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mingled with pure wine in the cup of his wrath, and shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the sight of the holy Angels, and before the sight of the Lambe.

11 And the smoake of their torment shall ascend for ever and ever: neither have they rest day and night, which have adored the beast, and his image, and if any man take the character of his name.

12 Here is the patience of Saints, which ‡ keepe the Commandements of God and the faith of Iesvs.

13 b And I heard a voyce from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which dye in our Lord, from henceforth now. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labours, and their workes follow them.

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloude one sitting like to the Sonne of man, having on his head a crowne of gold, and in his hand a sharpe sickle.

15 And an other Angel came forth from the temple, crying with a loud voyce to him that sate upon the cloud, * Thrust in thy sickle, and reape, because the houre is come to reape, for the harvest of the earth is dry.

16 And he that sate upon the cloude, thrust his sickle into the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 And an other Angel came forth from the Temple which is in heaven, himselfe also having a sharpe sickle.

18 And an other Angel came forth from the altar, which had power over the fire: and he cryed with a loud voyce to him that had the sharpe sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharpe sickle, and gather the clusters of the vineyard of the earth: because the grapes thereof be ripe.

19 And the Angel thrust his sharpe sickle into the earth, and gathered the vineyard of the earth, and cast it into the great c presse of the wrath of God:

20 And the presse was troden without the city, and blood came foorth out of the presse up to the horse bridles, for a thousand sixe hundred furlongs.

Pſal.145. Acts 14.

Eſay 21. Ier.51. Apoc.18.

‡ The great damnation that shall follow them that forsake Christ & the Church and worship Antichrist or his image.

Ioel 3. Mat.13.

c Aluedo locum, lac, trough, lake.

13 And I heard a voyce from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which dye in our Lord, from henceforth now. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labours, and their workes follow them.

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloude one sitting like unto the Sonne of man, having on his head a golden crowne, and in his hand a sharpe sickle.

15 And another Angel came out of the temple, crying with a loude voyce to him that sate on the cloud, * Thrust in thy sickle and reap. Ioel 3. for the time is come to reape, for the harvest of the earth is ‖ ripe.

‖ Or, dried.

16 And he that sate on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 And an other Angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, having also a sharpe sickle.

18 And another Angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire, and cryed with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharpe sickle, and gather the clusters of the vineyard of the earth, for her grapes are ripe.

19 And the Angel thrust in his sharpe sickle on the earth, and cut downe the vineyard of the earth, and cast it into the great winefat of the wrath of God.

20 And the winefat was troden without the city, and blood came out of the fat, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and sixe hundred furlongs.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 1. 4 Virgins.] *One state of life is more excellent then another, and virgins for their purity passing the rest, and always accompanying Christ according to the Churches Hymne out of this place.* Quocunque pergis, virgines sequuntur, &c.

FVLK. 1. This place prooveth not one state of life more excellent then another; for all the elect are such virgins as be here spoken of, as you confesse in your note upon the first verse.

RHEM. 2. The first fruits.] c *This the Church applyeth to the holy Innocents, which is common to all Saints.*

FVLK. 2. Your Church applyeth it fondly to those Innocents, which is common to all Saints.

RHEM. 3 Babylon.] *The city of the devill, which is the universall society of the wicked mis-believers, and of lovers in the world.*

FVLK. 3. Rome, the second Babylon saith *Ambr. Ansbertus*, as in the seventeenth chapter it is plainely declared, which is the city of Antichrist.

RHEM. 4. 12 Keepe the.] *Faith is not enough to salvation, without fulfilling of Gods commandements.*

FVLK. 4. Faith without works doth justifie before God: yet the keeping of Gods commandements is necessary for them that shall be saved after they believe, though no man in this life fulfill them perfectly.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XIIII.

RHEM. 5. 13 From henceforth now.] *This being specially spoken of Martyrs (as wee onely S. Augustine seemeth to take it, but also Catholikes universally) applying* in Domino, *for our Lorde sake) the Protestants have no reason to use the place against Purgatory in prayer for the departed, seeing the Catholike Church and all her children doe first of all Martyrs and Saints after their death in blisse, and needs no prayers. Whereof this is S. Augustines meaning for all Martyrs are living to

Phrase of Lauter.

Rev. 5.

Though Beza doth translate it so as it seemeth to pertaine only to Martyrs, yet the phrase doth not necessarily [illegible] for even in worldly matters to die rather, when one is killed or slaine for the Lord. And seeing to die in the Lord, or in Christ Jesus is a phrase of Scripture, signifying to live godly, and in the faith of Christ, 2 *Tim* 3.12. so to die in the Lord, signifieth to die in the faith of Christ, as 1 *Thes.* 4.16. the dead in Christ, are called all those that have died in the faith of Christ before his comming to judgement. Therefore they that die in the Lord, are not they onely that die for the Lords cause, but all those that die in the faith of Christ, who are to be comforted against the troubles of this life, and the persecution of Antichrist, and not they onely whom Antichrist shall kill and murther, but even they also that for the Lords cause are killed all the day long, and accounted as sheepe of the slaughter, which is the condition of all Gods children in this life. Seeing then the blessednesse pertaineth to all that die in the faith of Christ, there is no purgatory paines for them after this life, nor any need of prayers. By that which S. *Augustine* saith of the memory of Martyrs used in his time, if we compare it with the elder usage, in which they offered sacrifice for Patriarkes, Prophets, Martyrs, and all the elect departed: as appeareth by *Cyp. Ep.* 38. *Epipha. haer.* 75. and the old Liturgies: it is easie to gather, that the ancient memories and oblations for the dead, were neither Masses nor prayers, but praises and thanksgiving, though afterward by little and little, the superstition of praying for the dead, and the opinion of purgatory began to be received. And yet purgatory was not confirmed in Saint *Augustines* time, as it appeareth by his doubting thereof in some places. *Euch. ad Lauren. cap.* 69. *De fide & oper. cap.* 15. *De civit. Dei l.* 21. and his utter denying of a third place: *Hypognostic. lib.* 5. *De verb. Apost. ser.* 14. But seeing you confesse the place may be understood of all that die in the favour of God: you say, that though they be in purgatory, they rest in peace according to S. *Augustines* wordes. But those wordes of S. *Augustine* doe confute your purgatory, where there is no more rest then is in hell, if we beleeue your fables of the torments of purgatory, which tell us that they differ onely, in that the one is temporall, the other eternall. They that prayed for the dead therefore in Saint *Augustines* time, counted them to rest in peace, yet to be delayed of their blessed felicity for a season: as the Greekes doe at this day which deny your purgatory, yet pray for the dead. But (say you) they rest in peace, because *they be discharged of the trouble of this life, &c.* A miserable rest, to be discharged of the common afflictions of this life (whereof they suffer least, whom you affirme to goe to purgatory) to be tormented with hellish paines after this life, and that for so many thousand yeeres as the Popes pardons are able, to release them, and yet will not of his charity giue them, but covetously selleth them. *But it is more* (you say) *that they are discharged from daily danger of sinne and damnation, and put to infallible security of eternall joy, with unspeakable comfort of conscience.* Verely, the elect that are justified by faith, though they be subject to sinne of infirmity, yet are out of danger of damnation, even while they are in this life. *Rom.* 8.1. and of sinning unto death, 1 *Joh.* 3.18. and as for the infallible certainty of eternall joy, with unspeakable comfort of conscience, they haue also in this life by the testimony of Gods spirit, *Rom.* 8.16. Therfore although their state were such in purgatory, as you say, yet it were worse then the state of this life, in which be all the good things that you can say of purgatory, and yet there is not that terrible flame and torment which you say is in Purgatory.

But seeing they be soules and not bodies that be in Purgatory: I marvaile how they can haue such unspeakable comfort of minde, wherein they suffer such untollerable torments, as you hold their paines to be, or what pains they can suffer in their soules, which enjoy unspeakeable comfort of their consciences. For the unspeakeable comfort of conscience, will overcome all other griefes of body or minde: and the discomfort of conscience, is the greatest torment that the soule can suffer. As for your fables of burning, and scalding, whipping, and racking, yea, freezing of soules in the yce, and such like, whereof your Legends and promptuaries are full, you may tell to olde wives on winter nights by the fire side: but men indued with knowledge and understanding, will not be perswaded that the conscience feeling unspeakeable comfort (as you say,) can be tormented with any such things. Seeing therefore the holy Ghost saith, that the dead in Christ doe rest from their labours, it is certaine they feele no purgatory paines, which are infinitly greater then any labours of this life, if they be such as you would make men beleeue they are. *Lastly*, (you say) *the Adverbe doth not signifie properly from this time forward, but it noteth rogether the time past with the time present.* Verely S. *John* useth it to signifie from this time forward, not onely in this place, but also in his Gospell, *John* 1.51. Where Christ saith to *Nathaniel*, from henceforth, you shall see heaven open, &c. Where he doth not note and joyne the time past with the time present, but speaketh altogether of the time to come: so he meaneth, that from their death forward they are blessed, and rest from their labours. *A modo tum, id est, a tempore mortis requiescere, docet* Beda *in hunc locum.* But that the Apostle doeth not meane they should be blessed, because they goe not into *Limbus patrum*, it is manifest by this reason, that all that went to *Limbus patrum* by your owne confession were blessed, were in *Abrahams* bosome, and in happy rest, and rested from their labours, therefore they enjoyed that happinesse, which is heere pronounced of the dead in the Lord. That you ende *Limbus patrum* at Christs ascension, and hold that Christ by descending into hell, delivered the Fathers from thence, I marvaile where you place them, for those fourty daies that were betweene his resurrection and ascension.

Purgatory. Prayers for the dead.

And if any of the elect died in that meane time, how they were delivered out of *Limbus patrum*, except you faine that Christ descended to hell after his resurrection. But you say further, that *such as haue died since Christs ascension, are in case to goe straight to blisse, except the impediment be in themselues.* But the spirit acknowledgeth no impediment of blisse of them that die in the Lord, but saith they are blessed, that are dead in the Lord. Wherein if there had bin any other impediment, he could not haue pronounced them so fully blessed: but should haue added the exception of that impediment, which might keepe them from blessednesse. Which seeing the spirit neither heere, nor any where in the Scriptures hath declared, it is but a forged impediment, that taketh away the joy and comfort which the spirit giveth to all them that die in the Lord. This blessednesse therefore is absolute, and not in comparison, not with exception: and the reason of their blessednesse is added, for that they rest from their labours and troubles. And their works follow them unto everlasting reward, according to Gods promise, by whose grace they haue bin justified by faith, exercised in good works, and ended their course in the Lord.

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CHAP. XV.

1 They that had gotten victorie of the beast and his marke and the name of his name, doe glorifie God. 5 To whom An-gels bringe the seven last plagues, are given seven vyals full of the wrath of God.

The 4. Part. Of the 7. last plagues, and finall damnation of the wicked.

AND ‡ I saw an other signe in Heaven great and marvellous, seven Angels having the seven last plagues, for in them is fulfilled the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glasse mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory of the beast, and of his image, and of his marke, and of the number of his name, stand on the glassie sea, having the harpes of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lambe, saying, great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy wayes thou King of Saints.

4 Who shall not feare thee, O Lord, and glorifie thy Name? For thou onely art holy: and all Gentiles shall come, and worship before thee: for thy judgements are made manifest.

‡ The song of Moses and Christ, is the new testament and the old. ‖ Saints.

5 And after these things I looked, and behold the temple of the tabernacle of testimony was opened in heaven.

The fifth Vision.

6 And there issued foorth the seven Angels, having the seven plagues from the Temple, ‖ revestied with cleane and white stone, and girded about the breasts with girdles of gold.

‖ Vnwem. Arab. Vsby.

7 And one of the foure beasts gaue to the seven Angels seven vials of gold full of the wrath of the God that liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke at the majesty of God, and at his power: and no man could enter into the Temple, till the seven plagues of the seven Angels were consummate.

MARGINALL NOTES, CHAP. XV.

Rhem. 1. Pvlg. 1. 1. And I saw.] *The tribulations about the day of judgement.* These seven plagues are all before the day of judgement, as it is manifest in the next Chapter.

Rhem. 2. Pvlg. 2. 2. A sea of glasse.] *Baptisme.* Inward Baptisme, or water, which is by the holy Ghost and fire, not the outward Sacrament thereof, which many reprobates haue to their damnation.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The powring out of the seven vials of Gods wrath, on the land, the sea, the fountaines, the state of the beast, the [illegible] and the like. 17 There ensue finally plagues in the world.

AND I heard a great voyce out of the Temple, saying to the seven Angels: Goe, and powre out the seven vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went and powred out his viall upon the earth, and there was made a cruell and very sore wound upon men that had the character of the beast: and upon them that adored the image thereof.

3 And the second Angel powred out his viall upon the sea, and there was made blood as

as it were of one dead: and every living soule died in the sea.

4 And the third powred out his viall upon the rivers and the fountaines of waters: and there was made blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the waters, saying: Thou art just O Lord which art, and which wast the holy one, because thou hast judged these things:

6 ‡ Because they have shed the blood of the Saints and Prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drinke: for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another, saying, Yea Lord God omnipotent, true and just are thy judgements.

8 And the fourth Angel powred out his viall upon the Sunne, and it was given unto him to afflict men with heat, and fire:

9 And men boyled with great heate, and ‡ blasphemed the Name of God, having power over these plagues, neither did they penance to give him glory.

10 And the fift Angel powred out his viall upon the seat of the beast: and his kingdome was made darke, and they together did eate their tongues for paine.

11 And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their paines and wounds, and did not penance from their workes.

c See chap. 9. 20. in the margent.

12 And the sixth Angel powred out his viall upon that great river Euphrates: and dried up the water thereof, that a way might be prepared to the Kings from the rising of the Sunne.

13 And I saw from the mouth ‡ of the dragon, and from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet, three ‖ uncleane spirits, in manner of frogges.

‡ The dragon is the devill: the beast antichrist, or the society whereof he is head: the false prophet, either Antichrist himself, or the company of heretikes and seducers that follow him.

‖ *Issue fourth three.* Apoc. 3. 3. 2 Cor. 5. 3.

14 For they are the spirits of Devils, working signes, and they goe foorth to the Kings of the whole earth to gather them into battell at the great day of the omnipotent God.

15 Behold * I come as a thiefe: Blessed is he that watcheth, & keepeth his garments, that he * walke not naked, and they see his turpitude.

16 And he shall gather them into a place which in Hebrew is called c *Armagedon.*

c *The Hill of theeves*: by S. *Hieromes* interpretation.

17 And the seventh Angel powred out his viall upon the aire, and there came foorth a loude voyce out of the Temple from the throne saying: It is done.

18 And there were made lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and a great earthquake was made, such an one as never hath bin since men were upon the earth, such an earthquake, so great.

19 And ‡ the great city was made into three parts: and the cities of the Gentiles fell. And Babylon the great came into me-

the blood of a dead man: and every living thing died in the sea.

4 And the third Angel shed out his viall upon the rivers and fountaines of waters, and they turned to blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the waters say, Lord which art, and wast, thou art righteous, and that holy one, because thou hast given such judgements:

6 For they have shedde out the blood of Saints and Prophets, and therefore hast thou given them blood to drinke: for they are worthie.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so Lord God almighty, true and righteous are thy judgements.

8 And the fourth Angel powred out his viall on the Sunne, and power was given unto him to vexe men with fervent heate of fire.

9 And men boyled in great heate, and blasphemed the Name of God, which hath power over these plagues, and they repented not, to give him glory.

10 And the fifth Angel powred out his viall upon the seate of the beast, and his kingdome waxed darke, and they gnew their tongues for sorrow,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven, for their sorrowes, and for their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixt Angel powred out his viall upon the great river Euphrates, and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared.

13 And I saw three uncleane spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of Devils, working miracles, to go out unto the Kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battell of that great day of God Almighty.

15 * *Behold, I come as a theefe. Happy is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walke naked, and men see his filthinesse.* Mat. 24. 44. Luke 12. 39.

16 *And he gathered them together into a place, called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon.*

17 *And the seventh Angel powred out his vial into the aire: and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne saying, It is done.*

18 *And there followed voyces, thunders, and lightnings: and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

19 *And the great city was divided into* Ier. 25. 5.
three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierce-

Jer. 25. 15. mory before God, * to give her the cup of wine of the indignation of his wrath.

20 And every Iland fled, and mountaines were not found.

21 And great haile like a talent came downe from heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God for the plague of the haile: because it was made exceeding great.

fiercenesse of his wrath.

20 Every Iland fled away, and the mountaines were not found.

21 And there fell a great haile, as it had beene talents, out of heaven, upon the men, and the men blasphemed God, because of the plague of the haile: for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVI.

RHEM. 1 FVLK. 1: 6 Because they have.] *The great revenge that God will doe at the latter day upon the persecuters of his Saints. This revenge is before the latter day, whereof let the bloody Papists make their account to take.*

RHEM. 2. FVLK. 2. 9 Blasphemed the name.] *The desperate and damned persons shall blaspheme God perpetually, which shall be such onely as doe not repent in this life.* He speaketh of the reprobate limmes of Antichrist being alive, for they that are dead, are not in case to repent.

RHEM. 3 FVLK. 3 19 The great city.] *The city or common wealth of the wicked divided into three parts: into infidels, heretikes, and evill Catholikes. This city is here called Babylon, whereof see the Annot. upon the next chap. v. 5.* The city is Rome, and the communalty of Papists, that hold their faith and religion of that city, as in the next chapter it is manifest.

CHAP. XVII.

The harlot Babylon clothed with divers ornaments, 6 and drunken of the blood of Martyrs, sitteth upon a beast that hath seven heads and ten hornes: 7 all which things the Angel expoundeth.

And there came one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come, I will shew unto thee the judgement of the great whore, that sitteth upon many waters.

‡ These many waters are many people, 6. v. 15.

AND there came one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials, and spake with me, saying, Come, I will shew thee ‡ the damnation of the great harlot, which sitteth upon many waters,

2 With whom the Kings of the earth have fornicated, and they which inhabite the earth, have beene drunke of the wine of her whoredome.

2 With whom have committed fornication the Kings of the earth, and the inhabiters of the earth are drunken with the wine of her fornication.

3 And he tooke me away in spirit into the desert. And I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemie, having seven heads, and ten hornes.

3 So he carried mee away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemie, having seven heads, and ten hornes.

4 And the woman was cloathed round about with purple and scarlet, and gilted with gold and precious stone, and pearles, having a golden cup in her hand, full of the abomination and filthinesse of her fornication.

4 And the woman was arayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold, precious stone and pearles, having a cup of gold in her hand, full of abominations and filthinesse of her fornication.

5 And in her forehead a name written, ‖ *Mistery*: ‖ Babylon the great, mother of the fornications and the abominations of the earth.

5 And in her forehead was a name written, A mystery, great Babylon, the mother of whoredoms and abominations of the earth.

6 And I saw the woman ‖ drunken of the blood of the Saints, and of the blood of the Martyrs of IESVS. And I marvelled when I had seene her, with great admiration.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Iesus: and when I saw her, I wondred with great marvell.

7 And the Angel said to me, Why dooest thou marvell? I will tell thee the mysterie of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten hornes.

7 And the Angel said unto me, wherefore marvellest thou? I will shew thee the mysterie of the woman, and of the beast that beareth her, which hath seven heads and ten hornes.

8 The beast which thou sawest, was, and is not, and shall come up out of the bottomlesse depth, and goe into destruction: and the inhabitants on the earth (whose names are not written in the booke of life from

8 And the beast that thou sawest, was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomlesse pit, and goeth into perdition, and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, (whose names are not written in the book of life from the beginning of

from the making of the world) shall marvell, seeing the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And heere is understanding, that hath wisedome. The seven heads are seven hils, upon which the woman sitteth, and they are seven kings.

10 Five are fallen, one is, and another is not yet come: and when he shall come, hee must tarry a short time.

11 And the beast which was and is not: ‖ the same also is the eight; and is of the seven, and goeth into destruction.

12 And the ten hornes which thou sawest: are ‡ ten kings, which haue not yet received kingdome; but ‖ shall receiue power as kings one houre after the beast.

13 These haue one counsell and force: and their power they shall deliver to the beast.

14 These shall fight with the Lambe, and the Lambe shall overcome them, because * he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him, called, and elect, and faithfull.

15 And he said to me, The waters which thou sawest where the harlot sitteth: are peoples and nations and tongues.

16 And the ten hornes which thou sawest in the beast: these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eate her flesh, and burne her with fire.

17 For ‡ God hath given into their hearts, to doe that which pleaseth him: that they giue their kingdome to the beast, till the words of God be consummate.

18 And the woman which thou sawest: is ‖ the great city, which hath kingdome over the kings of the earth.

1 Tim.6.15. Apoc.19.16.

‡ Not forcing or mooving any to follow Antichrist, but by his just judgment, and for punishment of their sins, permitting them to believe and consent to him.

the world) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 *And heere is a meaning that hath wisedome. The seven heads, are seven mountaines, on which the woman sitteth: They are also seven kings.*

10 *Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come: and when he commeth, he must continue a short space.*

11 *And the beast that was, and is not, is even the eight, and is one of the seven, and goeth into destruction.*

12 *And the ten hornes which thou sawest, are ten kings which haue received no kingdome as yet: but receiue power as kings at one houre with the beast.*

13 *These haue one mind, and shall giue their power and strength unto the beast.*

14 *These shall fight with the Lambe, and the Lambe shall overcome them: * for he is the Lord of lords, and King of kings, and they that are on his side, are called, and chosen, and faithfull.*

1 Tim.6.15. Apoc.19.16.

15 *And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and folke, and nations, and tongues.*

16 *And the tenne hornes which thou sawest upon the beast, are they that shall hate the whore: and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eate her flesh, and burne her with fire.*

17 *For God hath put in their hearts To fulfill his will, and to doe with one consent: for to giue their kingdome unto the beast, untill the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

18 *And the woman which thou sawest, is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVII.

RHEM. 1 FVLK. 1. 1. The damnation.] *The finall damnation of the whole company of the reprobate, called here the great whore.*

The finall damnation of the whole company of the reprobate is described, 1.20. 14. 8 etc. Therefore the great whore in this Chap. signifieth the congregation of Antichrist, the members whereof be all spirituall Citizens of Rome: their whole faith and religion depending upon the See of Rome, and their head usurping all his tyranny, by pretense of right of that city. A lively image of which vision God made manifest to the whole world, when 2 whore was made head of the Romish Church, called Iohn the 7. and of some the 8. commonly Pope Rome. Which so wringeth the Papists at the heart, that they haue no way to shift it off, but by impudent denying of that which is so notorious, even in their owne stories of their Popes lives.

Pope Rome a lively image of the whore of Babylon.

RHEM. 2. FVLK. 2. 8 Was, and is not.] *It signifieth the short reigne of Antichrist, who is the chiefe horne or head of the beast.*

The reigne of Antichrist is shorte in comparion of the eternall reigne of Christ. He that hath of the Romain Empire which had bin glorious, but then was in declining, and yet was not abolished, but should be abolished in the Emperours, and raised out of hell by Antichrist.

RHEM. 3 FVLK. 3. 12 Ten kings.] *Some expound it of reuane small kingdomes, into which the Romain Empire shall be diuided, which shall serue Antichrist, both in his life and a little after.*

When the Roman Empire was abolished to make roome for Antichrist, these small kingdomes were erected which were made subject to the Pope, but at length shall hate the whore of Babylon, and make her desolate, etc. as ver. 16. which is begun to be accomplished in these daies.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XVII.

RHEM. 4. 1 Babylon.] *In the end of S. Peters first Epistle, where the Apostle dateth it at Babylon, which the ancient fathers (as we there noted) affirme to be meant of Rome: the Protestants will not in any wise haue it so, would not be driuen to confesse that Peter ever was at Rome, but here for that they thinke it maketh for their opinion, that the Pope is Antichrist, and Rome the seat of Antichrist, they make much adoe, to find out by other places, that this great whore, and this whole matter: for such followers, in the conuersion of Italy and Germany, he had vnto his iudicial opinions and heresies, to which they draw all things without all indifferency and sincerity.*

The Protestants will needs haue Babylon to be Rome, because Peter was at Rome.

Fvlk. 4.

The Church of Rome is never called Babylon.

Babylon is Rome

In the end of S. *Peters* Epistle, for a poore helpe to proove that *Peter* was at Rome; you will needs haue Babylon to be taken for Rome, whereunto indeed the consent of ancient Writers, mooved with the light of this chapter, agreeth. Yet can it neither necessarily nor probably be gathered out of that Epistle, seeing there appeareth no reason why he should not call it Rome, being that City wherein he was Bishop, (if we believe the Papists) and which should be the head of Christian religion, and the Ierusalem of Christians, as the Papists affirme. There appeareth, I say, no reason why he should refuse to call it Rome: (especially (seeing there is no other testimony in the *Acts* of the Apostles, of his comming thither) and why he should call it by the odious and infamous name of Babylon, which was the old enemy of the Church, and the seate of Antichrist, rather then S. *Paul* writing to the Romanes, or to *Timothie* of his persecution at Rome. Except perhaps by the spirit of prophecy he did foresee how his successours in that place should abuse his name, and the dignity of that See, to set up the kingdom of Antichrist there: and for that cause would admonish the faithfull; that they should take Rome not for the Ierusalem of Christians, but for Babylon the city of Antichrist, which in time to come, was to be revealed in that place. But in this Chapter where Rome is most plainely described under the name of Babylon, the Papists by all meanes would avoid that conclusion, because they see manifestly, that Babylon which is Rome, is heere described to be the seat and city [illegible]

These are the fellowes that in exposition of the holy Scriptures, be led onely by their prejudicate opinions and heresies to which without any reason and sincerity, they draw all things. And if you marke their notes from the beginning to the end, you shall see that in very few they haue any colour out of the words of the text, to conclude their notes, but for the most part they bring their prejudicate opinions to the text, and so draw not their notes out of the Scripture, but draw the Scriptures to their opinions, which can never be concluded out of the Scripture. As for *Peters* being at Rome, we affirme it cannot be prooved out of the Scriptures: yet for the consent of ancient Writers, we yeeld unto it, as to a matter of story, but no article of our faith. And if *Peters* being at Rome were as certaine out of the Scriptures as *Paules* comming thither, and being there: it could make nothing for the Antichristian authority, which the Pope claimeth under colour of his being there. Who if he were there, was the chiefe Apostle of the circumcision, and not of the Gentiles, as it is manifest by the holy Scripture, *Galatians* 2. And whose iurisdiction so ever he had, being an Apostle, it ceased with the death of his person, as the Apostleship of *Paul*, and of the rest: although the fruit of their labours in preaching and writing, shall continue to the end of the world.

But S. *Augustine* (you say) and *Anselme* expound not that place of Rome, but of the society of the ungodly. Saint *Augustine* indeed saith often, that Babylon representeth the society of the ungodly, as Ierusalem the Church of the faithfull, but yet he acknowledgeth the old City of Babylon in Assyria, to haue beene the head City of that society before Christ, and Rome to be the head City of the same society since the comming of Christ: and this he doth commonly insinuate in his bookes *De ciuit. Dei*, as I haue shewed before. Among which this one testimony shall serue us to repeat: *We ought where need is to make report of the Assyrian kings, that*

it may appeare how Babylon which was the first Rome, ... the world ... Church ... And the offence which we must enter into ... by, we must take out of the Greekes and Latines, where Rome is ... most evidently, that as old Babylon of the Assyrians was the head of the ... Church of the Iewes: so Rome of the Latines, is the head of the ... the Christians. For this cause he calleth Rome another Babylon, the second Babylon, the Westerne Babylon, the daughter of the elder Babylon.

Concerning *Arethas*, as he tooke his Commentary out of the ancient Greeke Writers, so he cannot dissemble their judgement, that by Babylon is signified old Rome. But ... Grecian living ... from Italy, and ... of the tyranny of the Romish Antichrist, and knowing more diffusely ... Constantinople, in his time, then he did in Rome, he declareth that in his opinion, it signifieth rather Constantinople, which was called new Rome, then old Rome in Italy. Yet because all things could not agree to Constantinople, he inclineth to that opinion, that Babylon signifieth the world of wicked men. Nevertheless he confesseth: *That other writers having discussed this Revelation, have interpreted it to be olde Rome, or an universall Kingdome, which extendeth to the second comming of our Lord.* And in the end he leaveth it to the Readers discretion to take it for old Rome or new Rome, or the time of the life of Antichrist. Therefore neither S. *Augustine* nor *Arethas* deny it to be expounded of Rome, but rather confirme that most ancient exposition; which also is cleere by the text it selfe, *verse* 9. and 18. As for later Writers, that lived under the tyranny of the Romish Antichrist, were glad to wrest it any whither, rather then to incurre the hatred of Rome, by discipthering it, to be the City of Antichrist. Yet sometime there have not wanted they, that have bin bold to tell the Pope openly, that Rome is Babylon. For the Church of Leodium hearing miserably afflicted by Pope *Pascall* the second, doth thus write against him. *In these last I was wont to interprete, that Peter by Babylon would signifie Rome, because Rome at that time was confused with idolatry and all filthinesse. But now my sorrow doth interpret more, that Peter calling the Church gathered together in Babylon, foresaw (by Spirit of prophesy) the confusion of dissention, wherewith the Church at this day is rent in pieces.* As for the poore men of Lyons, whom they called by the name of Waldenses, Leonistæ, and such like opprobrious names, did plainely affirme, and constantly beleeve, that the Church of Rome is this whore of Babylon, and the Pope Antichrist, as *Reinerius* an inquisitor witnesseth of them, which lived more then three hundred yeeres agoe. And faith they were more pernicious to the Ro... Church, then all other Sects, for three causes. *The first, Because it hath bin of longer continuance. For some say it hath endured since the time of Silvester. Other say it hath endured since the Apostles time. The second cause is, because it is more generall. For there is almost no Land, in which this Sect doth not creepe. The third cause, for that all other sects doe bring in an horror with the behaviour of their blasphemies against God. This sect of the Leonists, hath a great shew of godlinesse, because they live justly before men, and beleeve all things well concerning God, and all the articles which are contained in the Creed, they blaspheme and hate onely the Church of Rome.* This is the testimony of a cruell enemy and persecutor of them, by which you may see, that Antichrist after he was disclosed, was acknowledged by many true Christians, to be that he is, although many also were deceived by him (though none of the Elect finally) to their destruction.

The Author of the Commentary in Saint *Ambrose* name, and *Tertullian*, you confesse to understand this Babylon to be Rome, to whom afterward you adde Saint *Hierome*: so might you have done *Primasius*, and *Victorinus*, elder then Saint *Hierome*, and *Ambrosius Autbertus*, who did write about seven hundred yeares agoe. But you say Rome was Babylon when it was Heathen, as in *Tertullians* time, and when Saint *Iohn* wrote this. Very good; that which was Babylon in Saint *Iohns* time, is the same that he prophecieth to be the chiefe city and seate of Antichrist, as it is manifest to all that reade the Prophecy. But Rome was then Babylon, *ergo*, Rome is the City which he prophecieth that it should be the seate of Antichrist. But in the dayes of *Victorinus*, *Ambrose*, *Augustine*, *Hierome*, *Primasius*, &c. Rome was not heathen, yet of them taken to be Babylon, therefore of them taken to be the City where Antichrist (when he was revealed) should sit, and not a resemblance onely of it. *Fuerberin de spiritualibus formulis cap.* 10. *Babylon aut mundus, aut Roma in Apocalypsi. Et Babylon magna cecidit*, &c. *Paulinus Epist.* 10. *ad Severum*, calleth Rome Babylon, and the daughter of Babylon. *Epist.* 31. *Potens Roma hæresum fibi illas in Apocalypsi minas non timere, si talia semper viderit universo Senatorio ruere, ad idola bona. But to apply that to the Romane Church, and Apostolike See, either now or then* (you say) *it is most blasphemous and foolish.* Indeed to apply it to the true Romane Church, or the right succession in the Apostolike See, which was in the dayes of Saint *Iohn*, or in the time of the Christian Emperours, it were both folly and blasphemy: but to apply it to the Church of Rome, and counterfeit succession of Popes, it is wisedome and holinesse. For Saint *Iohn* prophecieth not onely of the cruelty of the cursed estate of that City, but also of the false prophets and Antichrist, which should usurpe an Ecclesiasticall state and dignity in that City. The Church of Rome in deede, was one thing, and Babylon in Rome was another thing, while the Church of God was at Rome, and was persecuted by the heathen Emperours. But when the Emperour of Rome was Christian, one of the heads of the beast was wounded to death, as *c.* 13. even that first head, which was the persecutor in the time of Saint *Iohn*. But this head was healed in *Constantine* the heretike Emperour, *Valens*, and *Julian* the Apostata, &c. And till the seventh head was so come. But great preparation was made for him, while the Bishop of Rome grew beyond the limits of a Christian Ministery, into forraine and heathenish dominion, as *Sozomen* testifieth, *lib.* 7. *cap.* 11. in the time of the Christian Emperours. And when the mystery of iniquity wrought not so closely in that See, but the forgery of the Bishops was discovered in the Africane Councell, unto which they obtruded a counterfeit Canon of the Councell of Nice for their primacy. And while *Leo* Bishop of Rome will not obey the decree of the generall Councell of Chalcedon, which gave equall priviledge of dignity to the Bishop of Constantinople, which was new Rome, with those which the Church of Rome before had claimed as peculiar to her alone. *Sess. ultim.* In the last and most Christian times of Rome therefore, when the head of the Heathen Empire was wounded to death, it was counted of the Ancient Fathers to be Babylon heere spoken of, because of the seventh head, which is the kingdome of Antichrist, that was looked for, to come in place of the sixth head, which was the temporall state of heathenish, hereticall, and persecuting Emperours. Therefore not the true Church in Rome, but Rome the persecutor of the Saints, first in the Heathen and hereticall Emperours, afterward in the proude Popes and the Kings subject to them, is Babylon the mother of all abhominations. And so great is the force, and so manifest is the light of truth, that you are compelled in the end, that Antichrist shall have his seat in Rome, though upon the eleventh Chapter you were resolute of Ierusalem. But that you would discharge the Pope and the Popish Church, to whom all the Prophecies doe so apply, agree to be Antichrist and his Citie, you labor in vaine. For the shamefull pride and heresies of the Popes and his Church, with the most abhominable lusts of both, will easily convince that hee is the seventh head of the

th... that ... he ... have ... of ... Babylon, ... this in respect of the true Church onely that was there in his time, and ... dome of Antichrist, and the fall of Babylon to be fulfilled there. He ... nobler ... the Apocalypse, thus ... yet ... enrolleth the conversion of Rome from Gentilisy to Christianity, by the preaching of *Peter* and *Paul*; but this question of Antichrist and his seate, he doeth not once touch.

Mysteria.

Rhem. 5. Mystery.] *S. Paul calleth this secret and close working of iniquitie, the mystery of iniquity,* 2 Thess. 2. and *it is called a little after in this* chap. ver. 7. the Sacramente (*or mystery*) *of the woman, and it is of the matter of reprobation and damnation.*

The name of blasphemy.

Fvlk. 5. *Bede* saith: *It is declared that this name is mysticall, because it is discerned onely by wisedome.* As for the matter of reprobation is not openly carried in the forehead, where this mysticall name is written, which S. *Hierome* interpreteth to be that inscription, *Rome eternall.* To Rome eternall. So the heathen writers called the city commonly, *Vrbs æterna*, The eternall city, supposing that the Empire of Rome should be eternall. Whom the Papists succeeded when the civill Empire was removed from thence, setting up the ... of Antichrist under the colour of *Peters* See, and the eternall rocke of ... Church, ... of his Ca... prevaile. So blasphemously perverting the most comfortable promise of ... to the ... Church, builded upon the doctrine, faith, and confession of ... which he ... Bishops perso... all succession of *Peter* in the pontificall See of Rome. Where ... Peters life is to be found; nor any such power was ever in *Peters* person. ... descended not by succession to any other, more then *Peter* ... which ... enjoyned in their Apostleship, did descend to any of the Bishops that afterward succeeded ... which they planted or instructed.

Papists persecutors, and no... Rhem. 6. This woman signifieth all persecutors of Saints.

Rhem. 6. Drunken of the blood.] *It is plaine, that this woman figureth the whole troupe of all the persecutors that have and shall shedde so much blood of the just: of the Prophets, Apostles, and other Martyrs from the beginning of the world to the end. The Protestants foolishly expounde it of Rome, for that there they put heretikes to death, and allow of their punishment in other countries. But they should do well to shewe the like lawes and practise of their punishment in other countries. But they should do well to shewe the like lawes and practise of their punishment in other countries. But they should do well to shewe the like lawes and practise

confesse what is there said of the ... people, and the blasphemy written in her forehead, the seven hilles, ... Fathers also unlearned? that this ... and ... city ... to be the seate of Antichrist, ... the seven hils to be taken ... for those famous hils by ... *Virgil* ... *Sed super arces ascendit arcem.* She being but one, hath compassed ... even ... of all men, to be the city of Rome, although the Poet doth not there ... precise ... name. But in old time, you say, Rome did stand upon those hils, whereby you would insinuate, that Rome doth not now stand upon them, but for feare of another sequell, &c.

Doctor *Saunders* ... ing this consequence (for what should he feare, that was not afraid to raise warre against his Soveraigne in her owne realme of Ireland) ... in a childish argument, by the seven hilles to ... proove the See of Antichrist to be at Rome: *because the city is now gone from the hilles, and standeth in the plaine of Campus Martius, and the Pope sitteth on the other side of the river, upon the hill Vaticane hard by S. Peters Church, by whom he holdeth his chayre, not at all deriving his power from the seven hilles, &c.* ... if the Pope sit now in another Rome then *Peter* the Apostle sate, how will *Saunders* perswade us that he sitteth in the chayre of *Peter*? For that Rome where *Peter* sate, was builded upon the seven hilles, and not gone downe into the plaine of *Campus Martius*, ... over the river. Therefore, if the Pope doe not at all derive his power from the seven hilles, he deriveth it not at all from *Peters* seate, for that was in the city builded upon seven hilles. Besides this, it is plaine, that although many of the people of late time have removed their habitations from the hilles into the plaine, and the Pope his palace of pleasure unto the other side of the river: yet hath he not removed his seate from them: for on them be still to this day his Churches, Monasteries, and Courts. For on the Mount Cælius is the Monastery of S. *Gregory* the first, Bishop of Rome, builded by himselfe, where his father ... house stood: the Church of S. *Iohn* and *Paul*, where was a stately palace inhabited by divers Popes in times past. There is the Hospitall of S. *Iouian*, the Church of S. *Mary in Dominica*. The Church of S. *Syxtus* the ... round. The Church of the foure crowned, with a notable palace belonging to it. The monastery of *Erasmus*. The great Cathedrall Church or Minster of Lateran, which is said to keepe the heads of the Apostles *Peter* and *Paul*, where are the goodliest buildings of the world. *And that palace* (saith *Blondus*) *as it is the principall seate of the Popes of Rome, so of most of them it was in times past inhabited, even untill the dayes of Pope Nicholas the second*, which was almost 1100 yeares after Christ.

On the same hill did *Eugenius* the fourth build a most sumptuous Monastery, and repaired the olde palace, as the principall seate of his Popedome. There is also an house of Charterhouse Monkes, with the Church of Sainct Crosse in Hierusalem. Besides this, there is not one of the hils at this day, in which the Popes religion is not practised in Churches and Abbeyes. The mount of Aventine hath three Monasteries, of *Sabine*, *Boniface*, and *Alexius*. The mount Esquilinus hath the famous Minster of S. *Maria maior*, the Churches of *Antony*, *Praxides*, *Victor*, *Euschius*, the forty Martyrs, *Clemens*, *Peter ad Vincula*, and *Martin in montibus*. Besides the olde ruines of S. *Cyriacus* Church, which is yet a title of a Cardinallship. The mount Viminalis hath the Churches of S. *Laurence in Pallisperna & Potentiana*. The mount Tarpeius or Capitoline hath a house of Friers called *Ara Cœli*, and a bricke house builded by *Boniface* the ninth, for keeping Courts. The mount Palatine hath the Churches of S. *Nicholas* and S. *Andrew*. To the mount Quirinalis, belongeth S. *Maria De Populo*, &c. *But if we had any consideration, we might marke* (you say) *that the Prophets whom we must be guided unto by hilles, signifying Universality of all men, to be the city of Rome, although the Poet doth not there expresse it, because they were just seven.* We know seven to be a mysticall number of perfection as tenne, signifying Universality, of the thing spoken of: but where the Prophet himselfe expoundeth the number of heads, of seven hilles, and knowing that the said great city lay upon seven hilles, wee must understand that hee calleth them seven hilles, because they were just seven; as the seven candlesticks, and the seven starres doe signifie the seven Churches, and the seven Bishops of them to whom he writeth, because they were just seven, as they be rehearsed by name, c. 1. 11. & c. 2. & 3.

Likewise the seven kings or kingdomes, which is another interpretation of the seven heads, are called seven, because they are just seven in number, as it is manifest by the whole account that the Angel maketh of them: saying, Fiue are fallen, one is, and the seventh is not yet come. And although some take it for seven speciall kingdomes of seven heads, or principall Rulers of the Roman Empire, as Kings, Consuls, *Decemviri*, *Tribuni militum*, Dictators, Emperours, Popes: whereof fiue were fallen before S. *Iohns* time, the Emperour then reigned, the Pope was yet to come: which is the tyranny of Antichrist, long since discovered, and is now not a little consumed with the spirit of the Lords mouth, which is his holy word, preached in these dayes, and shall be utterly abolished by the comming of our Saviour Christ to judgement, as S. *Paul* did prophecy. 2 *Thess.* 2.

11 The same is the eight.] *The beast it selfe* ... *the congregation of all these wicked persecutors, though it consist of the ... and ... yet for that the malice of all is complete in ... may be called ... Or, Antichrist himselfe shall be the eight, the seventh yet for his extraordinary wickednesse ... be counted the chiefe persecutor, or the ... of all the rest and therefore is named the eight. Some take this beast called the eight, to be the devill.*

12 The kingdome of Antichrist being one of the seven, that is a Romane tyranny yet for that it is after another sort then the other six, persecuting the true Church under the colour of the head of the Catholike Church, is also called the eighth kingdome.

12 The great city.] *If it be meant of any one city, and not of the universall society of the reprobate (which is the city of the devill, as the Church and the universall fellowship of the faithfull is called the city of God) it is most like to be old Rome, as some of the Greekes expound it, from the time of the first Emperours, till Constantines dayes, who made an end of the persecution. For by the authority of the old Romane Empire, Christ was put to death first, and afterward the Apostles, and the Popes their successours, and infinite Catholike men throughout the world by both Kings, which then were subject to Rome. All which Antichristian persecution ceased, when Constantine reigned, and yielded the city to the pope, who holdeth not the kingdome or Empire over the world, as the heathen did, but the fatherhood and spirituall rule of the Church, How beit, the more probable sense is the plaine of the city of the devill, as S. Augustine ... and ... of the homilies upon the Apocalypse in S. Augustine ... Without all peradventure the great city which in S. Iohns time had the dominion over the Kings of the earth, was none other but the city of Rome, and so it is expounded, not onely of some Greekes, but of the ... of the Latine Writers, as *Irenæus*, *Tertullian*, *Ambrose*, *Victorinus*, *Hieronimus*, *Augustine*, *Primasius*, &c. ... one that ... but one *Prosper* also a Latine Writer *De promis. & prædict.* cap. 7. saith: *When commonly and ... city be ... doth carry a cup full of the abominations of mans errours, and fornication of the whole earth, ... it called Babylon which is temporall, verily it is a name of blasphemy: who ... all men, though Kings, ... are ... Divi, that is, Gods, and their ... say unto them: ... your Divine power, ... ears,*

What is the eight beast.

The double interpretation of Babylon.

Rome plainly described.

RHEM. 8

FVLK. 8

RHEM. 9

FVLK. 9.

... the Churches higher then the doors, and such ... pride. Ambrosius Ansbertus also a Latine writer 700. yeares since, in his commentary upon Chapter 14. verse. 8. calleth Rome the second Babylon, and upon this Chapter vers. 3. he writeth thus: *The angell admonished us to know, that by the sense of wisedome following, the seven heads are seven hils, and seven kings, that he might shew that were the fulfilling of those kings, he had brought Rome, which sitting aloft upon seven hils, seemed to governe the universality of the whole world: that in the name of that city he had figured the power of the whole worldly kingdome.*

Seeing therefore the consent of most ancient writers, and your owne confession added to the cleerenesse of the text, acknowledgeth that the city here spoken of, is the city of Rome: you cannot avoyde but the same city is the seate of Antichrist the seventh head, as well as it was of the heathenish persecutors that were the sixth head. And although those heathenish persecutions did cease while *Constantine* reigned, in whom the sixth head was wounded to death, yet were they renued in his sonne *Constantius* the Arrian, and his nephew *Iulian* the Apostata, who raised persecution afresh against the Church of God, though not so cruell as before. Where you say that *Constantine* yeelded the city of Rome to the Pope, in your meaning it is false, for he and his successors for many yeeres after, held the dominion of that city. But in truth, by removing the seat of the Empire partly to Constantinople, he yeelded place for the mystery of iniquitie, so worke more easily toward the open manifestation of Antichrist. But *the Pope* (you say) *holdeth not the kingdome or empire over the world as the heathen did, but the fatherhood and spirituall rule of the Church.* That the Pope hath held the Empire over the kings of the earth, and practised as great pride and tyranny even against them that beare the name of the Romane Emperours, and against other kings of the earth: the stories are full of examples. And that he still claimeth the same Empire and kingdome, his blasphemous bull given out against the QVEENE of England, with other his antichristian practises against her crowne and dignity, doe manifestly declare. It is not therefore a fatherhood and spirituall rule, which he claimeth most blasphemously over all the Church: but under colour and pretence thereof, a temporall kingdome, and an earthly Empire over the kings of the earth. And as his predecessours the heathen Emperours, under title of their earthly Empire, usurped the authority over all religion, and were called *Pontifices maximi*, that is, the chiefe governours of religion: So the Popes under the title of the chiefe government of religion, usurpe all soveraignty of earthly dignity and temporall dominion. And seeing you confesse that by the authority of the Romane Empire Christ was put to death, it is easie to conclude, that not Ierusalem, but Rome which is spiritually called Sodoma and Ægypt, is that great city spoken of *chap.* 11. which as it crucified our Lord, so also it killeth his Prophets and Saints. Therefore without controversie Babylon is Rome, the head and chiefe of all persecutors of the Church of Christ, as old Babylon was of his people the Iewes, as Saint *Augustine* himselfe plainely teacheth. And so may the author of those homelies in Saint *Augustine* be understood, that one city is principall in persecution of the Church, though the Church hath many enemies beside that city, and them that hold of it.

CHAP. XVIII.

The fall of Babylon, her judgement, plagues and revenges: for the which, 9 the kings, 16 and merchants of the earth that sometime did pleasure unto her, shall mourne bitterly: 20 but heaven, and the Apostles and Prophets shall rejoyce.

AND after these things I saw another Angel comming downe from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightned with his glorie.

2 And he cryed out in force, saying, * Fallen fallen is Babylon the great: and is become the habitation of Divels, and the custody of every uncleane spirit, and the custody of every uncleane and hatefull bird.

Apoc. 14. 8. & 16. 19.

3 Because all nations have drunke of the wine of the wrath of her fornication: and the Kings of the earth have fornicated with her: and the merchants of the earth were made rich by the vertue of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voyce from heaven saying, Goe out from her my people: that you be not partakers of her sinnes, and receive not of her plagues.

5 Because her sinnes are come even to heaven, and God hath remembred her iniquities.

6 Render to her as she also hath rendred to you: and double ye double according to her

AND after that, I saw another Angel come from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightned with his glorie.

2 And hee cryed mightily with a strong voyce, saying, Great Babylon, is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of Devills, and the holde of all foule Spirits, and a cage of all uncleane and hatefull birds: Esai. 21. 9. Ier. 51. 8.

3 For all Nations have drunken of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the Kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the Merchants of the earth are waxed rich of the abundance of her pleasures.

4 And I heard another voyce from heaven saying, Come away from her my people, that ye bee not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sinnes are gone up to heaven, and God hath remembred her wickednesse.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and give her double according to her workes, and powre

her widdow: in the cuppe which she hath filled, fill to her double.

7 As much as she hath glorified her selfe, and hath beene in delicacies, ‡ so much giue her torment and mourning: because she saith in her heart, * I sit a Queene, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine, and with fire she shall be burnt: because God is strong that shall judge her.

9 And ‡ the kings of the earth, which haue fornicated with her, and haue liued in delicacies, shall weepe, and bewaile themselues upon her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning:

10 Standing farre off for the feare of her torment, Saying, Woe, woe, that great city Babylon, that strong city: because in one houre is thy iudgement come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weepe, and mourne vpon her: because no man shall buy their merchandise any more,

12 Merchandise of gold and siluer and precious stone, and of pearle and fine linnen, and purple, and silke, and scarlet, & all Thyne wood, and all vessels of yuorie, and all vessels of precious stone and of brasse and yron and marble,

13 And cynamon, and of odours, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oyle, and floure, and wheate and beasts, and sheepe, and horses, and chariots, and slaues, and soules of men.

14 And the apples of the desire of thy soule are departed from thee, and all fat and goodly things are perished from thee, and they shall no more finde them.

15 The merchants of these things which are made rich, shall stand farre from her for feare of her torments, weeping and mourning,

16 And saying, Woe, woe that great city, which was clothed with silke and purple, and scarlet, and was gilded with gold, and precious stones, and pearles:

17 Because in one houre are so great riches made desolate: and every gouernour, and every one that saileth into the lake, and the shipmen, and they that worke in the sea, stood afarre off,

18 And cryed seeing the place of her burning, saying, what other is like to this great citie?

19 And they threwe dust upon their heads, and cryed weeping and mourning, saying: Woe, woe, that great city, in the which all were made rich that had shippes in the sea, of her prices: because in one houre she is desolate.

20 Reioyce ouer her, heauen, and ye holy Apostles and Prophets: because God hath

power to double to her in the same cup which she powred vnto you.

7 *As much as she hath glorified her selfe, and liued wantonly, so much powre ye in for her of punishment and sorrow: for she said in her heart, I sit being a Queene, and am no widowe, and shall see no sorrow.* Mal. 4. 1.

8 *Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and sorrow, and hunger, and she shall be vtterly burnt with fire, for strong is the Lord which iudgeth her.*

9 *And they shall bewaile her, and the kings of the earth shall lament for her, which haue committed fornication with her, and haue liued wantonly with her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning:*

10 * *Standing afarre off, for feare of her punishment, saying, Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, that mighty city, for at one houre is thy iudgement come.* Ier. 51.

11 *And the merchants of the earth doe weepe and waile ouer her; for no man buyeth their ware any more.*

12 *The ware of gold and siluer and precious stones, and of pearle, and raines, and purple, and silke, and scarlet, and all Thyne wood, & all manner vessels of yuorie, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brasse, and yron, and marble,*

13 *And cinamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oyle, and fine floure, and wheate, and beastes, and sheepe, and horses, and charets, and bodies, and soules of men.*

14 *And the apples that thy soule lusted after, are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty, and had in price, are departed from thee, and thou shalt finde them no more at all.*

15 *The merchants of these things which were maxed rich shall stand afarre off from her, for feare of the punishment of her, weeping and wailing,*

16 *And saying,* * *Alas, alas that great city* Ier. 51.
that was clothed in rainen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones, and pearles!

17 *For at one houre so great riches is come to naught. And euery shippe gouernour, and all they that occupie shippes, and shipmen, and as many as worke in the sea, stood a farre off,*

18 *And cryed, when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city?*

19 *And they cast dust on their heades, and cryed, weeping and wayling, and saying,* * *Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made* Ier. 51.
rich all that had shippes in the sea, by reason of her costlinesse, for at one houre is she made desolate.

20 *Reioyce ouer her thou heauen, and ye holy Apostles & Prophets, for God hath giuen your iudge-*

‡ The Angels and all Saints shall rejoyce and laud God to see the wicked confounded, and Gods iustice executed upon their oppressors and persecutors and this is that which the Martyrs praied for. *Rev. 6.*

Ier. 51. 63. hath pronounced vpon you. 21 And a mighty Angel tooke vp a stone like a great milstone, and threwe it into the sea, saying: Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be throwen, and shall be found no more.

And the voyce of harpers, and of Musicians, and of them that sing on shalme and trumpet, shall no more be heard in thee, and every artificer of every art shall be found no more in thee, and the noyse of the mill shall no more be heard in thee,

23 And the light of the lampe shall no more shine in thee, and the voice of the bride grome and the bride shall no more be heard in thee: because thy merchants were the princes of the earth, because all nations haue erred in thine inchantments.

24 And in her is found the bloud of the Prophets and Saints, and of all that were slain in the earth.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XVIII.

Rhem. 1 Fvl. 1. 1 Babylon that great] *By this is meanth not any one citie, but the whole company of the reprobate, which shall perish in the day of iudgement: The old Prophets also meaning the whole number of Gods enemies mystically, Babylon, as* Ierem. c. 52. Rome is Babylon.

The Angel sheweth, that whereas Babylon boasted that she was eternall, she shall be vtterly destroyed, and neuer rise againe. Therefore here is nothing to proue, that he meaneth not any dead citie, but rather that he meaneth the citie and kingdome of Rome, the See of Antichrist, of whose vtter destruction the Angel specially prophesyeth. For the destruction of the vniuersall company of the reprobate, in the day of iudgement, is described afterward, *cap.* 20. 11. and so to the end of the chapter. And *Ierem. c.* 52. doth nothing else but historically describe the captiuitie of Babylon, by *Nebuchadnezzar* and his power, and the aduancing of *Iehoiachim* by *Euilmerodach* king of Babylon, as euery man will confesse that readeth the Chapter.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The Saints glorifying God for the iudgement pronounced upon the harlot,* 7 *the mariage of the Lamb is prepared* 10 *The Angel refuseth to be adored of S. Iohn.* 11 *There appeareth one (who is the word of God, and the King of kings, and Lord of lords) sitting on a horse, with a great army, and fighting against the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies:* 17 *the birds of the aire being to the meane time called to diuerse sorts of flesh.*

The Epistle for many martyrs. Alleluia.

AFter these things I heard as it were the voice of many multitudes in heaven saying, *Alleluia*, Praise, and glorie, and power, is to our God:

2 Because true and iust are his iudgements which hath iudged of the great harlot that hath corrupted the earth in her whoredome, and hath reuenged the bloud of his seruants, of her hands.

3 And ‡ againe they said, *Alleluia*. And her smoke ascendeth for ever and ever.

4 And the foure and twenty Seniors fell downe, and the foure beasts, and adored God sitting upon the Throne, saying: ‖ *Amen, Alleluia.*

5 And a voice came out from the throne, saying: Say praise to our God all yee his seruants: and you that feare him, little and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunders, saying, *Alleluia*: because our Lord God the omnipotent hath raigned.

7 Let us bee glad and reioice, and giue glory

AND *after these things, I heard a great voice of much people in heauen, saying, Alleluia: saluation, and glory, and honour, and power be ascribed to the Lord our God:*

2 *For true and righteous are his iudgements, for hee hath iudged the great whore which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath throughly auenged the bloud of her seruants of her hand.*

3 *And againe they said, Alleluia: and her smoke rose up for euermore.*

4 *And the foure and twenty Elders, and the foure beasts fell downe, and worshipped God that sate on the throne, saying, Amen, Alleluia.*

4 *And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise our Lord God all ye that are his seruants, and yee that feare him both small and great.*

6 *And I heard as it were the voice of much people, euen as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of strong thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent raigneth.*

7 *Let us be glad and reioice, and giue ho-*

glorie to him: because thet time is of the Lambe is come, and his wife hath prepared her selfe.

8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed with silke glistering and white. For the silke are || the justifications of Saints.

9 And he said to me, Write: *Blessed be they that are called to the supper of the marriage of the Lambe. And he said to mee, These words of God be true.

10 || And I fell before his feet, to adore him. And he saith to me, See thou doe not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimonie of IESVS. Adore God. For the testimonie of IESVS is the spirit of prophecie.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and hee that sate upon him, was called Faithful and True, and with justice he judgeth and fighteth.

12 And his eyes as a flame of fire, and on his head many diademes, having a name written which no man knoweth but himselfe.

13 *And he was clothed with a garment sprinkled with bloud: and his name is called, cTHE WORD OF GOD.

14 And the hosts that are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white and pure silke.

15 And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharpe sword: that in it hee may strike the Gentiles. And *he shall rule them in a rod of yron: and hee treadeth the winepresse of the furie of the wrath of God omnipotent.

16 And he hath in his garment and in his thigh written, *‡KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw one Angel standing in the Sunne, and he cried with a loud voice saying to all the birds that did flie by the middes of heaven, Come and assemble together to the great Supper of God:

18 That you may eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of Tribunes, and the flesh of valiants, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all freemen and bondmen, and of little and great.

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered to make warre with him that sate upon the horse and with his armie.

20 And the beast was apprehended, and with him the false Prophet: which wrought signes before him, wherewith hee seduced them that tooke the character of the beast, and that adored his image. These two were cast alive into the poole of fire burning also with brimstone.

21 And the rest were slaine by the sword of him that sitteth upon the horse, which proceedeth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

nour to him: for the marriage of the Lambe is come, and his wife hath made her selfe ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arayed with pure and goodly raines: for the raines is the righteousnesse of Saints.

*9 And he said unto me, Write: *Happy are they which are called unto the Supper of the Lambes mariage. And he said unto me: These are the true sayings of God.* Matt. 22. Luke 14.

10 And I fell at his feete to worship him: and hee said unto mee, See thou doe it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimonie of Iesus. Worship God: for the testimonie of Iesus is the spirit of prophecie.

11 And I saw heaven open, and behold a white horse, and he that sate upon him was called Faithfull and True, and in righteousnes he doth judge and make battaile.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crownes, and hee had a name written, that no man knew but hee himselfe.

*13 *And hee was clothed in a vesture dipt in bloud: and his name is called the word of God.* Esa. 63.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, cloathed with white and pure raines.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharpe sword, that with it he should smite the heathen, and he shall rule them with a rod of yron: and hee treadeth the winefat of the fiercenesse and wrath of almighty God.

16 And hee hath on his vesture, and on his thigh, a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

17 And I saw an Angel stand in the Sunne, and he cryed with a lond voice, saying to all the foules that flie by the middest of heaven, Come, and gather your selves together unto the Supper of the great God:

18 That yee may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of high captaines, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all freemen, and bond men, and of small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together, to make battaile against him that sate on the horse and against his armie.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him that false Prophet, which wrought miracles before him, with which hee deceived them that received the beasts marke, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast quicke into a pond of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slaine with the sword of him that sate upon the horse, which sword proceedeth out of his mouth: and all the foules were filled with their flesh.

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Esa. 63. 15

c The second person in Trinitie, the Son or the word of God, which was made flesh, Ioh. 1.

Apoc. 2. 27.

Apoc. 17. 14.

‡Even according to his humanitie also.

MARGIT ALL THESE CHAP. XIX.

RHEM. 1. FULK. 1

ANNOTATIONS, CHAP. XIX.

RHEM. 2.

4 Alleluia, Alleluia.] These two Hebrew words (as also Amen) have in the Greeke and Latine text not been translated, neither in the one nor in the other. For that the Prophets were themselves [illegible] the people, understand what they meant, [illegible] of their translators.

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FULK. 2

For the Latine text, it is not to bee regarded, nor the Greeke of the old Testament, how it is pleased the Interpreters to leave these words untranslated. But in the Greeke of the new Testament, which is indited by the holy Ghost, it is materiall to consider, that these wordes (as commonly understood, and easie to bee understood of all Christians (are many times kept in their naturall sound, and not translated into Greeke. Partly because they were as well understood of them that professed the religion, either of the Iewes or Christians, as the Greeke words themselves: partly to expresse in relation of things done, more lively the zeale of them that either affirmed any thing, or praysed God in these termes. But where you say, *they bee not translated unlesse it be once or twise in the Psalmes*, it is false: For Amen is vsed but in the end of foure *Psalmes*, which are according to your account *Psal.* 40. 71. 88. 105. And in every one of these places it is translated in the Greeke γένοιτο, γένοιτο, in the Latine *Fiat, Fiat*, which is in English, So be it, So be it, where in the Hebrew it is Amen, Amen: except in the last, where Amen is but once in the Hebrew. So is *Alleluia* twise at the least translated in the Greeke and Latine, *Psalm.* 134. 3. and 146. 1. αἰνεῖτε & αἰνεσατε, in Latine, *Laudate Dominum*, which is in English, Praise yee the Lord. And wee also retaine those termes in many places of the new Testament, where they cannot conveniently bee translated, because they are so left in the originall. Why wee translate Amen sometimes Verily, in the place by you quoted, I have declared enough to stay your marveyling. *But in our Service bookes* (you say) *we translate* Alleluia *into Praise yee the Lord, as though it had not a good grace in the act of serving God, as in the text of the Scripture.* Surely wee are perswaded, that Praise yee the Lord, which every man understandeth, hath a better grace and more agreeable to the doctrine of Saint *Paul*, 1. *Cor.* 14. in the act of the publike service of God, then *Alleluia* not understood but of the learned, although it bee in the text of the Scripture. As wee thinke of all other Hebrew words, which are to bee translated into the vulgar tongue, that the Church may take edifying by them. Wee may rather marvaile what mooved the Greeke and Latine Translatours, to leave it so often in the *Psalmes* untranslated, and yet sometimes to translate it. And if *Alleluiah* in the act of serving God, have such a grace aboue Praise yee the Lord, it hath the same aboue *Laudate Dominum*, which you your selues use in your daily service. But it is a great matter that you use this holy word *Alleluiah*, so ioyne with the Church triumphant, betweene Easter and Whitsontide: by which reason

Khkk 2

Alleluia often vsed in the Church, specially in Easter time. *Epist. ad Lan. 17. & ep. 25.*

It Egyptiacis mense (in the Translation) *Prayse yee the Lord.*

Fulk translateth

Amen and Alleluia should not be translated in vulgar tongues.

All Nations in the Primitive Church sang Amen & Alleluia

The Translators profane this word by translating it, and distinguish the significations thereof. *Psal.* 136.

Verse omitting omitted.

son you are disioyned from the Church triumphant, from [illegible] to Easter, in which time you may not use it, as *Durand* saith. [illegible] this is [illegible] of the Church militant by vsing this tearme, wee may consider a little. [illegible] other Interpreters, understand the praise giuen to God to bee of the Church militant [illegible] the Church triumphant. Which Church militant is said to bee in heauen, because the [illegible] in heauen. Secondly, admit it should bee one of the Church triumphant, [illegible] no sound of wordes in the seruice of God, why should you [illegible] the word *Alleluia*, rather then in the words of *Laudate Dominum*, or Praise you the Lord? Thirdly, if the Angels and blessed Spirits did use the sound of the Hebrew word, yet they vse such a speech which they all understand. But most times your Priests, yea and Bishops, are ignorant of the understanding of that word, as appeareth by *Durand*, which hath so many fond interpretations of [illegible] hath but small sight in the Hebrew tongue. Wherefore [illegible] ? Wherefore vsing that termes which you understand not, you [illegible] with the Church triumphant, which understandeth the tongue of the Angels, and praiseth not God without vnderstanding: But Saint *Augustine* [illegible] maketh a greater matter of it [illegible]

Verily hee sheweth that it was vsed in his time, being as commonly vnderstood, as the rest of the publike seruice, but what necessary matter hee maketh not of it, neither thinketh the sound to bee holier in Hebrew, then in Latine. *Vigilantius* thought *Alleluiah* might neuer be sung but at Easter, hee held a superstitious opinion: but the matter is not of such weight to make an heresie of it. Much like it is, that *Vigilantius* misliked the inuocation vsed in the Church, to be taught in by *Hieroms*, who as some write, brought the common vse of *Alleluiah* from Ierusalem. *But the truth is, (say you) that by the vse of the holy Scriptures, it hath more in it then, Praise yee the Lord*, (which if it be true, your vulgar Latine translation hath erred as much as the Protestants, in translating it *Laudate Dominum*: for that hath no more in it then, Praise yee the Lord. And whereas this terme hath but two words in it, the Verbe and the Nomen: Your vulgar Translator doth commonly (and for ought I know) alwayes translate the Hebrew Verbe, by the Latine Verbe, *Laudo, Laudate, Laudet, Laudent, Laudas*, &c. In all which hee hath shamefully erred, if our translation of *Alleluiah* be not right to say, Praise yee the Lord. As for the thing wherewith the praise of God ought to be set forth in his Church, must be taught by Preachers, but cannot bee expressed by Translators. If you would reply, because it cannot be expressed, therefore the word must not be translated, it is easie to retorte vpon you, that then the same Verbe must be left untranslated, so often as Iesus is vsed in the Scripture, which were too great an absurdity. Wherefore this is nothing else but a malicious, foolish, and vnlearned quarrell, against the vsage of our Church, in praying the Lord in that sound of words, which the people vnderstandeth. As for your superstitious and childish difference betweene *Alleluiah* and *Laus tibi Domine*: the one for Lent, the other for Easter, I leaue to your selues, as meete for your hypocriticall seruice, which is in sound of lips and outward shew, not in spirit and truth.

The vnsound Sermons of Saint *Augustine de diuersis*, are matter meete for such a question. In *Psalme* 148. hee maketh no such fond difference, betweene *Laus tibi Domine*, and *Alleluiah*, but sheweth that the Church before Easter, spending the time in fasting and prayer, did celebrate the feate of this life, but in praying God at Easter, did signifie the life to come, which yet was not in possession: *For this is Alleluiah, which we sing* (saith hee) *which is interpreted as you know*, Laudate Dominum, *Praise yee the Lord*. Here you see all the people vnderstood *Alleluiah*, as well as *Laudate Dominum*, and as well as our people vnderstand, Praise yee the Lord. But it is a question to bee asked, why we leaue it out altogether, no lesse then nine times in the Bible 1577. in the Acte last *Psalmes*. To answere you (for my part) I know no such translation, that leaueth it out, as you say: for that Bible which I haue, printed 1577. hath Praise yee the Lord, ten times in the Acte last *Psalmes*: for so many times *Alleluiah* is in the Hebrew. But in *Psalme* 145. it is not in the Hebrew, and therefore not in the English: except peraduenture in some bookes of *Psalmes*, printed for the speciall vse of reading and singing in the Church, it is omitted by the Printer, as all other titles and inscriptions of the *Psalmes*, which are not vsually read or sung in the Church seruice. Which if it be so great a matter, we must aske the Papists, why they haue left out *Alleluiah* altogether in their Portuis *secundum vsum Ecclesiæ Sarum*, in euery *Psalme* where it is both in the Hebrew, and in their owne vulgar Latine translation, not onely in those fiue last *Psalmes*, but also in twelue other *Psalmes*, namely, *Psalme* 104. 105. 106. Likewise *Psalme* 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. Finally, *Psalme* 134. and 135. But Saint *Augustine* (you say) *affirmeth, that* Amen *and* Alleluiah *bee not translated into any other language for the more holy authoritie of the words so remaining*. Indeed hee saith, that the knowledge of the Hebrew and Greeke tongues is needfull for men of the Latine speech, to vnderstand such words which are often found vntranslated, as *Amen, Alleluiah, Racha, Hosanna*. Of which hee saith, the antiquitie of the two former is kept for a more holy authoritie: meaning that they doe set forth more lively the godly affection of them that vsed them in the Scriptures: as if men in English will tell a story of a French man or Dutchman, when it commeth to his speech, they will expresse a word or two of his Countrey language to make the narration seeme more lively. But hee doth not affirme, that they bee not translated into any language, for then hee should speake vntruely, as I haue proued in the beginning, seeing they were in his time translated into Greeke and Latine; and hee himselfe in *Psalme* 148. translateth *Alleluiah, Laudate Dominum. Eucherius Alleluiah in Latinum sonat, Laudate Dominum*. Iust. lib. 2. cap. 2. *Amen, vere fiat, fideliter*. Remigius in *Psalm* 104. *Interpretatur Alleluiah, Laudate Dominum*. Neither doth hee meane, that there is more holinesse in the sound of Hebrew syllables, then of the Latine. But as the Hebrew tongue is called the holy tongue, because the holy Scriptures of the old Testament were first written in it, which yet may be and haue beene in all good times of the Church, translated into any other languages. In the second place, *Epist.* 178. answering the like quarrels of the Arian Parcentius (which cauilled that the Greeke word *Homousion* was not found in the Scripture) Saint *Augustine* proueth, that the sense and meaning thereof, is found in the Scriptures, and this terme he vseth, because it was agreed vpon in the Councell of *Nice*, where Greeke Bishops were the chiefe that confuted the heresie of *Arius*.

Now seeing the Church had received this Greeke terme, hee thought it meete to be vsed, and not to be altered, so long as it were vnderstood and knowen to haue the sense in the Scriptures. As for example, when the Church of all nations had received to sing *Amen* and *Alleluia* in the Hebrew tongue, it was not *lawfull for the Latine men, or the Barbarous men, to translate them into their owne language*: he meaneth in the publike seruice, seeing the people vnderstood them, and the custome of the Church is not without cause to be broken. But that they might not bee translated into other speeches, or pronounced in other languages, if the people vnderstood them not, it is farre from S. *Augustines* meaning.

S. *Hierome ep.* 137. rendring a reason why these words and such other, were reteined in the Scriptures, saith: *That the Septuagints, or the apostles prouided, that seeing the first Church was gathered together of the Iewes, they should*

[illegible] Why this? Is not Praise yee the Lord a sacred, Christian, mysticall, and Angelicall song? doth nothing please you but that which the people vnderstand not? That which the Angels sung in the Syrian tongue to the Shepheards at the Nativitie of Christ, was a sacred, Christian, mysticall and Angelicall song: yet you sing it in your Masse, neither in the Syrian tongue in which they pronounced it, nor in the Greeke tongue, in which S. Luke did write it, but in Latine, and yet not in the Latine of your authenticall translation, nay to decide truely translated: for you sing in *Excelsis*, and not in *Altissimis*, and yet I thinke it were but a small matter to picke a quarrell against you.

Therefore *Alleluiah* is not quite gone, as you say falsely, when wee haue the full sense and meaning of it in our language, much better then you haue of that Angels song, which you call *Gloria in Excelsis*. Wee sing therefore the Lords songs (his name be praysed for euer) in our owne Country, and in our owne language, and in the voice of the Church of God, out of the filthy sinke of Babylonicall superstition.

But lest of all you thinke you may aske vs, what but it be all one to say Hosanna. 21. Hosanna, *and saue vs we beseech thee.* And we thinke we may answere you, that it is not all one: for *Hosanna* signifieth, Saue vs we beseech thee, not saue vs. The people therefore prayed for the prosperitie and increase of the kingdome of Christ, as the Prophets taught them long before. And the Apostle to expresse their godly zeale, vttereth the very vvord which they vttered. That it vvas a vvord of exceeding congratulation and ioy, it is not in the signification of the Verbe, but in that speciall vse of it, and so in the vvord *Alleluia*. It is one thing to translate, another thing to giue the sense, according to the circumstance of the text translated.

Therefore *Alleluia* is as truly translated, and may as vvell bee expressed in English by, Praise yee the Lord, as it is in Latine by, *Laudate Dominum*: vvitnesse S. *Augustine*, S. *Hierome*, and your owne vulgar Latine Interpreter, vvho profane and dismember the signification thereof, by *Laudate Dominum*, as much as vve doe, by Praise yee the Lord. I doubt not but your owne friends vvill bee ashamed in their hearts, to see you thus vvrangle, vvithout any iust cause about so vaine a quarrell.

Rhem. 3. 9 Iustifications of Saints.] *Here the Heretikes to their translations could not alter the word iustifications into ordinances, or constitutions, as they did falsely in the first of Saint Luke, wherof see the Annotation there, nor so, but they are forced to say in Latine, iustificationes, as Beza: and in English, righteousnesse, for iustifications, as they will not say in any case for feare of inconuenience.) Yea and they cannot deny but these iustificationes bee the good workes of Saints. But where * they make this gloze, that they bee so called, because they are the fruites or effects of faith, and of the iustice which we haue by each, it is most euidently false, and against the very text, and nature of the word. For there is no cause why any thing should be called a means iustification, but for that it maketh him iust. So these iustificationes, be the vertues of faith, hope, charitie, and good deedes, iustifying or making a man iust, and not effects of iustification, as the faith onely, but they altogether be the very ornaments and iust garnements, beauty, and iustice of the soule, as here it is euident.*

Iustification is not good workes, nor the effects of faith iustifying, but because they are the fruites of faith iustifying, with such iustice as men.

Fvlk. 3. For our translation of this word *Iustificationes* Luke the first, the Reader may bee resolued in that place. Wee translate a word that hath diuers significations, diuerly, as the vnderstanding of every place requireth: So here wee translate it iustifications, righteousnesse, or iust decrees, as the authour of the Homilies in Saint *Augustines* translateth them *iustos actus*, or any thing that hath the same sense. And we feare no inconuenience to translate it iustifications in English: for our iustification before God by faith onely, will neuer bee ouerthrowne by that terme, though we deny not, but these iustifications be the workes of Saints. But where we say they *be so called, because they are the fruites of faith, and of the iustice which were haue by faith onely*, (you say) *it is most euidently false, and against the very text and the nature of the word.* Concerning the text it is this. To her was granted that she should bee clothed with fine linen or silke, cleane and shining: for the fine linen or silke are the iustifications of Saints.

Iustification by faith onely.

This text compared with *Apocalyps. cap. 7. ver. 14.* sheweth whence the beauty of this garment commeth, verily, not of the iustice of men, but of the blood of the Lambe, and the merite of his sacrifice. Therefore the text hath no euidence for you. But the nature of the word affordeth you a strong argument: *for where is no cause* (you say) *why any thing should be called a means iustification, but for that it maketh him iust.* Here you reason cleanly of the etymologie of the Latine word *iustifico*, which signifieth indeed properly to make iust, but in Scripture so often vsed to account iust, to declare iust, to acquit in iudgement, as infinite words are vsed many other significations, whom can be taken out of their precise etymologie, or derivation.

Therefore you must reason (if you will gaine any thing) of the nature of the Greeke word *δικαιωματα*, except you will allow iustifications to be taken in as many significations as *δικαιωματα* be. If you will doe so, reason will enforce you, there is cause why a thing may bee called a means iustification, which doth not make him iust, but declare him to bee iust. In the *Psalmes* oftentimes your vulgar Latine translation vseth this word *Iustificationes tuas*, for Gods iustifications, and *Luke* 1. *Iustificationibus Domini*, in the iustifications of the Lord. Might you not as well say, *there is no cause why any thing should be called the Lords iustification, but for that it maketh him iust.*

If there be cause why any thing may be called the Lords iustification, which doth not make him iust, there is also cause, why a thing may be called a means iustification, which doth not make him iust, but declare him to bee iust: and so are good workes the iustifications of Saints, because they declare them to be iust, not because they make them iust before God, as wee haue proued more at large *Iames* 2. Wisedome is iustified of her owne children, and yet shee is not made iust by them. The Publicans and sinners iustified God, yet they made not God iust. Ierusalem hath iustified her sister Sodoma, yet she hath not made her iust. Wicked Iudges sometimes doe iustifie the vngodly men, yet they make them not iust. The Pharisees iustified themselues, yet they made not themselues iust. The Lawyers call that a means iustification, which maketh neither the man nor his cause iust, but declareth them to be iust.

Angell, [illegible] you may [illegible] well [illegible] and [illegible] two [illegible] are the [illegible] is by [illegible] of Christ, and are the ornament and outward [illegible], [illegible] the inward [illegible] of the soule. For garments are all without the [illegible] doe [illegible], and are not called inward, in respect of the thing clothed, but in respect of more outward garments. Therefore this [illegible] shining garment is the light of good workes, proceeding from inward faith, and shining outwardly, the glory of their heavenly Father.

S. Iohns adoring of the Angell, applicated against the Protestants abusing the same. The Protestants are refelled by their owne reason

10 And I fell.] *The Protestants abuse this place, and the example of the Angels forbidding Iohn to adore him being but his fellow servant, and appointing him to adore God, against all honour, reverence, and adoration of Angels, Saints, or other sanctified creatures, teaching that no religious worship ought to be done unto them. But in truth it maketh for no such purpose, but only warneth us that Divine honour and the adoration due to God alone, may not bee given to any Angell, or other creatures.* S. Augustine De vera relig. cap. ultimo. *And when the Adversaries reply that so great an Apostle, as Iohn was, could not be ignorant of that point, nor would have given divine honour, unto an Angell (for so he had beene an Idolater) and therefore that he was not reprehended for that, but for doing any religious reverence or other honour whatsoever to his fellow servant: we answere, that by the like reason, Saint Iohn being so great an Apostle, if this later kinde of reverence had beene unlawfull and to be reprehended, as the Protestants hold it is no lesse then the other, could not have beene ignorant thereof, nor would have done it.*

S. Iohn erred onely in the person, mistaking the Angell to bee Christ himselfe, and so adoring him as God. Apoc. c. 1.

*Therefore they might much better have learned of Saint Augustine (q. 61. in Genes.) how this fact of Saint Iohn was corrected by the Angell, and wherein the errour was. In effect it is thus, That the Angell being so glorious and full of majestie presenting Christs person, and in his name using divers words proper to God, as, I am the first and the last, and alive and was dead, and such like, might well be taken of Saint Iohn, by errour of his person, to bee Christ himselfe, and that the Apostle presuming him to be so indeed, adored him with divine honour: which the Angell correcting, told him hee was not God, but one of his fellowes, and therefore that he should not so adore him, but God. Thus then we see, Iohn was neither so ignorant, to thinke that any undue honour might be given to any creature: nor so ill, to commit idolatrie by doing undue worship to any Angell in heaven: and therefore was not culpable at all in his fact, but onely erred materially (as the Schoolemen call it) that is, by mistaking one for another, thinking that which was an Angell, to have beene our Lord: because he knew that our Lord himselfe is also * called an Angell, and hath often appeared in the visions of the faithfull.*

Esay. in Grace. Mala. 3.

And the like is to be thought of the Angell appearing in the 22. of the Apoc. whether it were the same or another, for that also did so appeare; that Iohn could not tell whether it were Christ himselfe or no, till the Angell told him. Once this is certaine, that Iohn did not formally (as they say) commit idolatry, nor sinne at all therein, knowing all duties of a Christian man, no lesse then an Angell of heaven being also in as great honour with God, yea and in more then many angels. Which perhaps may bee the cause (and consequently, another explication of this place) that the Angell knowing his great graces and merits before God, would not accept any worship or submission at his hands, though Iohn againe of like humilitie did it as also immediately afterword chap. 22. *which belike he would not have done, if he had beene presisely advised by the angell but a moment before, of errour and undutifulnesse in the fact. Howsoever that be, this is evident, that this the Angels refusing of adoration, taketh not away the due reverence and respect we ought to have to Angels or other sanctified persons and creatures, and so these words,* See thou doe it not, *signifie rather an earnest refusall, then any signification of crime to be committed thereby.*

S. Iohn sinned not in this adoration. Another explication of this place.

FVLK. 4. This place is not abused by Protestants, but proveth invincibly against Papists, that all religious worship and service, belongeth to God, and may not bee yeelded to any creature. But you say, *it maketh for no such purpose, but only warneth us, that divine honour, and the adoration due to God alone, may not bee given to any creature:* yet the text is plaine, that all religious worship and service, is due to God alone, and to no creature. For the Angell saith not, worship God onely with this kinde of service, but worship God: signifying that this service was due onely to God. And this is that which Saint *Augustine* saith: *De vera religione cap. ultimo. Quare honorandus est &c. We honor the angels with love, not with service, neither doe wee build temples to them: For they will not bee so honored of us, because they know that we our selves, when we are good, are the temples of the highest God. Therefore it is rightly written, that a man was forbidden by the Angell, that he should not worship him, but one God onely, under whom hee was a fellow servant with him. But they which invite us, that wee should serve them, and worship them as Gods, are like to proud men, which if they might, would likewise bee worshipped: but to suffer these men it is lesse perillous, but to worship the Angel it is more dangerous.* Afterward he concludeth in these words. *Let religion therefore bind us to one God omnipotent, because betweene our mind by which we understand him to be the Father and the truth, that is, the inward light by which we understand him, there is no creature interposed.*

All religious worship belongeth only to God.

By which sentences it is manifest that hee meaneth, that all religious worship and service, is due onely to God, and that whosoever Angell or man, requireth or receiveth any religious worship or service, hee usurpeth that which is due onely to God. Where it is to be noted, that hee overthroweth your distinction of *Latria* and *Dulia*, seeing hee denieth religious *Dulia* or service, to bee due unto Angels, who are to be honoured with love, not with service. But where wee reply that Saint *Iohn* so great an Apostle could not bee ignorant, that no Angell is to bee worshipped as God, and therefore intended not to worship the Angell as God. You answere *by the like reason, if this later kinde of reverence had beene unlawfull, hee could not have beene ignorant thereof, nor would have done it.* Here againe wee reply, it is manifest by his owne confession, that hee was twise deceived in this point, not of ignorance, but of forgetfulnesse in this extasie of minde, while hee beheld the glory of the Angell that shewed him these things. But the other errour of worshipping the creature as the Creator was too grosse an errour, to enter into any so religious and wise an heart as the Apostle had. Athanasius contra. Arb. lib. 2. *Angelus in Apocalypsi ad Ioannem qui volebat ipsum adorare, vide inquit, ne feceris, &c. Quare Deus solus est adorandus id quod norunt etiam ipsi angeli. Quamvis enim inter eos alius alii gloria antecellat, omnes tamen creati sunt, ideoque non adorari, sed adorare dominum debent.* Euthym. Panopl. par. 1. tit. 12. Greg. Nyssen. *Orat. ad Simpl. de fide. Qui creaturæ esse ipsum dicit, & veri Dei naturæ alienam facit. Quid igitur faciunt qui creaturam asserunt, adorant ne illum nec ne? Simon adorant, Iudæos imitantur, qui Christi negant adorationem. Sin adorant, sunt Idolatræ cum alienum adorent a vero Deo.* Euth. Pan. par. 1. tit. 12. Cyrillus Thesau. lib. 3. *Quomodo non est Deus quem & angeli natura Deum agnoscunt? Si enim ut inconsiderate ipsi dicunt, falsus est, apparet non solum nos, sed ipsi cælestes decipi virtutes, adorantes rem creatam præter creatorem. Quod si absurdum est dicere, fatebor angelos creatos, sed verè potius in illis est cognitio Dei, & adorant cum ut naturæ filium: non est igitur creatus aut factus.* Gregorius Nazcus de fide ad Gallon. Plac. Aug. *Ergo & hinc Deus verus ostenditur filius, cum adoretur. Dei enim est adorari. Si quidem & alibi docet apostolus de filio Dei, esse scriptum. Et adorent eum omnes angeli Dei, scilicet quia vera Deus et Dominus.*

We might have learned (you say) of Saint *Augustine*, how this fact of Saint *Iohn* was corrected by the Angell.

*Angell, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

honour be called adoration in Latine, or by a word equivalent in other tongues, Hebrew, Greeke, or English. Lastly, whether we may by the Scriptures [illegible] as at the feet of the persons that we so adore. For if civill duties due to our Superiours by reason of other respects, I take the Protestants will not stand with us, though indeed their arguments make as much against the one as the other.

Three points herein examined and proved by Scripture.

1 Religious worship of creatures.

2 The same is called adoration.

3 Falling prostrate before the persons or things adored.

But for religious worship of creatures (which we speak of) let them see in the Scriptures both old and new: first, whether the Temple the Tabernacle, the Arke, the Propitiatory, the Cherubins, the Altar, the Bread of proposition, the Sabbath, and all their holies, were not reverenced by all sorts of devotion and religion: whether the Sacraments of Christ, the Priests of our Lord, the Prophets of God, the Gospel, Scriptures, the name of IESVS, and such like (which be by use, signification, or sanctification made holy) are not now to be reverenced: and they shall find all these things to have been reverenced of all the faithfull, without any dishonour of God, and much to his honour. Secondly, that this reverence is named Adoration in the Scriptures, these speeches doe prove, Psal. 98. Adore ye his footstoole, because it is holy; and Heb. 11. He adored the top of his rod. Thirdly, that the Scriptures also warrant us (for the nature of the word adoration giveth in all three tongues) to bow downe our bodies, to fall flat on the ground at the presence of such things, and at the feet of holy persons, specially Angels, as Iohn *doth here, these examples prove: Abraham adored the Angels that appeared to him, Moyses also the Angel that shewed himselfe out of the bush, who were creatures, though they represented Gods person, as this Angel here did that spake to S. Iohn. Balaam adored the Angel that stood before him with a sword drawn,* Num. 22. Iosue *adored falling flat downe before the feet of the Angel, calling him his Lord, ignoring by the Angels owne testimony, that it was but an Angel. Who refused it not, but required yet more reverence, commanding him to plucke off his shoes, because the ground was holy, no doubt so made by the presence of the Angel.*

Adoration of Prophets and holy persons. Dan. 2.

Yea, not onely to Angels, but even to great Prophets this devotion was done, as to Daniel *by* Nabuchodonosor, *who fell flat upon his face before him, and did other great offices of religion; which the prophet refused not, because they were done to God rather then to him, as Saint* Hierome *defendeth the same against* Porphyrie, *who charged Daniel with intolerable pride therein: and the said holy Doctor alledgeth the fall of* Alexander *the great, that did the like to* *Ioiada *as the high priest of the Iewes. How soever that be (for of the sacrifice there mentioned there may be some doubt, which the Church doth alwaies immediatly to God, and to no creature) the fall of the prophet (4. Reg. 2.) to* Eliseus, *is plaine: where they perceiving that the double grace and spirit of* Elias *was given to him, fell flat downe at his feet, and adored. So did* *the Sunamite. *To omit that* Achior *adored* Iudith, *falling at her feet, as a woman indued of God, and in sundry other places.*

* Or, *Iaddus.* 4. Reg. 4. Iudith 13.

All which things, by comparing the Scriptures, our adversaries should have found to be lawfully done to men, and Angels, and soveraigne holy creatures. Whereby they might convince themselves, and perceive, that that thing could not be forbidden S. Iohn to do to the Angel, which they pretend: though the Angel for causes might refuse even that which S. Iohn did lawfully unto him, as S. Peter did refuse the honour given him by Cornelius, according to S. Chrysostomes opinion, Hom. 23. in ca. 10. Act. Yea, even in the third chapter of this booke (if our adversaries would looke no further) they might see where this Angel prophesieth, and promiseth that the Iewes should fall downe before the feet of the Angel of Philadelphia and adore. See the Annot. there.

Understanding of the Scriptures by conference.

FVLK. 5. *Concerning the expounding of doubtfull places of Scripture, by conference of other cleare places wherein you deride us, Saint Augustine saith, Nothing almost is fetched out of those obscurities, which is not found elsewhere, to be uttered most plainely. De Doct. Christ. lib. 2. cap. 6.* Now this text is so cleare and evident of it selfe, as it is one of those places, which may serue to expound the obscuritie or difficultie of other texts, where any doubt may arise concerning religious adoration and service, which is due onely to God. But seeing you will be blind in the cleare light of the Sunne at mid-day, and make doubt of this place, where none at all needeth, but to cloake your shamefull idolatrie, yeelding religious worship and service to creatures: Let us consider your three doubts or questions. *First, whether there ought to be or may be any religious reverence or honor done to any creature.* But here (because you haue Saint *Augustine* flat against the grand question,) you distinguish of this word *Religion*, and religious by petition of principle or begging the matter in controversie, that there is one kind of religious worship proper to God, and another to creatures; whereas the question is, whether all Religion, and religious worship and service be due onely to God. But because I will not strive with you about a terme, if we might agree about the matter: So that you will grant with Saint *Augustine* in the place by you quoted, *That men may have no Religion or religious worship, and service of the workes of men, that is of Images, for the worke-men themselves that make such things, are better then their works, whom yet men ought not to worship:* That we ought to have no Religion or religious worship and service for dead men: *For if they lived godly, they are not so taken that they seeke such: but they will have him to be worshipped of us, by whose illumination they rejoyce, that we are fellow-servants of their dignitie or worthinesse. Therefore they are to be honoured for imitations sake, they are not to be adored for Religion.*

God onely to be worshipped with religious service.

Finally, that we ought to have no religion of Angels, whom we honour with love, not with service: I say, so that you will grant all this with S. *Augustine*, I will not hold you so hard at the flanks end for this terme *Religion*, but answer your question. That there is a religious reverence due to such things as are holy by sanctification, and application to the service of God, in respect that they are by God sanctified and applied to his service. But this due reverence and estimation of such things, is no religious adoration, worship or service of those things, or due to those things. Therefore the Temple, the Tabernacle, the Arke, the Propitiatorie, the Cherubins, the Altar, the Bread of proposition, the Sabbath, and all their holies, were esteemed and reverenced as holy things, but not adored, worshipped or served, by religious kneeling to them, bowing to them, or praying to them. Likewise the Sacraments of Christ, are to be reverently esteemed and honoured, as the seales of Gods promises: but not to be adored, worshipped, served, kneeled to, or prayed unto.

For to omit the Lords Supper, because it is in controversie, what true Catholike ever said, that Baptisme, or the water thereof is to be adored, worshipped, served, by bowing or kneeling to it, or by praying to it? The like I say of the Gospel, Scriptures, or the name of Iesus, to which no religious adoration, worship, or service is due, although they are to bee honoured and religiously esteemed for God and Christs sake, whose Word and Name they are. And although men may kneele while the Scripture is read, or bowe while Iesus or Christ is named, yet to the Bookes or the sound of the name, no adoration is to be given, but onely to God. As for Gods Priests and Prophets, are to be honoured with civill reverence for Religions sake, with Charitie as Saint *Augustine* saith of Angels, not with religious service, with duties of the second Table, not with any duties of the first Table.

Your second question is, *Whether that honour be called adoration in Latine, or by a word equivalent in other tongues.* Whereto I answer, That in the Scripture that religious reverence and due estimation of holy things, is never called Adoration, worship or service of those things, nor by any word equivalent. For the Prophet, *Psal. 98.* saith not, Adore ye his footstoole, but Adore ye it, or before his footstoole: because he is holy. For that 5. verse is plainly

[illegible]

in the flesh, Angels might be adored, but [illegible] examples, [illegible] say, [illegible]

adored the Angels that appeared to him, *Gen. 18.* Whereto I answere, he adored them with civill adoration, as honourable and reverend personages, because they [illegible] of men, supposing them to be men, as his preparation for them declareth: Yet one of them was Christ, whom he might have worshipped with divine honour. Secondly, [illegible] the Angel that shewed himselfe out of the bush, which was a creature, though he represented Gods person, as this Angel here did that spake to S. Iohn. Balaam adored the Angel that stood before him with a sword drawn, Num. 22. Iosue *adored falling flat downe before the feet of the Angel, calling him his Lord, ignoring by the Angels owne testimony, that it was but an Angel.* I answer, he knew by this Angels testimony, that it was Christ himselfe, the Prince of the armies of the Lord, that appeared to him in the similitude of a man. What [illegible] Angel, but [illegible] Lord himselfe. Wherefore neither this, nor any other example [illegible] prove, that [illegible] adore, worship, or serve Angels.

Yet you proceed and say, *I doe not see [illegible] Angels, but also [illegible] prophets; this devotion was done [illegible] to Daniel by Nabuchodonosor, &c.*

I answer, that no religious adoration was ever lawfully given to any Prophet, but civill adoration of love, not of religious service, (though in respect of God, whose servants they were) as all civill honour given to earthly Kings and other persons in worldly state, is in respect of God, whose ministers they are, yet is no religious adoration, worship or service. And therefore in vain the civill Idolatry that *Melichadonezer* would have offered sacrifice to *Daniel*, who (without doubt) did vindicate and him, though it be not expressed. Yet it is easily to be gathered, not only by the piety of *Daniel*, that would never admit such a sacrilege, but also by the 47. verse of that chapter, where the Kings answer to *Daniel* is rehearsed, acknowledging that the God of the Iewes, is the only God, to which onely all religious service and worship is due. Therefore you doe manifestly slander the holy Prophet, in saying that he did not refuse those adoration and outward offices of Religion, yea and Saint *Hierom* that he doth defend the same. And last of all, though *Porphyrie* was a wicked blasphemer, yet it is shame to belie the devill; for neither did *Porphyrie* charge *Daniel* with intolerable pride, but said it was incredible, that such a great King would abase his estate.

Therefore these be the words of Saint *Hierome* upon *Daniel* 2. 46. *At this place Porphyrie doth cavill, that the high potentate King would have offered sacrifice to Daniel, and worshiped him as God, because of the greatnesse of their miracles. Therefore the errour of the Gentiles, which thinke all that is above the firmament to be Gods, ought not to be imputed to the Scripture, which doth report all things simply as they were done. But also we may say this, that the King himselfe did declare the manner of adoring and offering of odors, incense, and sacrifice, saying unto Daniel: Verily, your God is the God of Gods, &c. Therefore he did not so much adore Daniel, as God which revealed the secrets to Daniel: for not vnder that Alexander the great King of the Macedonians, being the high priest Iaddus, But if this interpretation be not liked, we will say, that Nabuchodonozor being confounded at the greatnesse and astonishment of the wonders, knew not what honour should be done to him that understood the secrets of God, and adored his servant, and burned incense to him.*

You see plainly, that S. *Hierome* doth not defend this religious service to have been lawfully offered to *Daniel*, but yeeldeth reasons that might excuse the pious King to worship *Daniel*, as the Lystrians would have sacrificed to *Paul* and *Barnabas*, or thinking to worship God in him; or *Alexander* did in giving reverence to *Iaddus* the high Priest. Finally, the falling downe before *Eliseus* by the children of the Prophets, and by the *Sunamite*, was civill and not religious adoration, so I say of *Achior* adoring *Iudith*. Therefore by comparing the Scriptures, we doe not find that religious adoration, worship, or service, may be done to any creature, how holy soever, but onely to God and Christ: which S. *Iohn* was manifestly forbidden to doe to any other. But you say, *This Angel for some right, might refuse that which S. Iohn did lawfully doe unto him.* But the Angel might not forbid that which was lawfull to be done, except you will set him to schoole, and teach him such divinity as he never learned in heaven. For he doth here straightly forbid him, saying, *See thou doe it not*, and addeth a reason why neither he ought to receive such adoration, nor [illegible] to offer it: because hee is fellow servant with him, and all true Christians, to whom the like adoration is due: but onely to God. Which if it had not beene his expresse meaning, he should have induced Iohn into an error; and caused him to thinke that God onely is to be adored, which is an errour by your doctrine, if Saints, Angels, Images, reliques, &c. may be adored with religious adoration. And if there were causes knowne to you, why the Angel might refuse that which Iohn did lawfully unto him, why doth he not rather expresse those causes, then these which you hold to be no causes. If you know not those causes, why do you dreame of that you know not, and deny those to be causes which the Angel doth expresse? Namely, because he is a fellowservant, the Lord, a creature, not God to whom only all religious service is to be given.

But you conjecture, these were causes why the Angel might refuse, that Iohn might lawfully give to him, as *Peter* did refuse the honour given him by *Cornelius, according to Saint Chrysostomes opinion.* But you doe without shame slaunder Saint *Chrysostome*: for there is no word to proue that *Cornelius* did lawfully offer to adore *Peter*,

not

CHAP. XX.

AND I saw an Angell descending from heaven, having the key of the bottomles depth, and a great chaine in his hand.

2 And he apprehended the dragon the old serpent, which is the devill and Satan, and ||bound him for a thousand yeares.

3 And he threw him into the depth, and shut him up, and sealed over him, that he seduce no more the nations, till the thousand yeares be consummate, and after these things he must be loosed a little time.

4 And ‖ I saw seates: and they that sate upon them, and judgement was given them ‖ and the soules of the beheaded for the testimony of Iesvs, and for the word of God, and that adored not the beast, nor his image, nor received his character in their forehead or in their hands, and have lived, and reigned with Christ ‡ a thousand yeares.

5 *The rest of the dead lived not, til the thousand yeares be consummate, ‖ This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: in these the second death hath not power: but ‖ they shall bee priests of God and of Christ: and shall reigne with him a thousand yeares.

7 And when the thousand yeares shal be consummate, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall goe forth, and seduce ‡ the nations that are upon the foure corners of the earth, *Gog and Magog, and shal gather them into battaile, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

8 And they ascended upon the breadth of the earth, and compassed ‖ the campe of the Saints, and the beloved citie. And there came down fire from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

9 And the devill which seduced them, was cast into the poole of fire and brimstone, where both the beast and the false Prophet shall bee tormented day and night for ever and ever.

10 And

‡ *Quid in millenario numero nisi ad proferendam novam sobolem perfecta universitas projecte generationis imprimitur? hinc per Ioannem dicitur, Et regnabunt cum illo mille annis, quia regnum sanctæ Ecclesiæ, universitatis perfectione solidatur. D. Gregor. li. 9. Moral. c. 1.*

‡ *S. Augustine thinketh that these doe not signifie any certain nations but al that shal then be joyned with the devill and Antichrist against the Church, lib. 20. de civit. c. 11. See S. Hierom in Ezec. lib. 11. Ezech. 38, 14. 39, 1.*

AND I saw an Angell come downe from heaven, having the key of the bottomlesse pit and a great chaine in his hand.

2 And he tooke the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devill and Satanas, and bound him a thousand yeares,

3 And cast him into the bottomles pit, and he shut him up, and set a seale on him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand yeares should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed for a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sate upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the soules of them that were beheaded for the witnesse of Iesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had taken his marke upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and raigned with Christ a thousand yeares.

5 But the other of the dead men did not live againe, until the thousand yeares were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is hee that hath part in the first resurrection: for on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be the priests of God and of Christ, and shall reigne with him a thousand yeares.

*7 *And when the thousand yeares are expired, Satan shall bee loosed out of his prison:* Ezk. 38.

8 And shall goe out to deceive the nations which are in the foure quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battaile: whose number is as the sand of the sea. Ezech. 38. 14. & 39. 2.

9 And they went up in the plaine of the earth, and compassed the tents of the Saints about, and the beloved citie: and fire came downe from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devill that deceived them, was cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false Prophet shall bee tormented day and night for evermore.

11 And

The 6. Vision. † This text doth not overthrow the substance, but the shape changed. 2 Pet. 3. See S. Augustl. lib. 20. de civit. c. 14. Apoc 3. 5. 22. 27.

c The bookes of mans consciences, where it shall plainely be read what every mans life hath beene.

† Such as doe no good workes, if they have age & time to doe them are not found in the booke of life.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and one sitting upon it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away, and there was no place found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and little, standing in the sight of the Throne, and bookes were opened: and † another booke was opened, which is of life: and the dead were iudged of those things which were written in the bookes according to their workes.

13 And the sea gave the dead that were in it, and death and hell gave their dead that were in them, and they were judged every one according to their workes.

14 And hell and death were cast into the poole of fire. This is the second death.

15 And † he that was not found written in the booke of life, was cast into the poole of fire.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God: and the bookes were opened, and another booke was opened, which is the booke of life: and the dead were iudged of those things which were written in the bookes, according to their deedes.

13 And the Sea gave up her dead, which were in her: and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: And they were judged every man according to his deedes.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire: this is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the booke of life, was cast into the Lake of fire.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XX.

RHEM. 1

2 Bound him.] *Christ by his passion hath abridged the power of the devill for a thousand yeres, that is, the whole time of the new Testament, until Antichrists time, when he shall be loosed againe, that is, be permitted to deceive the world, but for a short time only, to wit, three yeares and a halfe.*

If a thousand yeares signifie no certaine number of yeares, but the whole time of the new Testament, neither doe the 42. moneths of Antichrists reigne signifie a certaine number of three yeares and a halfe, but rather the whole time of his reigne, which is but short in comparison to the eternall reigne of Christ.

The time of Antichrists reigne.

FVLKE. 1.

RHEM. 2.

4 I saw seats.] S. Augustine, li. 20. de civit. Dei. c. 9. *teacheth this to be spoken, not of the last judgement, but of the Sees or Consistories of Bishops and Prelates, and of the Prelates themselves by whom the Church is now governed. As the judgement hence given, can be taken no otherwise better, then of that which was said by our Saviour, Matth. 8. Whatsoever you bind in earth, shall be bound in heaven: and therfore the Apostle saith, What have I to iudge of them that are without?*

Bishops consistories and judiciall powers. 1 Cor. 5.

FVLK. 2.

S. *Augustine* speaketh not of popish Sees and Consistories, in which the Prelates of the Antichristian Church take the place in the seate, and serue their covetousnesse, or exercise their cruelty in the other: but he saith, *they are to be understood of Seates prepared in heaven, the seates of the governours, or governors of the Church, and of the governours themselves, which executed iudgement by preaching the word of God, and exercising Christian discipline.*

RHEM. 3.

4 And the soules.] He *meaneth (saith S. Augustine in the place alledged)* the soules of Martyrs, that they shal in the meane time, during the 1. thousand yeres, which is the time of the Church militant, be in heaven with their bodies, and reigne with Christ: for the soules (*saith he*) of the godly departed, are not separated from the Church, which is even now the kingdom of Christ: for else there should be kept no memory of them at the altare of God in the communicating of the body of Christ: neither should it availe to hasten to baptisme in the perile of death, for feare of ending our life without it: nor to be reconciled, if we fortune for penance or of ill conscience to be separated from the same body. And why are all these things done, but for that the faithfull departed also be members of the Church? And though for an example the Martyrs be only named here, yet it is meant of others also that die in the state of grace.

During a thousand yeares (that is the time of this militant Church) Saints reign with Christ in heaven only.

Purgatory.

FVLK. 3.

Ergo, the rest of the soules rise not in purgatory, while the Martyrs raigne in heaven with Christ. *For although (saith S. Augustine) they are not yet with their bodies, yet their soules doe even now reigne with him, while these 1. thousand yeares doe runne, whereof this is read as written in the same booke: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from hence forth now, even so saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: for their workes follow them. So the Church reigneth heere now first with Christ in the living and in the dead. For therefore, as the Apostle saith, Christ dead, & risen, the weight being dead, which heere fought for the truth to the death: But of apart we understand the whole, even the rest that are dead which pertaine to the Church, which is the kingdome of God.*

RHEM.

5 The rest lived not.] *The rest which are not of the happy number aforesaid, but lived and died in sinne, reigne not with Christ in these saints during this time of the new Testament, but are dead in sinne spiritually, and in body to rise finally, at the last day of iudgement. S. Augustl. ibid.*

The rest are dead and detained in soules, during the same time. The first resurrection of the soule only.

RHEM. 4.

This is the first resurrection.] *As there be two regenerations, one by faith, which is now in Baptisme: and another, according to the flesh, when at the latter day the body shall be made immortall and incorruptible: so there are two resurrections, the one now of the soules refreshing when they die in grace, which is called the first, the other of the bodies at the latter day. S. Augustl. li. 20. de civit. c. 6.*

Opus operatum. The workes wrought.

FVLK. 4.

Regeneration in the elect is sealed to them by baptisme. But seeing baptisme may be given out of the Church, which shall afterward be cleft all in the Church, when they that were baptized by Heretikes, come to the Catholike Church, it is manifest that regeneration is not made in Baptisme *ex opere operato*; of the worke wrought, for they may have the right seale of Regeneration, which yet have not the right faith and spirit of God, whereby they should be regenerated.

RHEM. 5.

6 They shall be Priests.] It is not spoken (*saith S. Augustine lib. 20. de Civit. cap. 10.*) of Bishops and Priests only, which are properly now in the Church called Priests: but as wee call all Christians, for the mysticall Chrisme or oyntment, so all, Priests, because they are the members of one Priest, of whom the Apostle saith, A holy people; a Kingly Priesthood. *Which words be notable for their learning that thinke there be none*

Priests some properly so called some improperly. 1 Pet. 2.

properly

...in the time to come, or otherwise then of children, men and women, and so rule as a Bishop ...

The name of Priest.

...commonly and specially call them to Latin ministers, and Bishops & Elders are more properly called Apostles, which is as much as sent to them, but they were sent, that is in our time, ... the Christians. For we ... yield unto that, which the holy Ghost useth, and from whence it is derived: but only when it is used of our English speech, it is taken to signifie a sacrificer, which indeed it doth not signifie. As for the name Ministers, being used in scripture, we men ought to refuse, but rather the name of Secretaries, which the scripture of the new Testament never giveth for a Bishop, Elder, or Priest of the new Testament.

Tit. 1. 6

7 Satan shall be loosed.] *In the whole 8 chapters of the said 20. booke de Civit. Dei, in S. Augustine, is a notable commentary of these words, Where first he declareth, that neither this binding our lording of Satan is in respect of seducing or not seducing the Church of God: proving that whether he be bound or loose, he can never seduce the same.* The same (*saith he*) shall be the state of the Church at that time when the devill is to be loosed, even as since it was instituted: the same hath it been and shall bee as all times in her children that succeed each other by birth and death. *And a little after:* This I thought was therefore to be mentioned, lest any man should think, that during the little time wherein the devill shall be loosed, the Church shall not be upon the earth, he either not finding it here when he shall be let loose, or consuming it when he shall by all meanes persecute the same. *Secondly, he declareth, that the devil to bee bound, is not bing else but not to be permitted by God to exercise all his force or fraud in temptations: as to be loosed, is to be suffred by God for a small time, that is, for three yeares and a halfe, to practise and prove all his power and arts of temptings against the Church and her children, and yet not to prevaile against them. Thirdly, this Doctor sheweth by what great mercy our Lord hath tied Satan, and abridged his power during the whole millenary or thousand yeares, which is all the time of the new Testament until then: and with what wisdome he permitteth him to breake loose that little time of three yeares and six moneths, toward the latter day, which shall be the reigne of Antichrist. Lastly, he declareth what kind of men shall bee most subject to the devils seductions (even such as now by tentation of heretikes go out of the Church) and who shall avoyd it.*

The binding and loosing of Satan explicated by S. Augustine.

The short reigne of Antichrist.

Millenary of Chiliasts.

By all which we may confute divers false expositions of old and late heretikes: first, the ancient fall of the Millenaries, that grounded upon these 1000 yeares named by the prophet, this bene fit, that there should be so many yeares after the resurrection of our bodies, in which we should reigne with Christ in this world, in our bodies, in all delights and plenty corporall, of meat, drinke, and such like, which they called the first resurrection: of which heresie Cerinthus was the author. Euseb. hist. 7. in fine. Hier. Comment. in c. 19. Mat. Augustine hath it ad Quod vult Deum. Eusebius also, lib. 3. historiæ. c. 33. sheweth that some principall men were in part (though often a more learned manner) conveying these corporall delicacies of the same opinion, by misexposition of these words of S. Iohn. Whereby now knowne, and all the world may perceive the holy Scriptures to be hard, when so great Clerks did erre, and that there is no security but in that sense which the Church alloweth of.

The Scriptures hard.

The late Heretikes also by the said Saint Augustines words are fully refuted, affirming one only time the Church may be seduced in that great persecution of the devils loosing, but that it hath been seduced even a great piece of this time when the Devill is bound: building that the very true Church may erre or fall from truth to errour and idolatry, yea (which is more blasphemy) that the chiefe governours of the Church is Antichrist himselfe, and the very Church under him, The whore of Babylon: and that this Antichrist (which the Scriptures in so many places, and here plainely by Saint Augustine's Exposition, testifie, shall reigne but a short time, and that against the last judgement) hath been reigned long for above, to be the Pope himselfe, Christs owne Vicar, and that he hath performed the Nature of their false 1260 yeares or the like. Which is no more but to make the devill to be loose, and Antichrist to reigne the whole thousand yeares, or the most part thereof, that is, almost the whole time of the Churches state in the new Testament (which is against this and other Scriptures evidently, appointing that to be the time of the Devils binding.) Yea it is to make Antichrist and the Devill meeter toward the day of judgement then before, and thereby worse to be resisted, and the faith more common, the nearer we come to the same judgement: which is expressly against the Gospell, and this prophecie of S. Iohn.

By S. Augustines foretold explication, is evidently declared against this Protestantisme that the Church cannot erre, and that the Pope cannot possibly be Antichrist.

An invincible demonstration.

Mark. 24. Luke 18. 8.

We see that the sect of Luther, Calvin, and so late be more spred through the world then they were ever before, and consequently the Pope and his religion lessened, and his power of persecuting (or as they call it) persecuting the said Sectaries, through the multitude of his adversaries diminished. How then is the Pope Antichrist, whose force shall be greater at the latter end of the world, then before? or how can it be at the end, but be still suffered should be Antichrists worst persecutors, that make Christs chiefe subiects, and the Churches chiefe governours: that have been theyr three hundred yeares and more, to be Antichrists: and themselves and their sects to be sent, when came so neere the time of the deadly wounding and seduction, and of the perfection of Antichrist?

Tit. 1. 6.

Saint Augustine saith, which you dare fraudulently omit, to have a simple colour of his authority against us, *If this be to the Devill, to be bound and shut up, not to be able to seduce the Church, then shall this to his losing, that he may be able. God forbid. For the Church shall never be seduced by him, being sanctified and elected, before the constitution of the world of which it is said, The Lord knoweth who are his. And you oh Church shall be here even in that time in which the devill is to be loosed: as since the time it was instituted, it hath been here and shall be at all times in her children, as members which by birth succeed them that die.* By this it is manifest, that Saint Augustine speaketh not of the visible estate of the Church, in which are many hypocrites, but of the Congregation of the Elect, that shall never faile while the world standeth. Now let us see what you gather out of him. First, against the olde Heretiques the Chiliasts, in which errour certaine great Clerkes were intangled: whereupon you inferre, *That the Scriptures are hard, and that there is no security but in that sense which the Church alloweth.* Concerning the hardnesse of the Scripture, it is a saying of conclusion: because one prophecie of things to come is hard, therefore the whole Scriptures are generally hard. But although we grant unto you that many things are hard in the Scripture, yet is will not follow, that all things are hard therein. Saint Augustine doth plainely teach you, *De doctr. Christ. lib. 2. cap. 6. That the holy Ghost hath purposely tempered the Scriptures, that by plaine and easie places he might provide against fastidie, and by hard places he might prevent hardhearednesse*, that commonly ariseth of plenty and abundance easily gotten. And whereas the sentence of

The difficulty of the Scriptures. Interpretation of the Church.

*...what security can there be in the sense, which the Church beleeveth, ... And if ... be so ... Papist, ... many ... Of the kingdome of Christ in ... earth for a thousand yeares: which ... he ... it may well be taken for a thousand yeares after Christ, during which time, the devill was not such powerfull to ... the grace of Christs redemption, as hee hath obtained since, by ... by workes. And when Pope Innocent ... the ... of Satan in ... Sylvester. 2. What being a ... Papists, is another also of whose Monarchicall ... Christ ... and was long after him, ... by the ... saith: ... you say, The Love ... and by the said words fully we ... that the Church may be ... and also betting that the ... Church may ever, ... 3. What inconsistencie of lying and slandring in this, that you ... the ... thereby out of Gods elect might fall from Christ ... idolatry finally, ... the whole Church of the elect and predestinate, of which S. Augustine ... They which being ... once, also ... the devill, ... the ... of the ... of God. And then, it may be confessed, that when this ... the ... of many ... and ... grievous ... and decrie of the devill, when he is loosed, they which never written in the booke of life are ... that should perish. We say now therefore, that the whole Church or any one member ... thereof should be subject to ... damnation, ... any of the visible Church, whose names are not written in the booke of life, ... been ... by Antichrists ... and decrie, finally ... Now ... was ... We say also that the Pope which ... the devils Vicar, and ... Christs, is Antichrist, which ... governours of the Church, ... with ... doctrine and the ... of Sathan, ... the Church of Christ. We say finally, that the kingdome of Antichrist, is but a ... time, in ... of the ... kingdome of Christ, yet such a ... many hundred yeares, ... their eyes in ... and ... Antichrist ... Saints, for a thousand yeares ... We say not. For ... was ... in Pope ... the third, he did ... the ... of Purgatory and ... of Saints, the ... of Images, ... which were ... in the Church before ... and ... many ... which ... him, which were ... striking of ... and ... for ... and ... Having ... of ... ...

…bauchery the mystery of Christ, with all his holy mysteries: and with all that wicked fruit that proceedeth out of the mouth of him (antichrist) the whole body of whose kingdom is in effect all one thing, (I mean the corrupt multitude of Bishops and Synod-men, Pastors, Doctors, and the like) and his cruelty shewed unto them that would not be partakers, but defile their consciences with the devil and his angels, according …

M. 7. … his Church among the heathen, which (as I said) is the whole world. And this can any tongue take from the witness, which is laid so open by the practises of the Catholics, that all the world must needs see it: though such as the God … would, will not open their eyes, but obstinately refuse the light that is offered, as their owne …

FULK. 7. 7 [The campe of …] Saint Augustine in the 18. booke de Civ. Dei, c. 51. It is not saith he, to be taken that the … gather us any place, as though the campe of the Saints as the beloved citie should be but in one place, … indeed are no other thing but the Church of Christ spredde through the whole world. And … to the Church shall then be (which shall be in all Nations even then, for so much is insinuated by this latitude of the earth here specified) those shall the tents of Saints be; and the beloved Citie of God, … these shall be besieged by all her enemies, which shall be in every Country where shee is, unperfect dwell and forcible sure. So writeth this profound holy Doctor. Whereby we see, that as now the true professors Churches of England, Scotland, Flanders and such like, but persecuted by little enemies in their Countries, (as the time of Antichrist, the Churches of all Nations, as of Italy, Spaine, France, and all other which serve be quite, shall be assaulted with more dangerous … and much more, for then the power all persecutors of the whole, shall be greater then the part of their persecutors of any Churches in the world.

The campe of Saints is the militant Church through the world. As now Heretikes in particular, his enemies, so Antichrist shall persecute the Churches of all nations.

FULK. 7. … That which you say shall be the persecution in the Church of England, Scotland, Flanders; &c. Is in truth the lessening and dismantling of Antichrist and his Religion, which daily proceedeth even in Italy, Spaine, France, and whereforever he maketh most cruell warres against the word of God. And that which you say shall bee, that the Church of all Nations is to bee assaulted most grievously, hath already beene performed by Antichrist the Pope. Although the hatred here spoken of is a more generall consent of all the enemies of the Church, inward and outward, secret and open; mortall assaults against it, though not in one place nor time, nor after one manner. But the universall hatred of all the reprobate, is figured under the names of Gog and Magog, in which the Papists and Mahometists are the chiefe, though enemies one to the other. Yet agreeing as the Pharisies, and Sadducis in hatred of Christ, so these in persecuting his Church. By this vision therefore, the Church is comforted, that as she is instructed in the former visions, that neither the heathen persecutors without the Church, nor Antichrist sitting in the middest of the temple of God, should prevaile to destroy her, no more should all the enemies of the Church, multitude of hypocrites and infidels, which should bee the greatest number toward the end of the world, though they bend in one against her, be able to overthrow her, but in fighting against her, they should gather matter and cause of their owne confusion.

REHEM. 9. There came a wind from God: It is well … of the fire of Hell (saith also Augustine lib. de civ. 22. here which the elected shall have after the resurrection of their bodies, but of an extraordinary heate that God will send from heaven, to give … to the Saints of the Church that then shall fight against the wicked: or, the very fervent and burning zeale of religion and Gods honour, which God will kindle in the hearts of the faithfull, to be continue against all the forces of their enemies.

What is meant by fire from heaven.

REHEM. 8. 12 Another booke.] This is also booke of Gods knowledge to punish sinners, wherein that which before was hid to the world, shall be opened, and whereof this is true record of every mans workes shall be considered, and they have their judgement diversly according as their workes, and not according to faith only, or lacke of faith only. For, all infidels (as Christes adversaries, Turkes, & Heretikes) shall never come to that consideration, being otherwise condemned.

The booke of every mans workes, opened in the day of Judgement.

FULK. 8. Men shall bee judged according to their workes which are the fruits of faith or infidelitie. But in the booke of life is not contained the record of every mans workes, but the names of the elect onely: for which record there are other bookes opened before. Wherefore you say infidels are otherwise condemned then for lacke of faith onely, it is true, and yet if they had that faith only, by which God iustifieth the ungodly, they should not be infidels, but faithfull and fruitfull in good workes, and not condemned, but glorified with the rest of the elect.

CHAP. XXI.

Heaven and earth being made new, S. Iohn seeth the new citie Hierusalem prepared and adorned for the spouse of the Lambe. 6. The iust are glorified, 7. and the wicked thrust into the poole of fire. 12. The wall and gates and foundations of the citie are described and measured: 18. all which are gold, and christall, precious stones and pearles.

The 5. Part. The finall glorification of the Church.

The Epistle upon the dedication of a Church. Esa. 65, 17. 66, 22. 2. Pet. 3, 13.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for * the first heaven and the first earth was gone, and the sea now is not,

* Esay 45. 6. 17. 2. Pet. 3. 13.

2 And I Iohn saw c the holy Citie Hierusalem new descending from Heaven prepared of God, as a bride adorned for her husband.

c The Church triumphant.

3 And I heard a loude voyce from the Throne saying: Behold the ‡ tabernacle of God with men, and he wil dwell with them. And they shall be his people: and hee God with them shall be their God.

‡ This tabernacle is Christ according to his humanity. Esa. 25, 8. Apoc. 7, 17.

* Levit. 26. 19. 2. Cor. 6. 17.

4 And *God shall c wipe away all teares from their eyes: and death shalbeno more; nor mourning nor crying, neither shall there be sorow any more, ‖ which first things are gone.

* Esay 25. Apoc. 7.

c This happy day shall make an end of all the miseries of this mortalitie. Because the

5 And

Ed. 43, 9.

5 And hee that sate in the throne, said: * Behold I make all things new. And hee said unto me: Write, because these words be most faithfull and true.

Ap. 1, 8. 22. 13. ‡ He that hath the victory against sinne in the Church militant, shall have his reward in the triumphant.

6 And he said to me: It is done. * I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To him that thirsteth I will give of the fountaine of the water of life, gratis.

c All that commit mortall sins and repent not, shal be damned.

7 He that shall overcome, shall possesse these things, and I will be his God: and hee shall be my sonne.

8 But c to the fearfull and incredulous, and execrable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liers, their part shall bee in the poole burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

The 7. and last Visions.

9 And there came one of the seven Angells that had the vialls full of the seven last plagues, and spake with me, saying: Come, and I will shew thee the bride, the wife of the Lambe.

10 And hee tooke mee up in spirit unto a mountaine great and high: and he shewed me the holy citie Ierusalem descending out of heaven from God,

‡ The glory of the Church triumphant.

11 ‡ Having the glorie of God; and the light thereof like to a precious stone, as it were to the jasper stone, even as chrystall.

12 And it had a wall great and high having twelve gates, and in the gates twelve Angels, and names written thereon, which are c the names of the twelve Tribes of the children of Israel.

c The names of the Patriarkes and Apostles honourable & glorious in the triumphant Church.

13 On the East, three gates: and on the North, three gates: and on the South, three gates: and on the West, three gates.

14 And the wall of the Citie having twelve foundations: and in them twelve names, of the twelve Apostles of the Lambe.

15 And hee that spake with mee, had a measure of a reede, of Gold, to measure the citie, and the gates thereof, and the wall.

‡ See S. Hier. ep. 17. touching this description of the heavenly Hierusalem, which is the Church triumphant, teaching that these things must be taken spiritually, not carnally.

16 And ‡ the citie is situated quadranglewise, and the length thereof is as great as also the breadth: and hee measured the citie with the reede for twelve thousand furlongs, and the length and height and breadth thereof be equall.

17 And he measured the wall thereof of an hundred fourtie foure cubits, the measure of a man which is of an Angel.

18 And the building of the wall thereof was of jasper stone: but the citie it selfe pure gold, like to pure glasse.

19 And the foundations of the wal of the citie, were adorned with all pretious stone. The first foundation the jasper: the second, the saphire: the third, the calcedonius: the fourth, the esmerald.

20 The fifth, the sardonix: the sixt, the sardius: the seventh, the chrysolithus: the eight, the beryllus: the ninth, the topazius: the

5 *And he that sate upon the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new. And hee said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithfull.*

6 *And he said unto me, It is done: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst, of the well of the water of life freely.*

7 *He that overcometh shall inherite all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my sonne.*

8 *But the fearefull and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liers, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

9 *And there came unto me one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with mee, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the Bride, the Lambes wife.*

10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountaine, and he shewed me the great citie holy Hierusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

11 *Having the glory of God: and her shining was like unto a stone most precious, even like a Jasper cleare as Christall:*

12 *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and names written, which are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.*

13 *On the East side three gates, and on the North side three gates, and towardes the South three gates, and from the West three gates.*

14 *And the wall of the Citie had twelve foundations, and in them the twelve names of the Lambes twelve Apostles.*

15 *And he that talked with me, had a golden reede to measure the Citie withall, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.*

16 *And the Citie lyeth foure square, and the length was as large as the breadth: and he measured the Citie with the reede twelve thousand furlongs, and the length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equall.*

17 *And hee measured the wall thereof, an hundred and fourtie and foure cubites, by the measure of men, that is, of the Angel.*

18 *And the building of the wall of it was of Iasper, and the citie was pure gold like unto cleare glasse.*

19 *And the foundations of the wall of the citie were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was Iasper, the second Saphyr, the third a Calcedony, the fourth an Esmerald.*

20 *The fifth Sardonyx, the sixt, Sardius, the seventh Chrysolite, the eight Beryl, the ninth a*

the tenth, the Chrysoprasus: the eleventh, the hyacynth: the twelfth, the amethyste.

21 And the twelve gates: these are twelve pearles, one to every one: and every gate was of one severall pearle, and the street of the citie pure gold, as it were transparent glasse.

22 And ‡ temple I saw not therein: for our Lord the God omnipotent is the temple thereof, and the Lambe.

23 And *the citie needeth not Sunne nor Moone to shine in it: for the glory of God hath illuminated it, and the Lambe is the lampe thereof.

24 And * the Gentiles shall walke in the light of it: and the Kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And * the gates thereof shal not be shut by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of nations into it.

27 There shall ‡ not enter into it any polluted thing, nor that doth abomination and maketh lie, but * they that are written in the book of life of the Lambe.

Topaze, the tenth a Chrysoprasus, the eleventh a [illegible], an Amethyst.

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearles, every gate was of one pearl, and the street of the citie was pure gold, as it were shining glasse.

22 And I saw no Temple therein: For the Lord God almighty, and the Lambe are the temple of it.

23 And the citie hath no need of the Sunne, neither of the Moone to lighten it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lambe is the light of it. Esa.60.19.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walke in the light of it: and the kings of the earth doe bring their glorie and honour unto it. Esa.60.3.

*25 *The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night.* Esa.60.11.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the Gentiles unto it.

27 And there shal in no wise enter into it any uncleane thing, neither whatsoever worketh abhomination, or maketh lies: but they onely which are written in the Lambes book of life. Phil.4.3. Apoc.5.5. &20.12.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXI.

RHEM. 1 FVLK. 1

22 Temple.] *All externall sacrifice which now is necessary dutie of the faithfull, shall then cease, and therefore there shall neede no materiall temple.*

There is no externall sacrifice of propitiation any more required, nor any materiall temple, but the spirituall sacrifices of mortification, prayse, thanksgiving, prayers. For teaching and the publike exercises whereof, the Church hath now neede of houses of assemblies; which then shall be needlesse, yet prayse and thanksgiving shall never cease.

RHEM. 2 FVLK. 2

27 Not enter into it.] *None not perfectly cleansed of their sinnes can enter into the heavenly Hierusalem.*

All that are cleansed by the blood of Christ, are perfectly cleansed, and neede no purgatory prayers to make them cleaner.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXI.

RHEM. 18 Pure gold.] *Saint Gregory (lib. 18. Moral. cap. 28.) saith, the heavenly state is resembled to gold, precious stone, Chrystall, glasse, and the like, for the purity, clearnes, glittering of the glorious bodies: where our mans bodie, conscience, and cogitations are represented to another, as corporall things in this life are seene through Chrystall or glasse.* The state of glorified bodies.

CHAP. XXII.

The tree of life being watered with living water, yeeldeth fruites every moneth. 3 There is neither curse nor night in the citie. 6 The Angel that shewed John all these things, refuseth to be adored of him. 10 He teacheth him that the time is at hand. 12 He testifieth that the reward of every man is with him. 18 Lastly, doe protest and threaten against them that shall presume to adde to this prophecie, or take away from the same.

‖water of life.

AND hee shewed mee a river of ‖living water, cleare as christall, proceeding from the seat of God and of the Lambe.

2 In the midds of the street thereof, and on both sides of the river, ‡ the tree of life, yeelding twelve fruits, rendring his fruit every moneth, and the leaves of the tree for the curing of the Gentiles.

3 And no curse shall be any more: and the seat of God, and of the Lambe shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him.

4 And they shall see his face: and his name in their foreheads.

5 And * night shalbe no more: and they shall not neede the light of lampe, nor the light of the Sun, because our Lord God doth illuminate them, and they shall reigne for ever and ever.

Apoc 21. Esa. 60.

AND hee shewed mee a pure river of water of life, cleare as christall, proceeding out of the Throne of God, and of the Lambe.

2 In the middest of the streete of it, and of either side of the river, was there ‖wood of life, which bare twelve manner of fruites, and gave fruit every moneth: and the leaves of the wood served to heale the people withall. ‖Or the tree.

3 And there shal be no more curse, but the throne of God and the Lambe shall be in it, and his servants shal serve him.

4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be *in their foreheads:*

*5 *And there shall bee no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the Sunne, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reigne for evermore.* Esa.60.19.

6 And

The Conclusion.

6 And he said unto me, These words are faithfull and true. And the Lord God of the holy Prophets sent his Angel to shewe his servants those things which shall be done shortly.

7 And behold I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecie of this booke.

8 And I Iohn which have heard, and seen these things. And * after I had heard and seen, I fell downe ‡ to adore before the feet of the Angel which shewed me these things:

Apoc.19.10.

9 And he said to me, See thou doe not, for I am thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them that keepe the words of this booke. Adore God.

10 And hee saith to mee, Seale not the wordes of the prophecie of this booke; for the time is neere.

11 ‖He that harteth, let him hurt yet: and he that is in filth, let him be filthy yet: and he that is just, * let him be justifyed yet: and let the holy be sanctifyed yet.

12 Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, * to render to every man ‡according to his works.

Rom.2.6. Apo.22.1.3.8.

13 I am * Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

14 Blessed are they that doe his Commandements, that their power may bee in the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 Without are dogs and Sorcerers, and the unchast, and murderers, and servers of idolls, and every one that loveth and maketh a lye.

Esa.44.

16 I Iesvs have sent mine Angel to testifie to you these things in the Churches. I am the roote and stocke of David, the bright and morning starre.

17 And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that thirsteth, let him come: and he that will, let him take the water of life gratis.

Esa.55.1.

18 For I testifie to every one hearing the wordes of the prophecie of this booke, ‖ If any man shall adde to these things, God shall adde upon him the plagues written in this booke.

19 And if any man shall diminish of the words of the booke of this prophecie: God shall take away his part out of the booke of life, and out of the holy Citie, and of these things that be written in this booke.

20 Saith hee that giveth testimonie of these things. Yea I come quickly: Amen. ‖Come Lord Iesvs.

21 The grace of our Lord Iesvs Christ be with you all. Amen.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithfull and true: and the Lord God of the holy Prophets sent his Angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

*7 Behold, I come shortly: * Happy is hee that keepeth the sayings of the prophecie of this Apoc. booke.*

*8 I Iohn saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seene, I fell downe to * worship before the feete of the Angel, which shewed me these things.* Apoc.19.10.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and the fellow servant of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them which keepe the sayings of this booke: but worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seale not the sayings of the prophecie of this booke: for the time is at hand.

11 He that doth evill, let him doe evill still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And behold, I come shortly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his deed shall be. Rom.2.6.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Esa.41.6.44.6.

14 Blessed are they that doe his Commandements, that their power may be in the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city.

*15 *For without shall be, dogs and inchanters, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth or maketh leasings.* Esa.44.

16 I Iesus sent mine Angel, to testifie unto you these things in the Churches, I am the roote and the generation of David, and the bright morning starre. Rom.1.

*17 And the spirit and the bride say, Come. * And let him that heareth say also, Come. * and let him that is a thirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.* Esa.55. Iohn 7.

*18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the wordes of the prophecie of this booke, * If any man shal adde unto these sayings, God shal adde* Deut.4. Pro.30.

unto him the plagues that are written in this booke.

19 And if any man shall take away from the wordes of the booke of this prophecie, God shall take away his part out of the booke of life, and out of the holy citie, and from the things which are written in this booke.

20 He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Iesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ bee with you all. Amen.

MARGINALL NOTES. CHAP. XXII.

RHEM 1. 2 The tree of life.] *Christ is our tree of life: in the Church, by the B. Sacrament: and in heaven, by his visible presence and influence of life everlasting both to our bodies and soules: of whom Salomon saith,* the tree of life *to all that apprehend him. Prov.3.*

1. Christ our onely life, not only he the fountayne of all his graces (for so are they onely should be partakers of [illegible] but also the [illegible] and perfect fruition of his Spirit, which shall be [illegible]y.

2. In the midst] That is, [illegible] so that [illegible] the Angel: though [illegible]

Adoration. We shall not give [illegible], nor a [illegible] but [illegible] the word of God, serve him and [illegible], and to adore before an Idol, yet are they not all one. For many unworthily boweth before an Idol, that in the same detesteth it. But to adore before the Arke, propitiatorie, Altar, &c. which that by his word alloweth, is not to adore the Arke, propitiatorie, Altar, &c. But God in those places, to be in presence of those things.

Iustification. 11 Let him be iustified yet.] *Man by Gods grace, and doing good works, doth increase his iustice.*

Man doing good workes by Gods grace, doth increase that iustice which is a fruit of iustification by faith. But that iustice by which he is iust in the sight of God, that increaseth not by good workes: for it is perfect in Christ, in whom we are iust through faith. *Iustitia autem hominis fructus.* Bulg. de rem. peccat. lib. 17. Remig. in Psal 20. Christ saith. *Fecit se qui iustificatur iustificatior adhuc, & qui in fide diuina sanctificatus est, sanctificatior adhuc: ille ad maius promissum, hic ad maximum deputatur exitum.*

Merit. 12 According to his workes.] *Heaven is the reward, hire, and repayment for good workes, as all the Scriptures, yea the aduersaries doe confesse.*

Heaven is the reward freely given to our good workes by the grace of God, not of the merite of workes, nor as an hire to him that worketh, *Rom.* 4. 4. But as an inheritance to the children of God, *Matth.* 25. 34. *Rom.* 8. 17. And it is said to be due, and rendred or repayed, not because it is merited or deserved by us, but by Christ, and promised to us. And this is the doctrine of all the Scriptures, howsoever the enemies of Gods grace labour to obscure it.

ANNOTATIONS. CHAP. XXII.

12 He that heareth.] *It is not an exhortation, but a denunciation or threatning, that how farre soever the wicked increase in mischeefe, God hath provided vnfeinable punishments for them.*

The oath against adding or diminishing is against Heretiks, not Catholike expositors 18 If any man shall adde.] *The authour of the Commentaries vpon this booke, bearing the name of Saint Ambrose, saith thus of this peyce:* He maketh not this protestation against the expositors of his prophecy, but against Heretikes, for the Expositor doth adde or diminish nothing, but openeth the obscuritie of the narration, or sheweth the morall or spirituall sense. Hee curseth therefore Heretikes that vsed to adde somewhat of their owne that was false, and to take away other things that were contrary to their heresies. *So saith this ancient Writer: And this was the proportie of them in all ages, and so is it of ours now, as we have noted through the whole Bible, and as we have in sundry places (at first to the ende of all indifferent Readers in the new Testament, that all the world may see that the Apostles curse is fallen vpon them, and may beware of them.*

You shall never be able to prove that we have added any thing that is false, or taken away any thing that is true in the whole Bible. Whatsoeuer we have done even in this translation, and in your annotations, I leave to the iudgement of the indifferent Readers that will perufe this answer, as also the defence of our translations against the slanderous booke of *Gregory Martin.*

A briefe petition vnto IESVS Christ, to come quickly, vpon Iohn 20. Iohn heere speaketh, and to iudge the cause of Catholikes and Protestants. 20 Come Lord Iesus.] *And now O Lord Christ most iust and mercifull, we thy poore seruantes that are so afflicted for confession and defence of thy holy, Catholike, and Apostolike veritie, that stand in this thy sacred booke, and in the infallible doctrine of thy duly sprong out of the Church, we cry also vnto thy Maiestie with tenderes of our hearts vnfeinable zele,* COME LORD IESVS QVICKLY; *and indged hereunto as euer our Aduersaries, and in the meane time, giue patience, comfort, and constancy, to all that suffer for thy name, and trust in thee. O Lord God our onely helper and protector tarry not long.* AMEN.

FVLK. 6 The words of your prayer bee good and godly, but that they proceede not from a faithfull heart, not onely your wilfull and obstinate maintayning of errours, against the most cleere light of the truth, with your intolerable licentiousnesse of lying and slandering the Saints of God, doe sufficiently declare: but also your horrible practices of treason and murder, of our most gracious and Soveraigne Lady, your naturall liege Queene, by your emissaries, *Campion, Parsons*, and other like trumpets of sedition, and other ministers of your wickednesse, *Throgmorton, Somervill, Parry, Savage, Ballington, &c.* and the Spanish invasion by you procured and intended against your country, doth openly crie out against you, that you are men void of all feare of God, faith, good conscience, and religion, so that every true Christian man may say of you with the Prophet, *Psal.* 36. The wickednes of the ungodly hath said in my heart, there is no feare of God before his eyes, &c. Therfore though you can speake good words in hypocrisy, yet your heart knoweth, and your cauterized conscience cannot but beare witnesse that you dare not abide the triall of Gods iudgement, howsoever (as al wicked offenders do commonly) you doe vncompulsorily appeale vnto it: I will say no more, but with the whole Church of GOD crie still:

COME LORD IESVS.

AMEN.

God be praysed.

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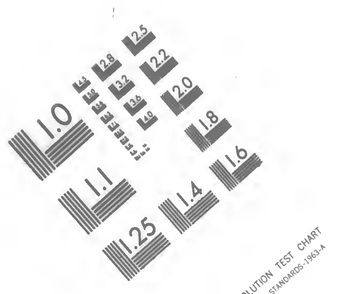

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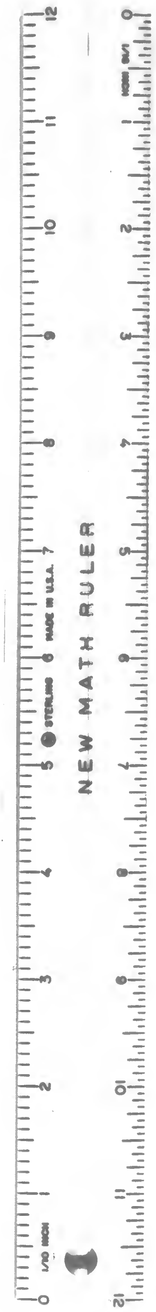

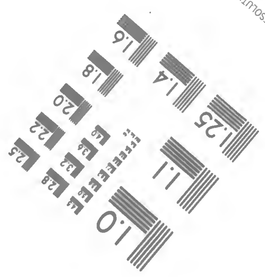

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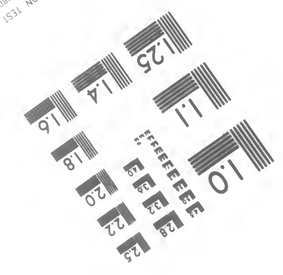

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